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January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th and 29th days of January, 2020. Those in attendance on January 28th 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:

- 4.01 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee
- 4.02 Grasslands Schools Advisory Committee
- 4.03 AIDA Executive Committee
- 9.06 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

2020-01-001 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 December 17 & 20, 2019 Regular Directors Meeting**

A grammatical error was noted in the third sentence on page 156.

2020-01-002 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the December 17 & 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee**

J. Hale attended a recent Community Engagement Committee meeting at MHC, Brooks Campus. Overall discussions of improving the courses and quality of the college included a memorandum of understanding with Northern Lakes College and a workforce development engagement to identify what types of jobs are needed in the area and the courses that could be offered to enhance these

jobs. Additionally, the Canada-Alberta Job Grant was suggested as help for business owners seeking training for employees.

4.02 Grasslands Schools Advisory Committee

D. Peltzer attended a Grasslands Schools Advisory Committee on January 15th. Rosemary School is investigating an agriculture program for the school and has contacted the EID in this regard. Mr. Peltzer will participate in an associated tour at Altario on February 4th and will bring back clarification to the school's request for use of District land.

4.03 AIDA Executive Committee

B. Chrumka attended an AIDA Executive Committee meeting on January 21st. Planning for next week's conference is complete although the number of registrations is down; free registrations were offered to government participants in response to the lower numbers.

[9:20 a.m. Ed Chapman and N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

9:20 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2018/2019 Year End Statements

Mr. Owen welcomed Ed Chapman, CPA, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants to the meeting. The auditor's letters were presented and reviewed. The audit process was outlined, noting that requirements have again changed and expanded procedures. Mr. Chapman summarized the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations & Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. It was 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 or practices. 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.

[9:56 a.m. Ed Chapman exited the meeting.]

2020-01-003 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, 2019 be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-004 Moved by T. Hemsing that the audit findings letter dated January 28, 2020 be accepted, executed and returned to the auditor and that the auditor independence letter dated October 8, 2019 be received as information. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to December 31, 2019

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

- YTD revenues total about \$13.41 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 \$7.3 million and are tracking under YTD budget.

- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$6.1 million.

2020-01-005 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Bridges advised that the District will be refunded the GOA Historic Resource fee, after the enquiry was placed regarding the fee being applied to the sale of land to the Newell Regional Landfill.

5.02 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2019

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2019 was \$6,480,279 or 6.76% less than the book value at September 30, 2019.

1st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$21,780,000	\$24,350,000
IRP – Short Term	\$3,500,000	\$3,250,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	\$13,200,000	\$5,090,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

Admin was requested to look into LAPP investments, as information for the Board.

2020-01-006 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2019

A variety of accounts were detailed and questions answered by Admin. It was requested that a summary of Oil & Gas default amounts be provided to the Board.

2020-01-007 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2019 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:27 a.m. – 10:32 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

5.04 2020 Remuneration Bylaw

K. Bridges presented the proposed 2020 Remuneration Bylaw for review, with no increase to per diems, the mileage rate being increased from \$.57 to \$.59 and the meal allowance remaining the same.

2020-01-008 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #934 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-009 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #934 (2020) be read the second time this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-010 Moved by B. Schmidt that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #934 (2020) this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-011 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #934 (2020), 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 D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.05 2020 Rates Bylaw

The 2020 Rates Bylaw continues to be based on a \$0 water rate, excepting surcharges for pressurized systems. Annual and terminable agreement rates were increased or decreased slightly and standard pressure surcharges (operations and maintenance) were maintained.

2020-01-012 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #935 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-013 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #935 (2020) be read the second time this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-014 Moved by B. Schmidt that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #935 (2020) this 28th day of January, 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-015 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #935 (2020), 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 2020 Rates Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

5.06 2020 Fees Bylaw

The 2020 Fees Bylaw was presented as based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, which this year is \$32.64/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 were approximately 2%, rounded to the nearest \$0.25. To encourage prompt payment, a \$100 discount is applied to accounts which are paid within 30 days of the invoice date.

Admin proposed to revise the wording through the following:

- adding an additional category for "livestock water through a pressurized system";
- clarifying that the EID pressurized system shall not be used to pressurize the Livestock Water customer's system; and
- adding wording for "Institution parcels", to include parcels such as schools, churches or cemeteries, under the descriptions for Country Residential pressured and non-pressured categories.

The livestock watering revisions were given a thorough discussion. Additional review was allotted later in the meeting, with a revised bylaw and approval deferred to the next day.

[11:02 a.m. N. Lassiter and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

6.0 EIDNet

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains and a waiting list exists for both areas.

1 st QUARTER EIDNET REPORT	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	64
Residential Accounts	1,692
Business Accounts	19
EID Automation	4
Total	1,779

7.0 Requests for Funding

7.01 BRBC (Bow River Basin Council)

A letter was received from the Bow River Basin Council, requesting financial support for the operations of their organization. Mr. Friesen advised that the District is a member of the BRBC and has contributed funding towards operational costs and special projects over the years. The organization has quarterly forums, a diverse stakeholder membership and is forefront in promoting mindfulness and protection of the waters within the Bow Basin.

2020-01-016 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District contribute \$10,000 to the Bow River Basin Council each year for years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing OPPOSED – T. Brummelhuis

7.02 Agriculture for Life

A letter was received from Ag for Life requesting financial contributions towards a new education trailer and program – “Know Your Food”. The program’s purpose is to educate Albertans about where their food comes from and the importance of agriculture to this province. AIDA and BRID have also both contributed \$10,000 to this endeavour.

2020-01-017 Moved by J. Hale that the District contribute \$10,000 to Agriculture for Life for the “Know Your Food” mobile unit in 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:19 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

8.0 Operations

8.01 Snowpack Report

Mr. Friesen identified the status of the various snowpack pillows; 2 are currently tracking within average and 4 are tracking above the upper quartile.

9.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

9.01 Project Status

Unfortunately, due to cold temperatures a week of production was lost from the construction schedule, but as a time buffer is factored in for this purpose, projects are still on track. The 06 Bow Slope pipeline crew began January 20th and work is moving ahead. A couple of site videos were shown and a number of questions were responded to by Admin.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- work is complete for the season
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 50% complete
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- construction began January 20, 2020

9.02 Snake Lake Reservoir – East Dam Repair

This fall, Snake Lake Reservoir was drawn down to assess and address seepage issues at the east dam. Since then, inspections, tests, geotechnical engineering and a temporary repair were completed, at a cost of \$260,000. It is being proposed that the permanent repair consist of installing drainage tile at the bottom of an excavated ditch at the toe of the dam, acting as a filter to hold back fines, with the collected water being pumped into the Snake Lake Canal. The estimated cost of the repair is \$400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to.

2020-01-018 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Snake Lake Reservoir East Dam Repair by installing a French drain, drainage tile and pump for an estimated cost of \$400,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03 Project for Approval – U-02 Tilley Pipeline Extension

U-02 Tilley is located 4 km south of Tilley and serves 151 flood acres. The existing condition of the ditch in the north is affecting the District's ability to deliver water to the landowner. It is being proposed to reclaim the ditch and extend a 400 m lateral off of the existing pipeline to the south at an estimated cost of \$400,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A thorough discussion was held; it was confirmed that although the landowner will be converting from flood to wheels, only 3 cfs (which is equivalent to a pivot with corner arm) will be supplied. As well, the proposed alignment and pipeline installation is shorter and costs less than rehabbing the existing ditch in the north.

[12:13 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek entered the meeting.]

Discussion continued on District responsibilities and advantages to optional rehabs. It was clarified that the Landowner currently has 2 deliveries on this parcel; he is requesting that 1 delivery be moved

(will be served by the pipeline) and is agreeing to the other being removed. As there is a cost-savings to the District in moving the delivery, this request was approved.

- 2020-01-019 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the U-02 Tilley Pipeline Extension project by installing a 400 m lateral from the pipeline to the south; subject to the removal of the 2 current deliveries, at an estimated cost of (~~\$400,000~~) \$120,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED**
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing

The project cost was corrected later in the meeting to be \$120,000 after an error was noted by Engineering staff; a friendly amendment was then made to the motion. The vote remained the same after the amendment.

10.0 Lands

10.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.01.1 Direction for Tender – PGLs Turned Back to the EID

10.01.1.1 PGL #7048 – E ½ 35-14-13 W4M (Vern Parker)

Private Grazing Lease #7048 has been turned back to the District as the lessee no longer meets the residency eligibility requirements. This 300 acre PGL is located 6.5 km east of Rolling Hills, was transferrable to eligible family members only and was due to expire in 2023. Due to the spill water no longer flooding the parcel, it is being recommended to reduce the carrying capacity from 85 AUM to 55 AUM. The fence line, pivot encroachment, potential for irrigation development and length of grazing term were discussed.

- 2020-01-020 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Private Grazing Lease #7048 be tendered out as a:**

- **2 year permit, expiring on October 1, 2021;**
- **with no minimum bid;**
- **with standard restrictions and requirements, except:**
 - **no Private Grazing Lease deduction, and**
 - **no 640 acre PGL limitation;**
- **and that the AUMs be reduced from 85 to 55.**

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.1.2 PGL #7123 – N ½ 23-14-13 W4M (Dave Zahenaiko)

Private Grazing Lease #7123 has been turned back to the District as the lessee no longer meets land ownership eligibility requirements. This 313 acre PGL is located 9.5 km southeast of Rolling Hills, was transferrable to eligible family members only and was due to expire in 2023. Due to a reduction in spill water no longer flooding the parcel, it is being recommended to reduce the carrying capacity from 80 AUM to 60 AUM. The potential for irrigation development and length of grazing term were discussed.

2020-01-021 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Private Grazing Lease #7123 be tendered out as a:

- **2 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;**
- **and that the AUMs be reduced from 80 to 60.**

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2 Reservoir ROW Pasture Agreement – Update on Lands Adjacent to Vincent & Glenda Kraus

The Board was updated as to the history of EID lands around Rock Lake Reservoir, adjacent to lands owned by Vincent & Glenda Kraus. Staff and Admin were requested to evaluate the implications of allowing subletting within Reservoir ROW Pasture Agreements, and to bring this matter back to the Board.

[2:00 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

10.01.3 Approval of Grazing Assoc. Bylaws – Bassano, Duchess, Eyremore, Patricia, Rosemary

In continuance of Grazing Associations developing current bylaws to be compatible with District policy and meeting *Societies Act* requirements, bylaws for the remaining 5 Associations were summarized and presented for review. These bylaws also provide an avenue for rules which may be specific to each Association and aid in their general management.

2020-01-022 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the draft Bylaws of the:

- **Bassano Grazing Association,**
- **Duchess Grazing Association,**
- **Eyremore Cattle Grazing Association,**
- **Patricia Grazing Association, and**
- **Rosemary Grazing Association**

as presented, to be brought to each Association's membership for review and final approval.

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

These draft bylaws can now be presented to Association members and registered upon approval.

[2:03 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.02.1 Irrigated Lease Expiries – Payment of Renewal Fee

In response to a request from one of the irrigation parcel leaseholders, term payment of the renewal fee was given consideration.

2020-01-023 Moved by B. Chrumka that due to the significant increase in rent adjustment, the leaseholders of Irrigated Leases #8215, #8216 and #8217 be offered a payment term of 5 years for the renewal fee; with full payment of the renewal fee to be made prior to a lease being turned back to the District or any allowed transfer. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2 County Land Purchase – NW 08-19-11 W4M

The County of Newell is offering for sale a 10 acre parcel of land in NW 08-19-11 W4M. This reclaimed well site lies within the Patricia Grazing Association and was determined by the County to have a market value of \$2,470/acre. A decision on this request was deferred until Directors could contact County Councillors regarding the suggested market value in that area.

[2:18 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered, R. Volek re-entered.]

10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.03.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2019

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
October 1, 2019	301,499	3,939	39	-	305,477
December 31, 2019	302,168	3,637	39	15	305,859
Net increase	669	< 302 >	0	15	382
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 4 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					371
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					302
Terminable Acres Canceled					18

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 305,859 irrigation acres are on the roll.

10.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**10.03.2.1 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 & December (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 188,442 >
January (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 19,280 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 844,630

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$802,766 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$329,824.

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.

10.03.2.2 Panel – Frederick Barg – NW 04-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 119 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade; keeping 7 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 119 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-01-024 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Frederick Barg for the panel upgrade in NW 04-20-14 W4M purchased for \$9,040. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$11,200 (112 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$9,040 less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,540. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.3 Panel & Nozzles – L & S Wiens Farms Inc (Larry & Susan Wiens) – Pt Sec 13-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 209 acres (134 wiper pivot, 60 pivot, 15 outside)
- Installing: panel & nozzles upgrade to wiper pivot; keeping 15 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 209 acres (134 wiper pivot, 60 pivot, 15 outside)
- Wiper pivot has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for L & S Wiens Farms Inc (Larry & Susan Wiens) for the panel and nozzles upgrade in Pt Sec 13-21-16 W4M purchased for \$23,558. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (15 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,900. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.4 Pump – Ronald Schmidt – SW 34-16-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres (123 wiper pivot, 13 outside)
- Installing: pump upgrade; keeping 13 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (123 wiper pivot, 13 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-01-026 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ronald Schmidt for the pump upgrade in SW 34-16-16 W4M purchased for \$19,492. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,500 (13 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.5 Panel & Pivot Parts – Chad Sewall – NE 10-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 101 acres
- Current Assessment: 129 acres (28 acres added as part of 2009 farm improvement)
- Previous Grant: \$6,060 (motion 2009-10-189)
- Installing: panel & pivot parts upgrade; keeping 4 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 129 acres (125 pivot, 4 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-01-027 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad Sewall for the panel and pivot parts upgrade in NE 10-20-13 W4M purchased for \$11,462. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,100 (101 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,060 (previous grant) less \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$2,040. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.3 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Rick & Heather Irwin – NE 08-19-15 W4M to Chase & Lindsay Irwin – SW 08-19-15 W4M

This matter was brought back from the December meeting. Landowners have since withdrawn their request to transfer irrigation acres between parcels and are planning on converting to pivot in SW 08-19-15 W4M and using conversion acres gained, subject to meeting soils requirements. Discussion followed regarding Chase & Lindsay Irwin's community grazing application for 2020. Direction was given that the grazing application be approved upon soils passing in SW 08-19-15 W4M and a pivot being installed by May 1, 2020.

[2:46 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

10.03.4 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman – SE 08-22-16 W4M and Richard & Heather Hiebert – SE 05-22-16 W4M to NE 08-22-16 W4M

Landowners are requesting to transfer a total of 28 irrigation acres to NE 08-22-16 W4M for a proposed 40 acre pivot. The 24 acres from the same landowner will be eligible for conversion acres. Operations has no issues with the proposed transfers. Soils testing for the pivot area in the receiving parcel is required.

2020-01-028 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 24 irrigation acres from SE 08-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman, and
 - 4 irrigation acres from SE 05-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Richard & Heather Hiebert,
- to NE 08-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman; conditional upon the new pivot area in NE 08-22-16 W4M meeting soils requirements. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.03.5 Increase in Irrigation Acres – David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman – NE 08-22-16 W4M

Discussion and approval of this application was deferred to later in the meeting.

10.03.6 General Assessment Update

Nearing the end of the General Assessment process, approximately 90% of landowners have complied with resolving assessment matters on their lands. Subsequent to several attempts in contacting the remaining landowners, 3 lists were provided to Directors itemizing:

- parcels where landowners have made no attempt to reconcile their assessments,
 - water shut-off notifications will be sent;
- parcels that are yet to be completed but are in the process,
 - water shut-off notifications are not required at this time;
- parcels that have projects which cannot be approved,
 - notifications will be sent to adjust their current infrastructure.

A number of questions were responded to by staff and Admin. The Board requested that letters be held off for 1 month to allow time for Directors to call affected water users in their divisions.

[3:20 p.m. – 3:26 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited, R. Moen entered the meeting, R. Gagley re-entered.]

2020-01-029 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet cont'd.

6.02 Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network – Construction Schedule

13.0 Annual Report Book – Draft

13.01 Chair and GM Reports

13.02 AGM Agenda

2020-01-030 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 EIDNet cont'd.

6.02 Proposal to Upgrade to a Fibre Optic Network – Construction Schedule cont'd.

It was requested that Staff have discussions with the County regarding easements, etc., and with Mayor Morishita regarding the City's fibre plans.

2020-01-031 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve Phase 1 of the EIDNet Fibre Optic Project by installing a fibre network connecting the Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:48 p.m. The Board recessed until Wednesday, January 29th, 10:00 a.m.]

Those in attendance on January 29th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	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 10:00 a.m.

[10:00 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report cont'd.

5.06 2020 Fees Bylaw cont'd.

From further discussions with Directors and the Grazing Manager at the January 28th portion of the meeting, the draft 2020 Fees Bylaw was brought back with the phrase "at a regulated flow rate determined by the District." added to the end of the first paragraph on page 3 and to the end of 9.(e)

2020-01-032 Moved by T. Hemsing that revised Bylaw #936 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 29th day of January, 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-033 Moved by J. Hale that revised Bylaw #936 (2020) be read the second time this 29th day of January, 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-034 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to revised Bylaw #936 (2020) this 29th day of January, 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-01-035 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #936 (2020), 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 B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2020 Fees Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

9.0 Engineering cont'd.

9.04 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

This matter was reviewed for the courtesy of D. Peltzer, who was unable to attend December's meeting. Further discussion was held and direction given to Staff regarding a surcharge rate to be presented to landowners on the C & 01-C Springhill systems.

[10:58 a.m. – 11:03 a.m. Short break.]

2020-01-036 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access

11.0 Bow Bloc Meeting Follow Up

13.0 Annual Report Book – Draft cont'd.

13.01 Chair and GM Reports cont'd.

9.0 Engineering cont'd

9.06 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

[12:21 p.m. – 12:54 p.m. Lunch break; E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

12.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

12.01 Review of Modelling and Availability of Water

12.02 Meeting with MLA Michaela Glasgo

12.03 Plebiscite Schedule

12.04 Where Should Expansion Occur?

12.05 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

12.06 Capital Assets Charge

[3:05 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Short break.]

12.07 Maximum Inches / Water Transfers

2020-01-037 Moved by J. Hale that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

9.05 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Access cont'd.

Directors were updated as to the status of Mr. Johnson's pumping access at Snake Lake Reservoir and the options being considered by the Landowner. Discussion was also held on opportunities to clarify District bylaws and policies regarding reservoir delivery points, and on reservoir setbacks.

11.0 Bow Bloc Meeting Follow Up cont'd.

I. Friesen is collaborating with R. Phillips, BRID GM, on the presentation to Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation, scheduled for February 24th in Edmonton. It was requested that Mr. Phillip's schematic of river flows be forwarded to Directors.

13.0 Annual Report Book – Draft cont'd.**13.01 Chair and GM Reports cont'd.**

AGM agenda items were confirmed and a couple edits were suggested for the GM Report. It was directed that verified pivot flows be submitted to the office for IRMA input and that further flow checking and base data recording be continued this summer for both the water users' information and to increase the accuracy of water recording.

9.0 Engineering cont'd.**9.06 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.**

This matter was reviewed for the courtesy of all Directors; the decision of December 20th was maintained. A letter will be forwarded to Mr. Brauer.

12.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up cont'd.**12.01 Review of Modelling and Availability of Water cont'd.**

The draft "Increase in the Irrigation Expansion Limit" information package for water users will be developed. It was requested to present numbers strictly applicable to the expansion acres and to not include the current remaining acres. Preliminary consensus was gained on:

- 29,000 acre feet expansion
 - 12,000 acres reserved for infill
- 2,500 acres/year
 - 1,000 acres/year are reserved for infill
 - any unsold infill acres remaining in the "infill bank"
 - 1,500 acres/year for new development

12.02 Meeting with MLA Michaela Glasgo cont'd.

Directors will be notified once meetings have been confirmed.

12.03 Plebiscite Schedule cont'd.

An end-of-November timeline is tentatively being considered for a potential plebiscite date. A number of decisions will need to be firmed up by June/July.

12.04 Where Should Expansion Occur? cont'd.

It was consensus that District land development (likely some short term PGLs previously identified for future development) is to be secondary to the demand from water users for infill and development. A consideration was to develop a small amount of District land, for the opportunity of lease land, when land approvals do not exceed that year's cap.

12.05 Irrigation Acres Bylaw cont'd.

The latest revisions to the Irrigation Acres Bylaw were outlined by Admin. This bylaw will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

12.06 Capital Assets Charge cont'd.

Scenarios were presented and consensus was gained that when transferring irrigation acres or efficiency acres onto a dry parcel, any additional acres purchased will be charged the "new acre" amount and not the "infill acre" amount.

Considerable discussion was held on whether to increase the capital assets charge at this point for the remaining irrigation acres available and if so, by how much. Discussion also continued on the value of irrigation acres given the plebiscite passes, and for applying capital asset revenue towards water storage projects. Admin was directed to obtain land sale values in different areas of the District for comparison purposes. One Director indicated that he will have a couple meetings in his division to gauge water users' input and others indicated obtaining feedback from their water users as well.

12.07 Maximum Inches / Water Transfers cont'd.

The process of water allocations within a farm link are to be further explored by Admin and Staff; this may be considered on a trial basis. Tracking of all water and not breaching the maximum limit is paramount, whether averaging over a farm link or measuring individual parcels.

Continuation of Agenda**10.0 Lands cont'd.****10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd.**

The following Increase in Irrigation Acres application was presented after confirming that when irrigation acres or efficiency acres have been transferred onto a dry parcel, any additional acres purchased will be charged the "new acre" amount and not the "infill acre" amount.

10.03.5 Increase in Irrigation Acres – David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman – NE 08-22-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 28 acres; 24 + 4 acres transferred in (motion 2020-01-028)
- Proposal: 40 acre pivot; 12 additional acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 24 acres flood to pivot = 12 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 40 acres, all pivot
- Notes: soils testing required

2020-01-038 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for David Wolfman and Aaron Wolfman, for 12 additional acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot in NE 08-22-16 W4M; conditional upon the new pivot area meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$8,400 (12 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional discussion on the value of the remaining irrigation acres available for purchase and of the notice given for a major project which could potentially qualify for 130-150 conversion acres, the following motion was carried.

2020-01-039 Moved by B. Chrumka that further applications for irrigation acres not be approved until increased rates through a new Capital Assets Bylaw are accepted. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED

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

14.0 Newsletter

As a number of issues need further reflection and input, it was agreed to not send out a newsletter at this time.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | 2020 AIDA Water Conference | - Feb 3– 5, Lethbridge [B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach] |
| 15.02 | Meeting with Minister McIver | - Monday, February 24 th , 11:00 a.m., Edmonton [MLA Michaela Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps] |
| 15.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 18 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 9 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 10 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 15.06 | Nominations Close – Div 1 & 5 | - Wednesday, March 11 th , 5:00 p.m. |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

February 18, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 18th day of February, 2020. 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:

- 4.02 Proposed Ag Program – Altario Tour, February 4th
- 4.03 Joint Shared Services Meeting – February 11th
- 4.04 Director Divisional Meetings

2020-02-040 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

Discussion was held regarding agenda items 9.03 and 12.06 of the January 28th & 29th minutes. Direction was given on editing and it was requested to bring the revised minutes back to the March meeting for approval.

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 2020 AIDA Water Conference – February 3rd – 5th, Lethbridge**

A number of Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Lethbridge on February 3rd – 5th. Conference topics included source water protection, water management through drought-like conditions, drainage, food trends, plant-based protein trends in irrigated agriculture, precision irrigation, solar projects and a general manager panel discussion from a number of irrigation districts.

4.02 Proposed Ag Program – Altario Tour – February 4th

Along with Grasslands Public Schools reps, D. Peltzer attended a tour of the Altario School to learn about the agricultural program that has been developed and running at their facility. The mixed farming model was being examined as an example while the Rosemary School considers what may be conceivable at their site and possibly on a small plot of District land.

4.03 Joint Shared Services Meeting – February 11th

B. Schmidt attended the Joint Shared Services Meeting on February 11th. Updates on increasing the irrigation expansion limit and the EIDNet fibre optic project were shared at the meeting.

4.04 Director Divisional Meetings

All Directors reported having sought input from their water users on capital asset rates, whether on an individual or group basis. A number of Directors held meetings in their divisions, with some Directors receiving invitations or attending meetings in other divisions:

- Div 1 – Jason Hale: Bassano – January 30th, 22 people attended and Gem – January 31st, 40 people
- Div 2 – David Peltzer: Rosemary – February 5th, approximately 40 people attended
- Div 7 – Tracy Hemsing: Rolling Hills – February 11th, approximately 30 people attended
- Div 4 – Brian Schmidt: Cassils – February 12th, approximately 30 people attended

5.0 EIDNet**5.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1, connecting the Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers is in progress and affected landowners are being contacted.

6.0 Operations**6.01 Snowpack Report**

Mr. Friesen advised that the 6 snowpack pillows affecting the Bow River basin continue to track above or just below the upper quartile.

[9:43 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

The recent snow melt has slowed progress, but both projects are on schedule and progressing as anticipated. The north crew will move to Tilley to begin the installation of the U-02 Tilley pipeline extension when E North Bantry is completed.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- work is complete for the season
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 65% complete
U-02 Tilley Extension	- work will begin after the completion of E North Bantry
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- construction began January 20 th

7.02 Drain Relocation – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

Justin Tateson is requesting the drain in NW 04-15-15 W4M be relocated from severing the SW corner of his quarter to the south and west boundaries, to allow the addition of a corner arm and the pivot to run full circle. Pivot stops will need to remain in place until additional irrigation acres have been approved. Torxen is willing to shut in and reclaim the oil & gas facilities on that corner if the District approves the drain relocation. The project is estimated to cost \$128,500; of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000.

2020-02-041 Moved by T. Hensing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Justin Tateson in NW 04-15-15 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000; subject to the pivot stops remaining in place until additional irrigation acres have been approved. The total project cost is \$128,500; of which the EID would pay \$50,000 and the Landowner would pay \$78,500 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:57 a.m. – 10:01 a.m. Short break; Tim Anderson entered the meeting, J. Kabut exited.]

10:00 a.m. Tim Anderson

Tim Anderson attended the Board Meeting to discuss the project charges involved in a capital assets cost-share for NE 36-15-14 W4M and NW 31-15-13 W4M. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the purchase of capital assets (irrigation acres), District policy concerning new and replacement infrastructure, return flow operations, adjacent rehab project and other cost-share scenarios.

[10:45 a.m. T. Anderson exited the meeting.]

[10:48 a.m. J. Kabut re-entered the meeting.]

7.03 Project for Further Review – C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

At the January meeting, direction was given to staff for a surcharge rate to be presented to irrigators on the C Springhill and 01-C Springhill rehab project, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system. J. Kabut advised that the water users have been contacted and that there is a request to meet with the Board. Through discussion it was agreed to hold an irrigator meeting on Friday, March 6th, 10:00 a.m. Admin will arrange for legal counsel to be available; staff will contact the landowners. R. Owen, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt will be attending on behalf of the Board.

[11:32 a.m. – 11:37 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting, N. Fontaine entered.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

8.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2020 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review was provided of last year's Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground camping and marina rates. It was approved by the Board to maintain the rates from 2019.

2020-02-042 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2020 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 T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-043 Moved by B. Chrumka that the 2020 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Thursday, May 14th and close at noon Thursday, September 10th. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2 Brooks Motocross Club Agreement

The Brooks Motocross Club has leased a parcel of land from the EID in SW 29-13-14 W4M, across from the Silver Sage Community Corral, since 1993. The lease was last increased to 132 acres to accommodate trail riding areas, for \$1,200/year. The current lease expires on April 30, 2020 and the Club wishes to renew for another term; the organization has liability insurance of \$5,000,000. This arrangement is working well to minimize motorcycle activity on District lands, as per the District's Public Access Policy.

2020-02-044 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Brooks Motocross Club be offered a 3 year lease on the current lands at a rental rate of \$1,200 per year. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.3 County of Newell Proposed AIS Bylaw

As information, N. Fontaine presented the County of Newell's proposed AIS Bylaw for review. This bylaw is being enacted to give County Peace Officers more authority to enforce regulations around AIS prevention. A number of questions were responded to by staff. A suggestion was made to make the District's mandatory watercraft form available online so that it may be printed and completed in advance, and for a summary of program statistics (originating location, watercraft type, etc.) to be provided to the Board.

[11:55 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Reservoir ROW Pasture Agreement – Vincent & Glenda Kraus

In response to a request from Vincent & Glenda Kraus to allow a portion of subletting on their leased EID reservoir ROW pasture, staff were requested to evaluate the implications and bring this matter back to the Board. This request and type of agreement was again reviewed by Directors. It was approved to allow a portion of the AUM to consist of sublet cattle. The leaseholder will be required to submit confirmation of cattle numbers for both parties each year that the amending agreement is offered.

2020-02-045 Moved by D. Peltzer that an annual amending agreement be offered to Vincent & Glenda Kraus to allow a portion of their ROW Pasture Agreement AUM to consist of sublet cattle. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:10 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch 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 Alternate Parcel Transfers

8.03.1.1 John Miller – S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – (various)

For the 2020 season, John Miller is requesting to transfer 80 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City: 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. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2020-02-046 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 2020 alternate parcel 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. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.2 Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M

For the 2020 season, Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert are requesting to transfer 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M for a separate flood field.

2020-02-047 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 2020 alternate parcel transfer of 18 irrigation acres from SE 01-18-13 W4M to SW 02-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert; subject to the delivery location being turnout #4235, #4236 or #4222. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.3 County of Newell – Pt SE 29-16-16 to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20 & Pt SE 29-16-16

For the 2020 season, the County of Newell is requesting to transfer 35 irrigation acres from Pt SE 29-16-16 W4M to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe: 24 acres to NE 20-16-16 W4M to infill a wiper pivot and 11 acres to Pt. SE 29-16-16 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. There are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2020-02-048 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 2020 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 B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.2 Annual Agreement**8.03.2.1 Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M**

Through the General Assessment, Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M was identified as requiring additional irrigation acres but The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom were already at the maximum new irrigation acre limit. In addition to the prospect of purchasing and transferring privately owned irrigation acres, or adjusting infrastructure to irrigate within assessment, the Landowner was given a 3 year term option to provide time to reconcile the parcel. This is the final year of the term and the rate offered is as per clause 3(a) of the 2020 Rate Bylaw.

2020-02-049 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve an annual irrigation agreement for the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom:

- for 39 acres in Pt Sec 13-20-17 W4M to accommodate an existing corner arm,
- for the final year of a 3 year term, and
- at the rate of \$52/acre for the 2020 irrigation season.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.3 Irrigable Units**8.03.3.1 Discharge & Registration – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe) and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe)**

The existing pivot in SE 29-21-16 W4M crosses into both of the NE and SW quarters, requiring the current irrigable unit to be discharged and a new one registered which encompasses all 3 quarters.

2020-02-050 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on:

- SE & NE 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe).

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-051 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on:

- SE & NE 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe); and
- SW 29-21-16 W4M; lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. (Ronald & Jennifer Wiebe) and 714296 Alberta Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe).

Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4 Farm Improvement Grant Applications

8.03.4.1 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 through January (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 207,722 >
February (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 74,123 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 779,507

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$802,766 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$352,604.

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.

8.03.4.2 Pivot Replacement & C/A – Ty Henrickson – NE 16-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 153 acres pivot (134 pivot, 17 corners)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade; keeping 2 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 153 acres (134 pivot, 17 corner arm, 2 corners)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-052 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ty Henrickson for the pivot replacement upgrade in NE 16-20-13 W4M purchased for \$190,414. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,900 (17 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$24,300. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.3 Panel – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Pt Sec 23-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 190 acres
- Current Assessment: 351 acres wiper pivot (45 acres added and 116 terminable acres converted in 2003)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 351 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-02-053 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) for the panel upgrade in Pt Sec 23-21-15 W4M purchased for \$13,197. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$19,000 (190 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$13,197. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.4 Panel – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NW 20-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres, all under pivot

2020-02-054 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) for the panel upgrade in NW 20-21-15 W4M purchased for \$11,626. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$11,626. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.5 Pump & Nozzles – DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Shannon Martin) – Pt Sec 03-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 231 acres (10 acres added through general assessment)
- Current Assessment: 241 acres (188 pivot, 48 wheel field, 5 acres outside)
- Installing: pump & nozzles upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 241 acres (188 pivot, 48 wheel field, 5 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-055 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Shannon Martin) for the pump and nozzles upgrade in Pt Sec 03-21-15 W4M purchased for \$20,525. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$17,800 (178 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$15,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.4.6 Pivot Replacement – Logan Neely – Pt NE 27 & SE 34-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 107 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres (132 pivot, 2 outside pivot area); (27 acres added for general assessments)
- Installing: pivot replacement; keeping 2 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres (132 pivot, 2 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-02-056 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Logan Neely for the pivot replacement upgrade in Pt NE 27 & SE 34-21-13 W4M purchased for \$112,000. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,700 (107 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The proposed Capital Assets Charges Bylaw, current bylaw (which is available from the District's website) and an average land sale value comparison chart as per District divisions were provided to Directors. The wording within the proposed new Bylaw was reviewed. This bylaw would replace the current bylaw, last updated in 2014, which has maintained rates since 2008. It is intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and is to be revisited in the event a plebiscite passes.

Proposed rates for capital assets charges were given considerable discussion. A verbal summary of historical capital asset rates and comment from lending institutions regarding land values was also given. Directors reported on comments received from meetings in their areas (*see Reports on Meetings/Events*) and from one-on-one conversations. Varying approaches and reasonings in how to handle the matter were debated, however in speaking directly to what method should be used to set the capital asset rates, the following suggestions were heard and merits debated:

- develop a formula based on market land values
- base the rates on making development affordable
- base the rates on commodity prices over the last 10 years
- set the rates and adjust according to inflation
- base the rates on an average of the nearby districts

In an attempt to move the matter forward, the following motions were made.

2020-02-057 Due to the fact that there is a huge majority of EID landowners, who attended meetings, not in favour of the proposed 428% increase in new acre and 333% increase in infill acre Capital Asset fees and not all landowners have had the opportunity to be consulted and provide feedback, I Jason Hale, move the Capital Assets Bylaw remain unchanged until all landowners of the EID have had the opportunity at a District wide general meeting to further discuss and have input on the Capital Assets Bylaw and a general consensus taken into account when setting this rate. Seconded by B. Schmidt. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer

2020-02-058 Moved by T. Hemsing that the revised Capital Asset charges for the approximate 3,500 remaining irrigation acres for:

- infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$750/acre;
- infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and
- efficiency acres on parcels assessed as dry as of December 31, 2019 be set at \$1,500/acre.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, J. Hale

[2:54 p.m. – 2:59 p.m. Short break.]

2020-02-059 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the revised Capital Asset charges for the approximate 3,500 remaining irrigation acres for:

- infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$750/acre;
- infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and
- efficiency acres on parcels assessed as dry as of December 31, 2019 be set at \$1,750/acre.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED

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

Through continued review and discussion on the proposed bylaw, there was agreement to:

- increase the rate to convert from terminable acres to irrigation acres, from \$100/acre to \$250/acre (equivalent to the 2.5 increment in increasing the main rates)
- maintain the existing General Assessment rates (\$300 and \$700) until expiry deadline
- set the expiry deadline for current General Assessment rates for April 30th, or June 30th if waiting on soils testing results
- allow the existing 21 Farm Improvement or infill applications in queue (totaling 468 acres) to be presented for approval at the current bylaw rates (\$300 and \$700)
- retain the 75/25 cost-share program for new infrastructure, but to more closely define the parameters (wording revisions will be presented at the March meeting)
- increase the minimum amount to qualify for a term payment loan, from \$2,500 to \$5,000
- include an annual review clause for the bylaw and rates
- increase the amount that the District will pay to purchase irrigation acres from \$1,000/acre to \$2,500/acre (the same 2.5 increment)

2020-02-060 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that Bylaw #938 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing

1st reading was gained. It was requested that the bylaw be brought back to the March meeting with wording revisions to reflect direction and for possible 2nd and 3rd readings.

10.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw (2020) was provided to Directors. This Bylaw replaces the "Increase in Irrigation Acres Policy (2018)", is also intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and would need to be replaced with a new bylaw should a plebiscite be passed. Wording was reviewed and clauses summarized; the Bylaw sets parameters for the process of approving increases, decreases or transfers of irrigation acres. A discussion was held and a number of questions were responded to by Administration.

2020-02-061 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #937 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-02-062 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #937 (2020) be read the second time this 18th day of February, 2020. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st and 2nd readings were gained. The Bylaw is to be brought back to the March meeting for possible 3rd and final reading.

[4:04 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting, E. Wilson entered.]

2020-02-063 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Irrigation Expansion

2020-02-064 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

11.0 Irrigation Expansion cont'd.

It was the direction of the Board to present the Irrigation Expansion information, as reviewed, at the AGM and it was consensus that this information can now also be shared with water users. This information will form the body of the information package that is required to be provided to water users in the process of setting a plebiscite concerning an increase in the irrigation expansion limit. It is anticipated to provide this complete package in fall.

Continuation of the Agenda

12.0 Bow Bloc Meeting Summary

A draft summary of the Bow Bloc Meeting, held January 17th at the EID Office, was provided to Directors as information.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 9 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.02 Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 10 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 13.03 Nominations Close – Div 1 & 5 | - Wednesday, March 11 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 13.04 Meeting with Minister McIver | - Wed, March 11 th , 1:30 p.m., McDougall Centre, Calgary
[MLA Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps] |
| 13.05 Aggie Days | - Friday, April 3 rd , Calgary |
| 13.06 Election [if necessary] | - Tuesday, April 7 th |
| 13.07 Organizational & Regular Meetings | - Tuesday, April 14 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.08 CWRA Conference | - April 19 th – 21 st , Red Deer |

[5:16 p.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

March 9, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 9th day of March, 2020. 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:

- 12.0 Enquiry regarding Limiting the Terms for Directors
- 8.05 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M
- 8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir
- 16.0 Provincial Parks

2020-03-065 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The January 28th & 29th minutes were amended and presented for approval; further clarification was made. The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 9.03, pg 6, "\$120,000" was replaced with "\$400,000".
- 9.03, pg 6, "and the landowner's preference and willingness for 1 of 2 delivery points to be removed and the other moved." was replaced with "It was clarified that the Landowner currently has 2 deliveries on this parcel; he is requesting that 1 delivery be moved (will be served by the pipeline) and is agreeing to the other being removed. As there is a cost-savings to the District in moving the delivery, this request was approved."
- Motion 2020-01-019, pg 7, "(\$400,000)" was inserted prior to "\$120,000".
- 9.03, pg 7, "The project cost was corrected later in the meeting after an error was noted by Engineering staff; a friendly amendment was then made to the motion. The vote remained the same after the amendment." was added after the motion.
- 12.06, pg 16: "A number of Directors indicated that they have planned, or will be planning, meetings in their divisions to gauge water users' input." was replaced with "One Director indicated that he will have a couple meetings in his division to gauge water users' input and others indicated obtaining feedback from their water users as well."

2020-03-066 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the January 28 & 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 February 18, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The February 18, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-03-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

Some discussion was held on limiting an increase in irrigation acres (purchasing of new development acres) on parcels consisting only of encroachment acres (ex. irrigation acres under an end gun from a pivot on an adjacent parcel). It was reviewed that the proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw speaks to this example in that the parcel with the encroachment acres could only be eligible for infill acres equivalent to the number of existing irrigation acres on that parcel as of December 31, 2019, and could also not exceed 50 new acres. This restriction, among others, is to be readdressed should a plebiscite be passed.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Discussion with Alex Ostrup, Chairman of SMRID – March 6th

Alex Ostrup, Director, St Mary River Irrigation District, was invited to share with the Board the method which SMRID used to distribute and sell new irrigation acres, the results of the process and any recommendations which may pertain to the EID. Mr. Ostrup advised that 4,000 irrigation acres were sold at \$1,800/acre by 8:00 a.m. the day following the approval to sell. The acres went to 14 landowners, on a first-come, first-served basis. I. Friesen and most of the Directors were in attendance for the discussion where a number of questions were answered, comparatives made and reasonings shared.

[9:33 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2020

The financial statements to January 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$15.99 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$9.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$6.4 million.

2020-03-068 Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:49 a.m. – 9:53 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter exited the meeting, R. Gagley, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

6.0 EIDNet

K. Bridges presented the following EIDNet Report.

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1, connecting the Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers is in progress and affected landowners are being contacted.

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Currently, 4 of the 6 snowpack pillows being monitored which feed the Bow River basin continue to track above the upper quartile, another is at the top end of average and the other is sitting within the average range.

7.02 Set Water Delivery Date

With the current conditions, which are normal, and in expectation of a typical spring season, an earliest water delivery date for Friday May 8th was set. This date falls within the normal start time however conditions will be monitored, and the suitability of the date evaluated as necessary.

2020-03-069 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 8, 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

Mud is causing an access problem along the ROWs for both pipeline construction teams. The north team is currently working on the E North Bantry pipeline, which should be completed about March 20th. This team will then move to the U-02 Tilley project. The southern crew has completed approximately 50% of the 06 Bow Slope pipeline. Substantial completion is expected on the 06 Bow Slope project during the first week in April. A number of questions were responded to.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- 70% complete, final cleanup remains
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 85% complete
U-02 Tilley Extension	-
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	- 45% complete
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- 50% complete

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

It was requested that this matter be discussed during the in-camera portion of the meeting.

8.03 Drain Relocation – South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gord Graham and John Graham) – SE 13-16-16 W4M

R. Summach advised that South Slope Feeders Ltd is requesting the drain in SE 13-16-16 W4M be relocated from severing the quarter from the NE to the SW, to the east and south boundaries. The drain will be 1,300 m in length and will be combined with the County road ditch. The project is estimated to cost \$144,300; of which the EID by policy would pay 75% up to \$50,000. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering staff.

2020-03-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gord Graham and John Graham) in SE 13-16-16 W4M, to be funded on a 75/25 cost-share basis up to \$50,000. The total project cost is \$144,300; of which the EID would pay \$50,000 and the Landowner would pay \$94,300 + GST. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill

Staff advised of the recent meeting with landowner representatives for the 01-C Springhill rehab project. In review of this matter, it was directed that the capital recovery charge, should the project be rehabbed again as a pressurized system, be reworked to adjust the ratios paid by irrigators and that by acreage owners, and to bring this information back to the Board later in the meeting.

[11:13 a.m. – 11:17 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, D. Buell, B. Doerksen entered.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

9.01.1 Request to Transfer Irrigated Lease #8251

Garry & Cherry MacLagan are requesting to transfer Irrigated Lease #8251 to Pedro Giesbrecht. Once the associated land sale transfer is complete and Mr. Giesbrecht is residing within District boundaries, projected to be March 31, 2020, he will meet all eligibility requirements.

2020-03-071 Moved by T. Hemsing that Irrigated Lease #8251 be transferred from Garry & Cherry MacLagan to Pedro Giesbrecht, upon meeting the District land ownership and residency requirements. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

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

9.02.1 2019 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2019 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented and discussed with Mr. Buell, outlined as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 282 individuals applied for hunting permission, which is the highest number on record
 - 14 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, which is average
 - lands around Lake Newell, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir are popular in summer and still see some random camping and campfire violations; the south end of Lake Newell seeing increased activity
 - 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
 - County Peace Officers are an effective enforcement presence and the District's portion of their time is directed to campgrounds and reservoirs in summer, high use hunting areas, problem areas such as 12 Mile Coulee, and ice fishing activities in winter; they have facilitated the removal of sunken ice shacks, maintain traffic and speed levels at RHRCG and are used alongside EID AIS teams to increase the official presence, as well as being available on-call for assistance in the program
 - Provincial Parks Conservation Officers focus on patrolling Patricia Grazing lands south of Dinosaur Park, around Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and on Lake Newell Reservoir
 - Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and patrol the entire EID
 - central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
 - 35 warnings/non-compliance information tickets were handed out, mostly for off-trail infractions, as well as for random camping and launching watercraft from unauthorized locations; 14 boats were also examined with 32 violations dealt with
 - it is intended to propose draft revisions for the Access Policy this spring
 - it is anticipated that the automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the District website be operational by September
- Signage:
 - most of the 2014 "Thanks to Irrigation" signs are in poor shape; the content and value will be assessed and if necessary a replacement program planned
- Research Access:
 - 9 non-EID, one-time or ongoing research projects were conducted on District lands, focusing on wildlife, endangered species or paleontology
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 24,725 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects; about average but at approximately 75% of their license
- Wildlife:
 - development of a Species of Importance database and mapping layer for EID lands will begin in 2020
- Aquatic Invasive Species:
 - County of Newell monitoring of Phragmites Australis sites continues
 - no evidence of invasive mussels was found this year
 - PHD crew and Bassano Dam summer students were utilized at Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir marinas, as well as secondary boat launches and smaller reservoirs for the AIS awareness program; about 75% of boaters spoken to were familiar with the threat of invasive mussels
 - staff training and public education on invasive mussels will continue

9.02.2 2019 PHD Program Summary

The Partners in Habitat Development Program Summary was presented, outlined as follows:

- 2019 PHD Program:
 - 4,428 trees & shrubs were planted on 8 new sites; 7 sites received fencing materials
 - 823 replacements were planted on six 2018 sites to replace winter kill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 14 sites
 - 2 rolls of mulch and 1 box of pins were provided to the TD Tree Days planting project at the Scandia Walking Trail
 - seedling survival was about 84%, average is 75%
 - 4 summer students were hired and in addition to planting and maintenance, drive-by inspections were conducted for 49 old sites, indicating a 75% survival rate
 - surveys and anecdotal observations on a variety of game birds showed fluctuating numbers, which could be due to a number of factors
- 2020 PHD Program:
 - 8 new sites have been selected for 2020, and 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides hired, at an estimated budget of \$130,000
 - 11,914 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) have been ordered (approx. 10,600 going to new habitat) and 800 for 2019 replacements; 120 rolls of mulch have also been ordered and at least 1.5 km of fencing materials will be provided
- 2021 PHD Program:
 - a Site Performance Deposit agreement will be used to reinforce landowner maintenance responsibilities
- Long Term Plans:
 - advertising is planned for 2021 to acquire sites for 2022 and beyond
 - 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 continue to be explored

Directors supported replanting on old sites when there is a surplus of new stock.

9.03 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen, Land Administrator for Aquatic Invasive Species, presented the following AIS report.

9.03.1 AIS Prevention Program – 2019 Statistics

In response to a request from last meeting, the following statistics were presented as information. Further program data will be acquired as the program progresses.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – 2019 REGISTERED WATERCRAFT				
Registration Location	From Alberta	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total
Crawling Valley Reservoir	860	66	7	933
Lake Newell Resort Marina	121	4	1	126
Lake Newell Reservoir	709	57	8	774
Rolling Hills Reservoir	494	33	10	537
EID Office	171	7	0	178
Total	2,355	167	26	2,548

Registered watercraft includes sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, other non-motorized watercraft and float planes. Of the 2,548 total watercraft, 1,077

had boated within the District in the last 30 days and 1,278 had boated in Alberta in the last 30 days, prior to registering their watercraft within the District's prevention program. One summer student has again been hired to assist wholly in the AIS Prevention Program; information reviews and annual training will be continued for all associated summer students and staff; and the 2020 program will be scheduled similar to what was conducted in 2019.

[11:32 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine, D. Buell, B. Doerksen exited the meeting; R. Volek, S. Connauton entered.]

9.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.04.1 Tender Results – PGL #7048 – E ½ 35-14-13 W4M and PGL #7123 – N ½ 23-14-13 W4M

Private Grazing Leases #7048 and #7123 were tendered out as 2 year permits, no minimum bids, with standard restrictions and requirements, except that there be no deductions if running cattle in a community lease and no 640 acre PGL limitation.

PGL #7048 2 Years 297 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Alan Jones	\$2,930.00	\$53.27	\$146.50	\$3,076.50
Loren Weaver	\$2,812.00	\$51.13	\$140.60	\$2,952.60
Nelson Weaver	\$2,750.00	\$50.00	\$137.50	\$2,887.50
John Ketchmark	\$2,315.00	\$42.09	\$115.78	\$2,431.28
Marlin Maldaner	\$1,950.00	\$35.45	\$97.50	\$2,047.50
Chad Galbraith	\$1,400.00	\$25.45	\$70.00	\$1,470.00

PGL #7123 2 Years 297 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Skrove Agro Services Ltd (Chad & Tamara Skrove)	\$4,000.00	\$66.67	\$200.00	\$4,200.00
Loren Weaver	\$3,662.00	\$61.03	\$183.10	\$3,845.10
Greg & Linnea Andrew	\$3,650.00	\$60.83	\$182.50	\$3,832.50
Alan Jones	\$3,196.00	\$53.27	\$159.80	\$3,355.80
Marlin Maldaner	\$3,150.00	\$52.50	\$157.50	\$3,307.50
John Ketchmark	\$3,083.40	\$51.39	\$154.17	\$3,237.57
Nelson Weaver	\$3,010.00	\$50.17	\$150.50	\$3,160.50
Chad Galbraith	\$1,500.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$1,575.00

2020-03-072 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that meeting all eligibility requirements and as high bidders through the tender process:

- Alan Jones be awarded PGL #7048 – E ½ 35-14-13 W4M, and
- Skrove Agro Services Ltd (Chad & Tamara Skrove) be awarded PGL #7123 – N ½ 23-14-13 W4M.

Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:36 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

9.05 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.05.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications**9.05.1.1 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 through February (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 232,722 >
March (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 93,000 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 726,630

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$759,132 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$421,238.

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.

9.05.1.2 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Grosfield Farms Ltd (Roy Grosfield and Andrew Grosfield)**– SW 15-20-14 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 142 acres flood
- Converting: 108 acres flood to pivot, 24 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 10 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres (132 pivot with corner arm, 10 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-073 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Grosfield Farms Ltd (Roy Grosfield and Andrew Grosfield) for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to corner arm in SW 15-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,800 (108 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre) less \$5,000 (10 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$22,600. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:39 a.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

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.

9.05.1.3 Pivot Replacement w C/A – Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) – NW 11-15-14

- Current Assessment: 153 acres (116 wiper pivot, 37 flood)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm; 2 acres to be transferred to NE 02-15-14 W4M; keeping 19 acres outside pivot area
- New Assessment: 151 acres (116 pivot, 16 corner arm, 19 flood)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-074 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the transfer of 2 irrigation acres from NW 11-15-14 W4M, to NE 02-15-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-03-075 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) for the pivot replacement with corner arm in NW 11-15-14 W4M purchased for \$13,900. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,600 (116 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$9,500 (19 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$13,300. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05.1.4 Panel, Nozzles, Pump & C/A – Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) – NE 02-15-14

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 148 acres pivot; 2 acres transferred in (motion 2020-03-074)
- Installing: panel, nozzles, pump & corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (135 pivot, 13 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-03-076 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) for the panel, nozzles, pump and corner arm in NE 02-15-14 W4M purchased for \$87,725. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,600. Seconded by J. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.05.1.5 Corner Pivot – Tracy & Michele Hemsing – E ½ 11-15-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 282 acres (237 pivot, 14 flood field, 31 acres outside pivot areas)
- Converting: 13 acres flood to corner pivot (18 acres remain outside; 1 acre already received funding)
- Assessment remains the same at 282 acres (237 pivot, 14 flood field, 13 corner pivot, 18 outside)
- Pivot areas in NE parcel have reached their maximum grant funding

- 2020-03-077** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tracy & Michele Hemsing for the corner pivot in E ½ 11-15-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) less \$100 (previous grant) less \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-03-078** Moved by J. Hale that the deduction of \$500/acre applied December 2019 for NE 11-15-14 W4M be returned to Tracy & Michele Hemsing for 6 acres of new efficiencies; 6 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-03-079** Moved by J. Hale that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt SE 11-15-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Tracy & Michele Hemsing. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:47 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting; D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.05.1.6 Panel – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – NE 10-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 60 acres
- Current Assessment: 110 acres wiper pivot (6 transferred in, 41 acres purchased; 2 acres transferred and 1 acre purchased for general assessment)
- Installing: panel upgrade
- Assessment remains the same at 110 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2020-03-080** Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for the pivot panel in NE 10-21-15 W4M purchased for \$11,221. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$6,600 (66 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:49 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

9.05.1.7 Pump, Nozzles & C/A – Richard & Gail Volek – SW 28-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 149 acres (12 acres transferred in, motion 2019-09-248)
- Installing: corner arm and pivot replacement parts
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- 2020-03-081** Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Gail Volek for the pump, nozzles and corner arm in SW 28-16-13 W4M purchased for \$98,560. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$17,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-03-082** Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$200/acre applied September 2004 for SW 28-16-13 W4M be returned to Richard & Gail Volek for 7 acres of new efficiencies; 7 acres x \$200/aces = \$1,400. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.05.2 General Assessment Update

Over 90% of landowners have resolved assessment matters on their lands. Some landowners are currently in the process of reconciling their parcels and others will need to adjust their infrastructure as their projects cannot be approved for various reasons. For those who have made no attempt to reconcile their assessment, letters started to go out last week notifying landowners that there will be water shut-offs to the affected parcel(s).

[12:02 p.m. – 12:37 p.m. Lunch break.]

10.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

In follow up to a number of previous Board discussions, a proposed new Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented at February's meeting. This bylaw is intended for the remaining approximate 3,500 irrigation acres available before reaching the 311,000 expansion limit. After considerable discussion, a rate for up to 50 efficiency and infill acres (\$750) and exceeding 50 (\$1,750) were passed. Consensus was gained on several other points of the bylaw and 1st reading was approved.

The bylaw was presented at the March meeting showing confirmation of decisions and requested revisions from the previous meeting. Through further discussion, one last revision was requested prior to the 2nd reading.

2020-03-083 Moved by B. Chrumka that prior to 2nd reading of Bylaw #938 (2020), the presented revisions to the proposed bylaw be approved which:

- **increases the rate to convert from terminable acres to irrigation acres, from \$100/acre to \$250/acre;**
- **maintains the prior rates (\$300 and \$700) for any remaining General Assessment adjustments, until expiry deadline;**
- **sets the expiry deadline for prior General Assessment rates for April 30th, or June 30th if waiting on soils testing results;**
- **allows the 21 Farm Improvement or infill applications in queue, received by January 29, 2020, to be presented for approval at the bylaw rates at that time (\$300 and \$700);**
- **retains the 75/25 cost-share program for new infrastructure, but more closely defines the parameters;**
- **increases the minimum amount to qualify for a term payment loan, from \$2,500 to \$5,000;**
- **includes an annual review clause for the bylaw and rates; and**
- **increases the amount that the District will pay to purchase irrigation acres from \$1,000/acre to \$2,500/acre;**

And that the proposed bylaw be further amended by:

- **replacing 6.0(b)(iii) with "the District will provide the irrigator with a detailed written quote that shows the irrigator's share of the total project cost and, prior to the District purchasing any materials or commencing work on the project, the irrigator must agree, by signed agreement, to pay his share of the project cost to the District on or before the due date for payment of such cost as determined by the District."**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED

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

OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt

- 2020-03-084** Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #938 (2020) be read the second time this 9th day of March, 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. **CARRIED**
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt
- 2020-03-085** Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #938 (2020) being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Impose a Capital Assets Charge on Parcels that have Irrigation Acres Added to the Assessment Roll, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED**
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, T. Brummelhuis, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

11.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw (2020) had been presented and discussed with Directors over the last several months, receiving 1st and 2nd readings at the February meeting. This Bylaw replaces the "Increase in Irrigation Acres Policy (2018)", is also intended for the approx. 3,500 irrigation acres remaining and would need to be replaced with a new bylaw should a plebiscite be passed. The bylaw sets parameters for the process of approving increases, decreases or transfers of irrigation acres.

The bylaw was presented at the March meeting showing revisions pertaining to applications which involve irrigating a portion of County road allowances, with Admin and Staff responding to a number of questions.

- 2020-03-086** Moved by B. Chrumka that prior to 3rd reading of Bylaw #937 (2020), the presented revisions to the proposed bylaw be approved which:
- **allow for conditional approval of applications involving irrigating a portion of County of Newell road allowances, which would be fully satisfied upon the applicant obtaining written consent from the County.**
- Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2020-03-087** Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #937 (2020) being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rules and Procedures Governing an Application for an Increase or Decrease in Irrigation Acres and to an Application to Transfer Irrigation Acres, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Irrigation Acres Bylaw can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

12.0 Enquiry regarding Limiting the Terms for Directors

A Director stated that he is hearing comment on limiting the number of terms that a Director can hold on the Board, citing a district that has limitations in place. Admin reviewed that when this matter was brought up at an earlier AGM, advice from legal counsel was obtained which advised that it is not within a district's ability to set term limits; the IDA sets out who can be nominated and any district policy or bylaw would be an attempt to override that statute. Admin further advised that the district with limitations in place is not confident that they could hold up to a challenge.

[1:30 p.m. – 1:33 p.m. Short break.]

2020-03-088 Moved by T. Brummelhuis that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[2:02 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting, R. Gagley entered.]

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

8.05 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

14.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations

15.0 Staffing Update

16.0 Provincial Parks

2020-03-089 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by T. Brummelhuis. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

13.0 Farm Improvement Policy

Mr. Friesen requested a refocus on the Farm Improvement Policy, and any other policies as necessary, to realign any matters that are currently causing confusion between water users, staff and Directors. A review by Directors, with confirmation or adjustments of details, will give clear understanding to water users and enable staff to efficiently carry out their responsibilities. Directors were encouraged to bring back any policy matters for discussion. A Director requested to bring back the FI Policy along with the list of acceptable upgrades for discussion.

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

8.05 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

8.06 Snake Lake Reservoir

[2:35 p.m. – 2:37 p.m. Short break.]

8.02 Anderson Farms Ltd (Tim & Cathy Anderson)

A letter is to be forwarded to Anderson Farms Ltd. fully explaining the matter and including a breakdown of project costs.

14.0 AGM Agenda & Presentations

It was requested to make the following additions to the AGM agenda:

- Greetings from the provincial government via Nate Horner, MLA for Drumheller-Stettler
- Capital Assets Charges Table

It was also suggested to forward a letter to the current Minister of Environment & Parks regarding the Bassano Spur Ditch.

15.0 Staffing Update

16.0 Provincial Parks

Direction given to Admin and Staff.

Continuation of the Agenda

8.0 Engineering cont'd.

8.04 Project for Further Review – 01-C Springhill cont'd.

Engineering Staff presented the reworked capital recovery surcharge amounts during the in-camera portion of the meeting. It was directed that these amounts be presented to the affected irrigators.

~~2020-03-090 Moved by B. Chrumka that irrigation customers who will be served by the proposed 01-C Springhill pressure pipeline replacement project be advised, if this project is constructed:~~

- ~~• Each customer served by the project will pay a capital surcharge, as detailed below, in each year for 30 years following completion of the project:~~
 - ~~○ for each irrigation acre, acre subject to a terminable agreement, acre subject to an annual agreement or acre subject to a conveyance agreement, the surcharge will be \$11.50 per acre; and~~
 - ~~○ for each household purposes agreement, rural water use agreement or other purposes agreement, the surcharge will be \$300.00 per agreement.~~
- ~~• The above noted capital surcharges will be charged in addition to any other rate, fee, surcharge or other charge that may be applicable including the operation and maintenance surcharge and the electricity surcharge.~~

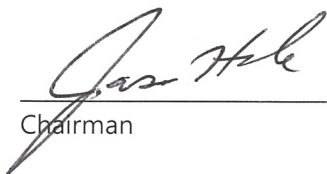
~~Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-06-193]~~

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 10 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.02 | Nominations Close – Div 1 & 5 | - Wednesday, March 11 th , 5:00 p.m. |

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| <p>17.03 Meeting with Minister McIver</p> <p>17.04 Election – Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier)</p> <p>17.05 Organizational & Regular Meetings</p> <p>17.06 2020 AIDA Inter-District Tour</p> | <p>- Wed, March 11th, 1:30 p.m., McDougall Centre, Calgary
<i>[MLA Glasgo & Bow Bloc Reps]</i></p> <p>- Tues., April 7th, Rainier Comm., Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>- Tuesday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>- Wednesday, June 3rd, United Irrigation District</p> |
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T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:25 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager

April 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3rd of April 2020.

Those present in the boardroom were:

Mr. Ross Owen	Chair	[Division 3]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	
Mr. Kevin Bridges	Assistant GM – Corporate Serv.	
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Those connected on Teams call were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
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 2:08 p.m.

1.0 2020 Election Date Postponement Bylaw

I. Friesen referenced the email sent to Directors earlier that day that, received April 2, 2020 from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry, whereby the Department advised due to the current public health emergency for COVID-19 and concern over unnecessary exposure of people to COVID-19, the Ministry will be cancelling the requirement for irrigation districts to hold an election for the duration of the public health crisis. Irrigation districts could postpone an election for at least until the public health emergency is over.

To aid discussion and for the Board's consideration, a draft bylaw was included in the email which could act on this temporary option being granted, summarized in paragraph 3:

3. *The election, scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 pursuant to Bylaw 933 (2019), is hereby postponed until the public health emergency is no longer in effect at which time the District will comply with advice from the Ministry of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry with respect to holding the election.*

Board consensus allowed T. Brummelhuis, incumbent candidate for Division 5, a moment for comment prior to disconnecting. R. Owen advised that he informed Don Jacobson, additional candidate for Division 5, of this meeting and conveyed comment to the Board from him as well.

[2:15 p.m. T. Brummelhuis declared a pecuniary interest and disconnected from the meeting.]

Time was taken for each Director to present their opinion on holding or postponing the election, ask questions of Admin and comment on any concerns. Some discussion also focused on occupying the Division 5 seat and a possible election date, should the election be postponed.

2020-04-091 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #939 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Further discussion was held on provisions and restrictions of the *Irrigation Districts Act* and the *Local Authorities Election Act*, which govern irrigation district elections.

Motion 2020-04-091 was seconded by B. Chrumka.

Mr. Friesen advised that for procedural compliance to the Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw, a motion to approve absentee votes is required.

2020-04-092 Moved by J. Hale that Absentee Votes be allowed for the purposes of voting on the proposed "2020 Election Date Postponement Bylaw". Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Owen called for a vote on motion 2020-04-091.

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer

OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing

Motion 2020-04-091 was DEFEATED

Mr. Owen and Mr. Friesen confirmed that a tie vote is a defeated vote and that as the bylaw did not receive readings for approval the election in Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier) scheduled for April 7, 2020 will go ahead as planned.

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:52 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

April 14, 2020 Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and a regular meeting on the 14th day of April, 2020. 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 Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director [Division 3]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assistant GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director [Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director [Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director [Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director [Division 7]		

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

1.0 Elections**1.01 Election of Chair**

I. Friesen congratulated the newly acclaimed and elected Directors, stepped in as chair and called for nominations for Board Chair.

2020-04-093 Moved by T. Hemsing that J. Hale be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second time.

2020-04-094 Moved by D. Peltzer that R. Owen be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Owen declined the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a third time. As no further nominations were accepted, J. Hale was elected Chair.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chair

J. Hale assumed the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

2020-04-095 Moved by B. Schmidt that T. Hemsing be nominated for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Hale called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were placed, T. Hemsing was elected Vice-Chair.

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

T. Hemsing was appointed as AIDA Representative; D. Peltzer will act as Alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer will continue as PCF Representative.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

J. Hale will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schmidt will continue as JSSC Representative; D. Jacobson will act as Alternate.

2.06 MHC, Brooks Campus – Advisory Committee

D. Jacobson was appointed as MHC, Brooks Campus Advisory Committee Representative.

2.07 Scholarship Selection Committee

All Directors and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.08 Watershed & Storage Committee

All Directors and I. Friesen are included on the Watershed & Storage Committee.

2.09 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt was appointed as NRTA Representative.

2020-04-096 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

It was requested that the Board develop an EID vision statement and mission statement, and that a resource person be brought in for a governance training session for Directors, administration and staff. It was also asked that the AGM item be addressed after Business Arising, rather than at the end of the meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.02 Water Delivery Date
- 8.02 EIDNet Fibre Project
- 9.01.1.1 Letters from Cor4 Oil Corp and Black Spur Oil Corp
- 11.0 Letter from Blaine Johnson
- 12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir

The following item was deferred to the May meeting:

- Farm Improvement Policy

2020-04-097 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 9, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-04-098 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 April 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-04-099 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 3, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

10.0 Annual General Meeting

I. Friesen reviewed that at the March 10, 2020 Annual General Meeting, a motion was put forward by Wyatt Gutfriend, seconded by Tom Parker, to voice record the regular Directors meetings and post on the District website. A portion of the audience voted, resulting in 26 in favour and 13 opposed to the motion. Directors held a short discussion and Admin advised of the practicalities in facilitating the audio recording.

**2020-04-100 Moved by B. Schmidt that the EID monthly Board of Director Meetings be voice recorded and posted un-edited to the District website, so the public can hear the full discussions of the meetings. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, T. Hemsing, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen**

A Director requested that in response to Wayne Slenders' questions on District bylaw procedures, a summary explanation be placed on the website that explains the authority through the *Irrigation Districts Act, sec. 177* for irrigation districts to make bylaws. It was further suggested that this summary could also include a comment on the Board's responsibilities, differences between bylaw and policy development, and a comment regarding how the District's governance model works.

A Director brought back the comments heard at the AGM of the seasonal water transfer pilot project. Mr. Friesen reviewed that participation in transferring acre inch allocations across a farm link would require a maximum 18" average, not 24". The purpose of the pilot project is to obtain water user feedback and to test the water ordering and recording processes that would need to be modified to enable accurate water transfers. Although a couple individuals have indicated their willingness to

participate, Directors are to let I. Friesen know of any other water users which may be interested in this pilot project.

Lastly, for future AGMs, a Director suggested that questions from the floor either be directed to a particular director, or that the meeting Chair directs the question to a particular director or individual.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Meeting with the Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Transportation and Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat

Michaela Glasgo – MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat facilitated a meeting with the Hon. Ric McIver – Minister of Transportation in Calgary on March 11th to discuss water storage options in the Bow Basin. Joining B. Chrumka was Richard Phillips – BRID GM, David McAllister – WID GM and Ray Kettenbach – WID Chair. An overview of all water storage opportunities was given, with a focus on Eyremore, Snake Lake and Delacour as the top 3 ranked projects. At her request, Mr. Friesen will be forwarding the presentation to MLA Glasgo for her distribution to other MLAs.

2020-04-101 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:59 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

10:00 a.m. Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decomm. Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

[10:26 a.m. H. & T. Brauer entered the meeting.]

[11:05 a.m. H. & T. Brauer exited the meeting.]

11:30 a.m. Paul Barg, Sandy Bartman, Doug Barg – 01-C Springhill

[11:47 a.m. – 11:52 a.m. Short break; P. Barg, D. Barg, S. Bartman and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

[1:02 p.m. P. Barg, D. Barg and S. Bartman exited the meeting.]

[1:09 p.m. Short break; R. Gagly and J. Kabut exited the meeting; R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered.]

1:15 p.m. JBS Conference Call – Request for Emergency Discharge

[1:15 p.m. David Colwell – President of JBS Canada ULC; Celio Fritche – General Manager of JBS plant, Brooks; Cecilia Quintana Baez – Environmental Engineering Manager, Brooks; and Pat Gummeson – General Manager, MCF Feedyards joined the meeting via conference call.]

[1:40 p.m. D. Colwell, C. Fritche, C. Quintana Baez and P. Gummeson disconnected.]

01-C Springhill cont'd.

2020-04-102 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

10:00 a.m. Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decomm. Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

Mr. Brauer will forward a letter to the Board outlining his specific requests.

11:30 a.m. Paul Barg, Sandy Bartman, Doug Barg – 01-C Springhill

After reconvening, a motion was carried under the Engineering Report.

1:15 p.m. JBS Conference Call – Request for Emergency Discharge

A letter from the Board will be forwarded to JBS Food Canada confirming the District's willingness to work with their request.

[2:14 p.m. – 2:34 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek and N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

Continuation of the Agenda

5.0 Operations

5.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow Basin are holding above or slightly below the upper quartile, with no drop recorded as of April 9th.

5.02 Review of Water Delivery Date

Due to diversion gates, canals and much of the infrastructure being frozen or full of snow, the May 8th date for earliest water delivery will be re-evaluated next week. Notice will be given to water users of the possibility of the date being delayed in some areas.

[2:49 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

01-C Springhill cont'd.

Discussion continued from the in-camera portion of the meeting. Motion ~~2020-03-090~~ [rescinded by motion 2020-06-193] from the March 9th Meeting was upheld and included in the following motion which proposes 2 options for the 01-C Springhill rehabilitation. The water users must agree to the same option, either closed gravity pipeline or pressure pipeline, for supply of materials and to permit the project to be built as scheduled during the 2020/2021 construction year.

~~2020-04-103 Moved by B. Chrumka that the rehabilitation of 01-C Springhill be approved for:~~

- ~~• a closed gravity pipeline system for an estimated project cost of \$5,202,000; to be funded under the capital works program:

 - ~~○ with no cost to the landowners; or~~~~
- ~~• a pressure pipeline system for an estimated \$5,012,000; to be funded under the capital works program:

 - ~~○ with the capital costs for the pumps and controls being recovered through the following surcharge and fees:

 - ~~• each customer served by the project will pay an additional surcharge and fee, as detailed below, in each year for 30 years following completion of the project:

 - ~~• for each irrigation acre, acre subject to a terminable agreement, or acre subject to an annual agreement, the surcharge will be \$11.50 per acre;~~
 - ~~• for each acre subject to a water conveyance agreement, the fee will be equivalent to \$11.50 per acre of irrigated land; and~~
 - ~~• for each household purposes agreement, rural water use agreement or other purposes agreement, the fee will be \$300.00 per agreement;~~~~
 - ~~○ the above-noted surcharge and fees will be charged in addition to any other rate, fee, surcharge or other charge that may be applicable including the operation and maintenance surcharge and the electricity surcharge.~~~~~~

~~Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-06-193]~~

Mr. Gagley will notify the water users of the Board's decision for rehabbing the system. Their decision will be brought to the May meeting.

6.01 Project Status

The 2019/2020 construction season is nearing completion with all capital projects in the ground and ready to run water. There is still a fair amount of cleanup on all large projects which is normal. Crews will finalize cleanup as the weather permits.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal	- 100% complete, final cleanup remains
PIPELINE	
E North Bantry	- 100% complete, final cleanup remains
U-02 Tilley Extension	- 100% complete, final cleanup remains
STRUCTURES	
19/20 Structure Program	- 60% complete
IRP PROJECT	
EARTHWORKS	
06 Bow Slope	- 100% complete

6.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gord Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – Sec 13-16-16 W4M

South Slope Feeders Ltd is proposing to convert Sec 13-16-16 W4M from flood to 4 corner arm pivots on the 06 Bow Slope pipeline project. The previous owner agreed to a reduction in flow, allowing the pipeline to be sized for pivots and not flood. Upon completion, these conversions qualify for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy for reduced costs to construction, and water efficiencies, at the time of a District rehabilitation project.

2020-04-104 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for South Slope Feeders Ltd for converting from flood to pivot in Sec 13-16-16 W4M at the time of the 06 Bow Slope pipeline project. The total grant payable to the Landowner is 4 x \$20,000 = \$80,000. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.03 Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson)
- S ½ 22-15-15 W4M**

S & K Farms Ltd is purchasing S ½ 22-15-15 W4M and is requesting that a pipeline lateral be installed for S ½ 22-15-15 W4M, removing 3 deliveries off the existing canal. Moving the delivery source to the pipeline would allow future savings for the District of approx. \$224,000 in automation and check structure costs. This project qualifies for an infrastructure grant under the Farm Improvement Policy, for improvement or reduction to the District's infrastructure on the Landowner's timeline. The pipeline is estimated to cost \$67,085; of which the EID by policy would pay 50/50 up to \$15,000 per quarter.

**2020-04-105 Moved by D. Peltzer that as per policy, and subject to the land transfer, the Board approve the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant for S & K Farms Ltd in S ½ 22-15-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to \$15,000 per quarter EID share. The total project cost is \$67,085; of which the EID will pay \$30,000 and the Landowner will pay \$37,085. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson**

[3:33 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting; N. Lassiter entered.]

7.0 Financial Report

K. Bridges and N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Financial Statements to February 29, 2020

N. Lassiter presented the financial statements to February 29, 2020, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$20.46 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$11.81 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.65 million.

2020-04-106 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to February 29, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy

K. Bridges recommended that the Financial Services Supervisor be designated as a signing officer of the Eastern Irrigation District to fulfil the position's duties and responsibilities. The current signing officers of the District are the Chair, Vice-Chair, General Manager, Assistant General Manager(s), and

Manager of Special Projects. A draft Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy was presented with this addition for review.

2020-04-107 Moved by R. Owen that the Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Investment Policy

A draft Investment Policy was also presented for review with the addition of Financial Services Supervisor included under the Portfolio Decision Making section.

2020-04-108 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Investment Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04 Investment Account Resolution

It was recommended to approve the following resolution to support the Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy and Investment Policy revisions.

2020-04-109 Moved by D. Peltzer that one or more accounts in the name of the Eastern Irrigation District be opened and maintained with each of:

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

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

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

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

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

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.05 Bank of Nova Scotia Banking Resolution

And particular to the Bank of Nova Scotia, approving the following resolution is required to support the Signing Officers & Officers of the Corporation Policy and Investment Policy revisions.

2020-04-110 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	Financial Services Supervisor

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	Financial Services Supervisor

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 B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:54 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet

K. Bridges and R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

Since the beginning of March bandwidth per tower has increased 41.3% on average. This demand is due to many people working from home and students doing remote learning using applications that have a much higher demand for bandwidth. Although some adjustments had to be made to sectors in order to accommodate the increase in bandwidth, the network overall has been able to handle the increased demand. However, a moratorium on installs and upgrades is still in place for Duchess and Rosemary, those areas seeing the effects of the draw on the service in system hesitations and retries. Customer waiting lists for those areas are being maintained. Engineering of a fibre path between Brooks, One Tree, Duchess and Rosemary towers is in progress. Agreements have been sent out to landowners and negotiations are ongoing.

1 st QUARTER EIDNET REPORT	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	63
Residential Accounts	1,710
Business Accounts	21
EID Automation	4
Total	1,798

8.02 Fibre Project

At the beginning of the meeting D. Jacobson requested that the EIDNet fibre project be added to the agenda. A review of the project will be brought to the May meeting.

[3:58 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.01.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary – October 1, 2019 to April 9, 2020

Mr. Fontaine responded to questions and presented the Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary as follows. A definite downturn in activity had occurred prior to COVID-19; it has slowed even more so since.

Oil & Gas Activity Report	
New Activity – October 1, 2019 to April 4, 2020	
New Locations	13
Twinned Wells	4
Total	17

Pipelines	16.28 acres or 2.73 miles
Seismic Permits	2 programs completed in late fall
Abandoned & Reclaimed – October 1, 2019 to April 4, 2020	
Abandonment Notifications	30 (11 Torxen, 8 CNRL, 6 Bonavista, 5 Cardinal)
Abandoned Twinned Wells	3 (3 Torxen)
Reclamation Certificates	11 (5 CNRL, 2 Cor4, 4 Torxen)
Canceled Locations	-

9.01.1.1 Letters from Cor4 Oil Corp and Black Spur Oil Corp

Letters were received from Cor4 Oil Corp. and Blackspur Oil Corp. requesting a 15% decrease in surface lease compensation payments. These requests, current and foreseeable industry activity, impact to area private landowners, District consultant's advice, and application results through the Surface Rights Board were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to not accept the proposals.

9.01.2 County Land Purchase – NW 08-19-11 W4M

This item was brought back from the January meeting. The County of Newell is offering for sale a 10 acre parcel of land in NW 08-19-11 W4M received through tax recovery. The parcel is a reclaimed well site, located within the Patricia Grazing Association. The County is now offering to sell the parcel for \$1.00 and receive a credit of 10 acres on future land acquisitions with the District. To complete the sale with no credit reservation, the following motion was carried.

2020-04-111 Moved by T. Hemsing that the District purchase the 10 acre parcel of land in NW 08-19-11 W4M from the County of Newell for \$2,470/acre = \$24,700. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – D. Peltzer

9.01.3 Campgrounds Update

Due to the provincial rules and recommendations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, EID administration and staff have chosen to close the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and corresponding 2020 seasonal camping draw. The campground will remain closed until the Alberta Government or the Chief Medical Officer of Health have deemed campgrounds safe to open. If this occurs during the 2020 camping season, RHRC will be open for daily camping only. Crawling Valley Recreation Society has chosen to follow the direction of the EID. RHRC managers and summer students will remain employed during the closure working on regular campground maintenance and improvement projects; summer students will assist at CVC as well. It is anticipated to have the boat launches at both campgrounds open and monitored by staff to prevent random watercraft access to the reservoirs. Increased surveillance of shorelines has been requested of County Constables; staff are also evaluating additional signage. N. Fontaine advised that the province has closed public access to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and boat launch, however Lake Newell Resort Marina will be open.

[4:22 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.02.1 GAC Recommendations

To facilitate the regular spring Grazing Advisory Committee meeting, agenda items needing input were forwarded to GAC reps for them to give direction and finalize preparation of the 2020 grazing season. Responses were received from all 10 grazing associations.

9.02.1.1 Set Turn-Out Date

With the cool spring, it is anticipated that pasture growth will be 1-2 weeks delayed although moisture received should allow normal growth for the beginning of the season. GAC consensus was to allow May 1st and May 15th turn-out dates, with Associations delaying entry as applicable to conditions in their areas. The May 1st date is to allow grazing of Russian Rye regrass areas that are most suitably grazed at the earlier part of the season.

2020-04-112 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 1st and for native pasture be May 15th. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.1.2 Review Maximum Grazing Listing per Member

At the December meeting, the following motion was carried:

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*

Associations have reviewed pasture conditions, seeing potential spring pasture growth to be near normal and current placements of cattle as acceptable for the 2020 season, based on the 70 head maximum listing. Board consensus supported this recommendation.

9.02.1.3 Proposed Reseeding Project – Newell Grazing

At the December GAC meeting, a potential reseeded project for Newell Grazing was discussed. This 1,720 acre parcel located in Pt W ½ 25, Sec 26, Sec 35 & W ½ 36-16-14 W4M was initially seeded in the 1970's. Over the last several years the grass production has been very low and grazing is limited. The mainly Russian Rye grass stand is only palatable for a brief time early in the spring and late in the fall. Consensus was favourable to consider the project, subject to a review of the costs and reseeded plan at the spring GAC meeting. After a review of the information this spring, GAC reps supported proposing the reseeded project to the Board; estimated project cost of \$230,000. It was further recommended that a portion, or all, of the Internally Restricted Fund for Pasture Development (\$166,354.00) be utilized, as this project was not included in the 2019/2020 budget.

Through Board discussion it was agreed to approve the project, fully utilize the Internally Restricted Fund for Pasture Development, with the balance and corresponding amortization to be recovered through the Community Grazing Rate. Amortization of the Fund allotment will be recovered through the District's general revenue. The following pasture blend will be used, with some introduction of Milkvetch once available.

Pasture Blend

- 61% Meadow Bromegrass
- 20% Pubescent Wheatgrass
- 19% Tall Fescue
- 1 lb/acre Annual Ryegrass

2020-04-113 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Newell Grazing pasture reseeding project to reseed 1,720 acres in Pt W ½ 25, Sec 26, Sec 35 & W ½ 36-16-14 W4M for an estimated project cost of \$230,000; with all funds from the Internally Restricted Fund for Pasture Development being applied to the project cost. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:42 p.m. – 4:46 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.03.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2020

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2020	302,168	3,637	39	15	305,859
March 31, 2020	303,075	3,637	39	15	306,766
Net increase	907	0	0	0	907
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)					909
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 306,727 irrigation acres are on the roll, and 39 irrigation acres are currently under Annual Agreement.

9.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.03.2.1 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 through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 319,122 >
April (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 48,300 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 684,930

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$702,220 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$564,550.

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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 2 year retroactive basis; with any approvals based on the grant values at the time of installation.

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

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

9.03.2.2 Flood to Pivot – C & L Beasley Cattle (2014) Ltd (Carl Beasley and Lee Beasley)
– E ½ 17-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 162 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 136 acres flood (26 acres transferred out for general assessment)
- Converting: 130 acres flood to pivot; keeping 6 acres outside the pivot area
- New Assessment: 136 acres (130 pivot, 6 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-04-114 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for C & L Beasley Cattle (2014) Ltd. for the conversion of 130 acres flood to pivot in E ½ 17-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$10,000. 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.

9.03.2.3 Pump & Nozzles – Anchor H Farms Ltd (Herbe & Holly Torkelson) – Pt SW 26-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 89 acres (83 wiper pivot, 6 outside)
- Installing: pump & nozzles; keeping 6 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 89 acres (83 wiper pivot, 6 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-04-115 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Anchor H Farms Ltd for the pump and nozzles upgrade in Pt SW 26-20-15 W4M purchased for \$13,087. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,300 (83 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.4 Pivot Replacement – Ronald & Michelle Gietz – W ½ 12-18-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 180 acres (134 pivot, 46 flood)
- Installing: pivot replacement; 46 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 180 acres (134 pivot, 46 flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-04-116 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ronald & Michelle Gietz for the pivot replacement in W ½ 12-18-14 W4M purchased for \$98,565. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.5 Corner Pivot – Richard & Esther Wiens – Pt S ½ 11-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 89 acres (74 wiper pivot, 15 corner)
- Installing: corner pivot; keeping 2 acres outside pivot areas
- Assessment remains the same at 89 acres (74 wiper pivot, 13 corner pivot, 2 outside)
- Pivot areas have reached maximum grant funding

2020-04-117 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Richard & Esther Wiens for the corner pivot in Pt S ½ 11-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$8,100. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres – Applications **RECEIVED BY** January 29, 2020

Complete Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications Received by January 29, 2020

Conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$100/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$300/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$700/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$700/acre.

9.03.2.6 Brad & Lisa Calvert – NW 15-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 30 acres
- Current Assessment: 33 acres wiper pivot (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: 60 acre pivot; 60 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot on E ½ 20-17-16 W4M; 146 acres x 1.5 = 73 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 93 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to soil testing requirements and parcel being served from existing #6041 turnout in NE 15

2020-04-118 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Brad & Lisa Calvert for 60 new acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivot on E ½ 20-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$42,000 (60 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.7 Chinook Cattle Co Inc (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – various

The Landowner has converted 6 various parcels from flood and wheels to pivot and is requesting that all acres outside of all pivots be transferred to complete various projects. Operations has no concerns.

2020-04-119 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of:

- **4 acres from NE 24-20-14 W4M to SE 23-20-14 W4M;**
- **4 acres from NW 19-20-13 W4M to SW 24-20-14 W4M;**

- **3 acres from NW 02-21-14 W4M to NW 24-20-14 W4M; and**
 - **45 acres from NE 24-20-14 W4M to NW 24-20-14 W4M.**
- all lands being owned by Chinook Cattle Co Inc. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Pt SE 23, SW 24, NW 24 & NE 24-20-14

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (11 acres transferred in, motion 2020-04-119)
- Proposal: 3 small wiper pivots; 66 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 667 acres flood and wheels to pivot (6 various locations); 667 acres x various = 234 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 199 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: finalization of conversion acres required by April 30, 2021

2020-04-120 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Chinook Cattle Co Inc for 66 infill and new acres, gained through conversion efficiencies from flood and wheels to pivot on various locations. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (50 acres x \$300/acre) + \$11,200 (12 acres x \$700/acre) = \$26,200. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-04-121 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SE 23, SW 24, NW 24 & NE 24-20-14; all lands being owned by Chinook Cattle Co Inc. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.8 Adam Douglass – NW 17-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 125 acres
- Current Assessment: 128 acres wiper pivot (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 17 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot

2020-04-122 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Adam Douglass for 17 infill acres on NW 17-23-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,100 (17 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.9 John & Molly Douglass – NE 18-24-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 120 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: move pivot stop; 2 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 122 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-04-123 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Molly Douglass for 2 infill acres on NE 18-24-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$600 (2 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.10 Brody Ketchmark – SE 35-17-17 W4M and John & Teena Ketchmark – NW 29-17-16 W4MSE 35-17-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 123 acres flood and wheels
- Converting: 115 acres flood and wheels to pivot; (8 acres to be transferred to NW 29-17-16 W4M, Operations has no concerns)
- New Assessment: 115 acres, all under wiper pivot
- After transfer, parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-04-124 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brody Ketchmark for the conversion of 115 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SE 35-17-17 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,500 (115 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-04-125 Moved by R. Owen that upon the land transfer of NW 29-17-16 W4M to Brody Ketchmark, the Board approve the transfer of 8 irrigation acres from SE 35-17-17 W4M, lands being owned by Brody Ketchmark, to NW 29-17-16 W4M, lands currently being owned by John & Teena Ketchmark. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NW 29-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 8 acres flood (8 acres transferred in, motion 2020-04-125)
- Proposal: 51 acre wiper pivot; 43 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood and wheels to pivot (115 acres in SE 35-17-17 W4M and 8 acres in NW 29-17-16 W4M); $123 \text{ acres} \times 1.35 = 43$ conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 51 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to land transfer

2020-04-126 Moved by B. Schmidt that upon the land transfer of NW 29-17-16 W4M to Brody Ketchmark, the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 43 new acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood and wheels to pivots in SE 35-17-17 W4M and NW 29-17-16 W4. The capital assets charge is \$30,100 (43 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.11 Frederick (Norman) & Sheila Musgrove – SE 31-20-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 84 acres (51 south pivot, 33 flood)
- Proposal: 66 acre wiper pivot; 33 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot; $33 \text{ acres} \times 1.4 = 13$ conversion acres allowable; 20 infill acres needed
- New Assessment: 117 acres, all under pivot (51 south pivot, 66 north wiper pivot)

2020-04-127 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Frederick (Norman) & Sheila Musgrove for 13 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot in SE 31-20-12 W4M, plus 20 infill acres. The capital assets charge is \$9,900 (33 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.12 Carl Scheibner – S ½ 07-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 182 acres wheels and flood
- Current Assessment: 193 acres (11 acres added through the general assessment)
- Proposal: 251 acre wiper pivot; 58 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: wheels and flood to pivot; $182 \text{ acres} \times 1.35 = 64$ conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 251 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to soils testing requirements and delivery off North Branch

2020-04-128 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Carl Scheibner for 58 efficiency acres gained through conversion from wheels and flood to pivot in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (50 acres x \$300/acre) + \$5,600 (8 acres x \$700/acre) = \$20,600. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.13 Cliff Sewall – SE 22-18-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 78 acres
- Current Assessment: 89 acres flood (11 acres added in 1982)
- Proposal: 136 acre pivot; 47 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot; $89 \text{ acres} \times 1.35 = 31$ conversion acres allowable; 16 infill acres needed
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under pivot

2020-04-129 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cliff Sewall for 31 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot in SE 22-18-16 W4M, plus 16 infill acres. The capital assets charge is \$14,100 (47 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.14 Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 112 acres pivot
- Proposal: infill of existing pivot; 20 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 132 acres, all under pivot

2020-04-130 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Justin Tateson for 20 infill acres in NW 04-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (20 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.15 Clifford & Melanie Walde – S ½ 13-22-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 126 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 31 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 157 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: project finalization required by April 30, 2021

2020-04-131 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Clifford & Melanie Walde for 31 infill acres in S ½ 13-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,300 (31 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.16 Donald & Karen Walde – Pt NW 09-23-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 37 acres flood
- Proposal: 65 acre wiper pivot; 28 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot; $37 \text{ acres} \times 1.35 = 13$ conversion acres allowable; 15 infill acres needed
- New Assessment: 65 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: project finalization required by April 30, 2021

2020-04-132 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Donald & Karen Walde for 13 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot in Pt NW 09-23-16 W4M, plus 15 infill acres. The capital assets charge is \$8,400 (47 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.17 Cole Webb – NE 19-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 91 acres (2 acres returned for subdivision consent)
- Current Assessment: 89 acres wheels
- Proposal: 106 acre pivot; 17 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: wheels to pivot; $70 \text{ acres} \times 1.15 = 10$ conversion acres allowable
flood to pivot; $19 \text{ acres} \times 1.5 = 9$ conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 106 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: project finalization required by April 30, 2021

2020-04-133 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cole Webb for 17 efficiency acres gained through conversion from wheels and flood to pivot in NE 19-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$5,100 (17 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.18 Lawrence Wiebe – SW 21-21-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 122 acres flood
- Proposal: 134 acre pivot; 12 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot; $122 \text{ acres} \times 1.4 = 49$ conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 134 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: project finalization required by April 30, 2021

2020-04-134 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Lawrence Wiebe for 12 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot in SW 21-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,600 (12 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.19 Albert & Frieda Zagorsky and Mark Zagorsky – NW 11-18-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 11 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 149 acres, all under pivot

2020-04-135 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Albert & Frieda Zagorsky and Mark Zagorsky for 11 infill acres in NW 11-18-14 W4M. The

capital assets charge is \$3,300 (11 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.20 Alex & Ellen Zagorsky – SE 24-17-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 131 acres flood
- Proposal: 145 acre corner arm pivot; 14 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 131 acres x 1.22 = 29 acres allowable
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-04-136 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Alex & Ellen Zagorsky for 14 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot in SE 24-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,200 (14 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres – Applications **RECEIVED AFTER** January 29, 2020

Complete Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications Received After January 29, 2020

Conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

9.03.2.21 Carter & Darlene Curran – NE 27-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 43 acres wiper pivot
- Current Assessment: 45 acres (2 acres added through general assessment)
- Proposal: moving pivot stop; 31 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 76 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to soils testing requirements

2020-04-137 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Carter & Darlene Curran for 31 infill acres in NE 27-19-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$23,250 (31 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.22 Garry & Jerri Fletcher – NW 16-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 50 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 89 acres (25 acres added through conversion and 14 transferred)
- Proposal: moving pivot stop; 24 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 113 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to retesting 15 acres of 5R soils in 2025/2030

2020-04-138 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Garry & Jerri Fletcher for 24 infill acres in NW 16-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,000 (24 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.23 Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht – NE 17-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 19 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 155 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-04-139 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht for 19 infill acres in NE 17-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$14,250 (19 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.24 Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht – SE 18-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 10 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 143 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-04-140 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht for 10 infill acres in SE 18-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,500 (10 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.25 Nels & Betty Pedersen, Derek Pedersen – S ½ 02-15-15 W4M, N ½ 13 & SE 24-16-16 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer all acres outside of the pivots on SE 24-15-16 W4M and S ½ 02-15-15 W4M to NW 13-15-16 W4M for a proposed pivot. Operations has no concerns.

2020-04-141 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of:

- **6 acres from SE 24-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Nels & Betty Pedersen and Derek Pedersen; and**
- **2 acres from S ½ 02-15-15 W4M, lands being owned by Nels Pedersen and Derek Pedersen to N ½ 13-15-16 W4M, lands being owned by Nels & Betty Pedersen and Derek Pedersen. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Previous Assessment: 55 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 63 acres flood (8 acres transferred in, motion 2020-04-141)
- Proposal: 89 acre pivot; 26 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot, 63 acres x 1.4 = 25 conversion acres allowable; 1 infill acre needed
- New Assessment: 89 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to soils testing requirements

2020-04-142 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Nels & Betty Pedersen and Derek Pedersen for 25 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivot, plus 1 infill acre in N ½ 13-15-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$19,500 (26 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.26 South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gordon Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham)

Sec 13-16-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 504 acres flood
- Proposal: 4 quarter section, corner arm pivots; 98 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 504 acres x (various ratings) = 231 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 602 acres, all under corner arm pivots
- Notes: no assessment will be placed over the yard in NE 13

2020-04-143 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 98 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to pivots in Sec 13-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$73,500 (98 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NW 24-16-16 W4M and NE 02-17-16 W4M

The Landowners are requesting that 16 irrigation acres outside the pivot in NW 24-16-16 W4M be transferred to NE 02-17-16 W4M for a proposed corner arm pivot. Operations has no concerns.

2020-04-144 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 16 acres from NW 24-16-16 W4M, lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd to NE 02-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Ventures Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.27 Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – **NE 02-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 1 acre (from pivot in NW 02)
- Current Assessment: 17 acres (16 acres transferred in, motion 2020-04-144)
- Proposal: 154 acre corner arm pivot; 137 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to pivot, 16 acres x 1.4 = 6 conversion acres allowable, plus 133 allowable acres remaining from conversion acres in Sec 13-16-16 W4M
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-04-145 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Graham Ventures Ltd for 137 new acres gained through conversion efficiencies from flood to pivots in Sec 13-16-16 W4M and NE 02-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$239,750 (137 acres x \$1,750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.28 Erik & Cornelia Versteegen – NE 06-15-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot
- Proposal: corner arm addition; 10 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-04-146 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Erik & Cornelia Versteegen for 10 infill acres in NE 06-15-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,500 (10 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.3 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Brooks Solar Corp – Pt SW 03-19-14 W4M to 1719660 AB Ltd (Hendrik Pastink, Gerrit Van Asch, Berend Van Dijk) – NE 28-18-15 W4M

As Pt SW 03-19-14 W4M was purchased and rezoned to Commercial Industrial, the District notified the landowner, Brooks Solar Corp, that the 9 terminable acres were being cancelled and directed that the remaining 45 acres on the parcel be removed. Brooks Solar Corp has found a purchaser and is requesting that the 45 acres be transferred to 1719660 Alberta Ltd for a proposed pivot in NE 28-18-15 W4M, which is currently dry. Operations has no concerns.

2020-04-147 Moved by T. Hemsing that subject to pivot stops in place and pivot survey, the Board approve the transfer of 45 acres from SW 03-19-14 W4M, lands being owned by Brooks Solar Corp to NE 28-18-15 W4M, lands being owned by 1719660 AB Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.4 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – Pt NW 25, north Pt SW 25 & south Pt SW 25-16-13 W4M

An Irrigable Unit is currently registered on Pt NW 25 & north Pt SW 25-16-13 W4M for an existing pivot. As the pivot swings into south Pt SW 25, the existing Irrigable Unit needs to be discharged and a new one registered on all portions.

2020-04-148 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Pt NW 25 & north Pt SW 25-16-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-04-149 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt NW 25, north Pt SW 25 & south Pt SW 25-16-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.5 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – Endersby Cattle Co Ltd (Sandra Beekman, Richard Beekman, Dan Endersby, Dianna Endersby, David Lyren, Bobbi-Jo Lyren, Donna Morishita, Bradly Morishita)- various

An Irrigable Unit is currently registered on Sec 34, SE 33 & Pt NE 28-20-17 W4M for 2 existing pivots. As these pivots encroach into N ½ 27, the existing Irrigable Unit needs to be discharged and a new one registered on all affected parcels.

2020-04-150 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on Sec 34, SE 33 & Pt NE 28-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by Endersby Cattle Co Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-04-151 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 34, SE 33, Pt NE 28, NW 27 & NE 27-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by Endersby Cattle Co Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[5:43 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2020-04-152 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Letter from Blaine Johnson**12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir****13.0 SolarKrafte**

2020-04-152 Moved by T. Hemsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**11.0 Letter from Blaine Johnson**

A letter from Blaine Johnson was reviewed.

12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir

Consensus was gained on direction for Directors and Admin.

13.0 SolarKrafte

Confirmation of direction was given to Admin. Directors requested that SolarKrafte be asked to present to the Board.

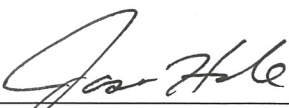
Continuation of the Agenda**14.0 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – 2019 Annual Report**

The 2019 Annual Report of the Partners in Habitat Development program was accepted as information.

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

May 26, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of May 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[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 Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M
- 4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- 7.0 Governance Training
- 7.01 Vision and Mission Statements
- 7.02 Limiting the Terms for Directors
- 9.0 HALO Air Ambulance
- 11.03 Seiu Lake
- 11.04 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M
- 11.05 Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 22-15-15 W4M
- 17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update

Mr. Friesen confirmed that matters pertaining to the irrigation expansion limit plebiscite are planned for the June meeting.

2020-05-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 14, 2020 Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-05-154 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 14, 2020 Organizational and Regular Board Meetings be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Harold & Theresa Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M**

D. Jacobson indicated that he will be meeting with Harold Brauer the next day. A proposal from Mr. Brauer may be presented at the June meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

J. Hale reported on a recent CVRS Meeting he attended, advising that Crawling Valley Campground will be open June 1st, including most of the seasonal sites and daily rental sites. The office will be open with adaptations; however, campers will have to use their own facilities as the bathrooms and shower building will not be open. AHS health precautions and regulations will be adhered to and advisory signs posted.

5.0 Annual General Meeting**5.01 Review of March 10, 2020 AGM Draft Minutes**

Directors were given opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 10, 2020 AGM. M. Koochin advised that [primary] be inserted on page 3, third sentence of the last paragraph, prior to "mandate" to clarify the discussion point between Mr. Slenders and Mr. Owen concerning EIDNet.

2020-05-155 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Draft Minutes of the March 10, 2020 AGM be posted on the District website. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services**6.01 Board Powers and Governance – Draft Summary**

In follow up to the April 14th meeting, M. Koochin presented a draft summary of an irrigation district's board powers and governance as authorized under the *Irrigation Districts Act*. A district's primary purposes, the Minister's powers under the IDA, responsibilities of Irrigation Council, and a district's formation of mandatory and discretionary bylaws were summarized. Information was also provided on the right for a board to direct management and staff to research, evaluate and prepare information on policies, rules and procedures for a board's consideration and approval. Admin responded to a couple questions and further advised it may add to the summary once governance training has occurred, prior to posting the finalized summary on the website.

7.0 Governance Training

A sample agenda for a proposed 2 day governance training session was distributed to Directors. Mr. Friesen advised that the agenda would be customized to what the Directors are looking for and that flexibility is offered for dates, times and format. Several options were discussed; no dates were confirmed as yet.

7.01 Vision and Mission Statements

B. Schmidt had requested that Vision and Mission Statements be added to the agenda, distributing a sample description of each and examples from the irrigated agriculture industry. A short discussion was held. This item is to be added to the June meeting; Directors and Admin were encouraged to bring ideas and examples for collaboration.

7.02 Limiting the Terms for Directors

D. Jacobson had requested an opportunity to put forward a motion under governance matters. Mr. Jacobson stated that it was one of his primary campaign platforms to impose Board limits, he is aware of what the IDA says and believes it to be silent on the matter.

2020-05-156 Moved by D. Jacobson that we limit Board terms to 4 terms of 3 years to a maximum of 12 years and that this policy apply to all currently sitting Board Members. The sole exception to this is: if a Board Member is Chairman in his or her 4th term he or she may seek a 5th term not as Chair but to sit as a regular Board Member and be a mentor to the upcoming Chairman.

Statements opposing the motion: SMRID with a similar policy in place is not confident that it would hold up to a challenge; the motion eliminates part of the democratic process; 4 new directors have been elected in the last 2 elections; it is important for water users to elect the representative that they want; people have run against incumbents; any eligible water user can get a nomination and run for a Directorship; for meaningful change the election process would need to be changed; legal opinion has advised that it is not within an irrigation district's authority to limit who can run; and some continuity on the Board is beneficial.

Statements supporting the motion: it is important to have change on the Board as the District moves along; reluctance to run against an incumbent; vested power plays can happen without new Directors; refreshing the Board and represents what's happening in irrigated agriculture; SMRID has a similar policy; the reason for the possibility of a 5th term (for the ex-chair) is for continuity; and this matter has been brought up at AGMs and in Board discussions.

The motion was seconded by B. Schmidt.

Recapping statements opposing the motion: it is not within an irrigation district's jurisdiction to trump the democratic process; legal opinion has spoken against the ability to impose term limits; the motion is not enforceable as it would fail upon a challenge; not all water users attend AGMs to give their opinion; the IDA speaks to the eligibility to run for Directorship; and the democratic process should be upheld.

Recapping statements supporting the motion: a suggestion was made to pose the question of term limits to water users through a plebiscite "Question to Users"; the Board should listen to water users at the AGM who want Directors revolving in and out of the Board; the EID can have a policy in this regard; and it is felt that the province is moving in the direction of limiting terms.

J. Hale called for a vote on the motion.

The motion was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer

Admin were directed to draft policy representing the motion.

[10:16 a.m. – 10:21 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

8.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2020

The financial statements to April 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$26.82 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$16.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$10.24 million.

2020-05-157 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2020

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2020 was \$4,889,256 or 5.10% less than the book value at September 30, 2019.

1 st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$18,770,000	\$9,050,000
IRP – Short Term	\$4,150,000	\$4,800,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,700,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2020-05-158 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2020

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

2020-05-159 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04 Appointment of Auditor

In order to secure a firm to conduct the audit of the District's 2020 financial statements, an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented for consideration. A short discussion was held on the benefits of retaining the same auditor as in recent years and the option of receiving competitors' quotes.

2020-05-160 Moved by D. Peltzer that the engagement letter, dated May 21, 2020 from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2020 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:54 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

9.0 HALO Air Ambulance

A call was received May 13th from Dale Thacker, HALO Air Ambulance Board Chair, notifying the EID of the inevitability of terminated HALO services in 2 months unless the Provincial Government commits to annual funding support. Mr. Thacker thanked the EID for its emergency funding last August and was contacting past and current sponsors as a courtesy prior to a news release, also welcoming any lobbying on their behalf. A short discussion was held.

2020-05-161 Moved by B. Chrumka that a letter be forwarded to the Province in support of annual government funding for HALO Air Ambulance. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

10.01 Snowpack Report

The recent rainfall event fell as snow in some of the mountain snow pillows. Snowpack levels for the Bow Basin remain above or within the upper quartile as of May 19th, however levels appear to have crested and are beginning to drop.

[11:00 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

10.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Although water startup was compressed due to the inclement spring weather, the system is up and running and met the May 8th start date, with the usual leaks being fixed on systems as they arose. Reservoirs are largely at the upper end of operating levels (FSL), except Snake Lake which is approximately 3 m lower than normal. This reservoir will be raised slowly over the next month to monitor the repair done this past winter/spring.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	May 2020	May 2019
Water Diverted to Date	75,100 ac ft (2.96"/acre)	70,400 ac ft (2.77"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	-	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	1 – 424	7 – 430
Parcels Using Over 12"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	278,700 ac ft	277,200 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

10.03 Future Water Delivery Date Discussions

Over the last number of years there have been requests, particularly in the south parts of the District, for an earlier water delivery date. The date averaged over the last 20 years is May 7th but has been as early as April 25th and as late as May 14th. Since Ghost Reservoir is now lowered at the beginning

of April, flows have increased at this time of the year and have lowered the risk of early shortages. With this in mind, Mr. Friesen asked if the Board would like to consider a standard set day or week to aid in producer planning, if the date should be earlier in some areas, or if the date should continue to be set annually. Concerns of frost damage, spring maintenance completion, and weather variability were weighed against a set date. It was acknowledged that the District has been predicting and reacting well to producer demand and that the Water Delivery Date should continue to be evaluated and set on an annual basis by assessing current local weather and soil conditions and the readiness of the delivery system.

11.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

11.01 2019/2020 Construction Season Project Status and Costs to Date

Thanks to the efforts of the EID construction teams and their hard work this winter, all 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				
West Bantry	\$911,000	\$512,000	70% of Phase 1	- 2.3 km of 3.4 km completed
PIPELINE				
E North Bantry	\$7,116,000	\$6,600,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
U-02 Tilley	\$120,000	\$61,000	100%	- final cleanup remains
STRUCTURES				
19/20 Structure Program	\$1,600,000	\$1,380,000	100%	- 8 structures will be carried over to 20/21
IRP PROJECTS				
EARTHWORKS				
06 Bow Slope	\$4,511,000	\$4,257,000	100%	- final cleanup remains

11.02 Video for Discussion – Crapo Drain

Drone video footage was shown of a drain in the Gem area, Twp 23 Rge 16, commonly referred to as the Crapo Drain. Landowner concerns were raised over an 800 m stretch with severe cut and sluffing. Slope stability, vegetation, cut, ROW lines, water users' land and infrastructure, conceivable repairs and a rough cost approximation were discussed. Mr. Gagley was directed to have another discussion with the affected landowner(s) advising of possible repairs and outcomes, and that the drain will be monitored over the next few years to see if there is any change occurring.

11.03 Seiu Lake

J. Hale informed that a landowner outside of the District contacted him to see if the EID would be interested in obtaining additional water from a spring fed lake adjacent to his lands. Seiu lake, west of Finnegan Ferry and NE of Hussar, is dammed at both ends and due to high water levels landowners have lost considerable acres. Through Board discussion it was suggested as the best course of action

that the landowners contact Alberta Environment to discuss regulatory requirements and if allowed to possibly conduct a partial emergency discharge, and likely NE to the Red Deer River.

11.04 Increase in Irrigation Acres – Justin Tateson – NW 04-15-15 W4M

D. Jacobson had asked to discuss the Justin Tateson drain relocation project, increase in irrigation acres application and delivery system capacity. Admin confirmed that the corner arm in NW 04-15-15 W4M was conditionally approved in error, however the pivot infill was approved and with the approved but not yet constructed drain relocation, will be able to run full circle. The landowner has been informed that this system is fully maximized and no further capacity is available for a corner arm.

[12:10 p.m. – 12:39 p.m. Lunch break.]

11.05 Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 22-15-15 W4M

T. Hemsing asked to include a discussion on the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant approved last month for S & K Farms Ltd in comparison to the U-02 rehab project approved in January. Stephen Anderson's request, project particulars, U-02 rehab project, and District policies were reviewed.

The Farm Improvement Policy – section A. Infrastructure Grant is applicable to requests from landowners, on the landowner's timeline, for improvement or reduction of the District's infrastructure. 50/50 cost-share grants are available up to \$15,000 per quarter section. It was the Farm Improvement Policy that most closely aligned to Stephen Anderson's request where near-term and long-term savings were considered towards the cost-share.

The U-02 rehab project was approved under the District's capital rehabilitation program. Under this program projects are recommended by Operations Staff and, when through subsequent discussions with landowners at the time of the project, a request is made that saves the District money, it may be incorporated into the project. U-02 was designed to save the District money by reducing the total length of District infrastructure by approximately 400 m, eliminating a turnout and decreasing future maintenance.

As further clarity, the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy is applicable for when the District is undertaking an infrastructure rehabilitation project on the EID's timeline. Landowners who agree to convert to pivot irrigation at this time may be eligible for a \$20,000 grant. As well, landowners who request to have a delivery moved which improves their farm operations, the District may agree to cost-share the additional construction costs 50/50, up to \$20,000.

The Farm Improvement Policy and Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy are posted on the District website. Further clarification on these and other policies can be obtained by contacting Admin.

11.06 01-C Springhill

Mr. Gagley updated Directors that a letter from the Board has been drafted for 01-C Springhill water users but has not been sent, requesting further direction on the matter. T. Hemsing advised of a meeting held since the last Board Meeting in which a few Directors were invited by the landowners. The project was discussed at length once again by the Board and Admin, with no change in direction as this point. It was requested that information be obtained regarding a lift station in another district, to aid in further discussions.

[2:02 p.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

12.0 EIDNet

12.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major operational issues since the last report. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1 is in progress; agreements have been sent to landowners and negotiations are ongoing.

13.0 Lands

13.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

13.01.1 Letters from Cardinal Energy Ltd and Journey Energy Inc

Letters were received from Cardinal Energy Ltd and Journey Energy Inc requesting a percentage reduction in compensation payments (Cardinal for inactive wells, Journey for all wells), and an adjustment to assessing loss of use and adverse effect. It was the consensus of the Board to not accept the proposals.

13.01.2 Campgrounds & Provincial Parks Update

Similar to the CVRS Report at the beginning of the meeting, Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground will be operating by AHS guidelines, at 50% capacity, day use only, with group areas and playground closed but open access to the beach areas. The shower house and flush toilets will be closed, one person at a time will be allowed in the campground office and staff will have PPE supplied for their use. It was thought that operating at 50% capacity would allow greater success in adhering to AHS precautions, monitoring capacities, conducting extra cleaning, and adapting to any changes in provincial guidelines. Kinbrook Island Provincial Park will be carrying out similar protocol.

13.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

13.02.1 JBS Request for Emergency Discharge / TIW Application – Update

In follow up to their April 14th request for an emergency discharge of treated industrial wastewater (TIW), JBS was offered the District's preferred option of installing a temporary section pivot on Sec 08-20-15 W4M for use this summer. A number of conditions, additional lands and other options were also included in the letter. The District had approved an emergency discharge option after the irrigation season if EID lands are maximized for TIW application and other conditions are met, however, Alberta Environment & Parks are now requiring additional regulatory requirements for an emergency discharge, which JBS cannot complete for this fall. If the section pivot option is approved by AEP, it is anticipated that JBS will install a temporary pivot and mainline and begin application of TIW around June 15th.

13.02.2 Newell Grazing – Request for Corral Improvement Loan

The Newell Grazing Association is requesting a \$20,000 loan amortized over 10 years to construct free standing metal corrals in SE 27-17-14 W4M. In 2006, the District approved to set interest at 0%

and amortization at a maximum of 10 years, for loans approved for building corrals. Interest on loans for repairs of corrals or fences has been set at 5%.

2020-05-162 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Newell Grazing Association request for a \$20,000 loan at 0% interest, for a 10 year term, to construct new corrals in SE 27-17-14 W4M. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:23 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Short break. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

13.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

13.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

13.03.1.1 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 through April (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 355,922 >
May (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 137,755 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 558,675

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$654,358 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$649,212.

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 \$2,500/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.

13.03.1.2 Wheels to Pivot with C/A – Daryl & Heidi Dyck – SE 30-20-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres wheels
- Current Assessment: 136 acres wheels (5 acres added for general assessment)
- Converting: 110 acres wheels to wiper pivot and 18 acres wheels to corner arm; keeping 8 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 136 acres (136 pivot, 8 outside)

2020-05-163 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daryl & Heid Dyck for the conversion of 110 acres wheels to wiper pivot and 18 acres wheels to corner arm in SE 30-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,000 (110 acres x \$100/acre) + \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) less \$4,000 (8 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$19,600. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.3 Flood to Pivot and Corner Pivot – Allen Lutes – Pt NW, Pt SE & NE 26-20-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 196 acres
- Current Assessment: 200 acres (4 acres added for general assessment)
- Converting: 49 acres flood to wiper pivot and 11 acres flood to corner pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 200 acres (137 pivot, 49 wiper pivot & 14 corner pivot)

2020-05-164 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen Lutes for the conversion of 49 acres flood to pivot and 11 acres flood to corner pivot in Pt NW & NE 26-20-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,900 (49 acres x \$100/acre) + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$12,600. Seconded by B. Schmidt. 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.

13.03.1.4 Pump & Panel – Brookside Farms Ltd (John R. Dyck, Thomas Dyck, John & Gisela Dyck); 310862 AB Ltd (John & Charlotte Dyck); and John & Charlotte Dyck – Pt Sec 11-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 321 acres
- Current Assessment: 323 acres (2 acres added in NW 11 for general assessment)
- Installing: pumps & panels; keeping 18 acres outside pivot areas; the deduction in the NE negates the corresponding grant
- Assessment remains the same at 323 acres (255 large wiper pivot, 50 small wiper pivot, 18 outside pivot areas)

2020-05-165 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brookside Farms Ltd, 310862 AB Ltd and John & Charlotte Dyck for the pumps and panels upgrade in Pt Sec 11-19-14 W4M purchased for \$36,460. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$27,600 (276 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$22,600. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.5 Pump & Panel – Brookside Farms Ltd (John R. Dyck, Thomas Dyck, John & Gisela Dyck) – N ½ 14-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 242 acres (132 NW pivot, 76 NE pivot, 12 acres outside pivot areas; plus 13 acres SE pivot and 9 acres annual agreement)
- Installing: pumps & panels; keeping 12 acres outside pivot areas
- Assessment remains the same at 242 acres

2020-05-166 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brookside Farms Ltd for the pumps and panels upgrade in N ½ 14-19-14 W4M purchased for \$39,108. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$20,800 (208 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,000 (12 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$14,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.6 Pump & Nozzles – John & Charlotte Dyck – SW 14-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 147 acres (135 pivot, 9 acres outside, 3 acres SE pivot)
- Previous Grant: \$9,645 (motion 2017-09-308)
- Previous Deduction: \$1,500 (motion 2017-09-308)
- Installing: pump & nozzles; keeping 9 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres

2020-05-167 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Charlotte Dyck for the pump and nozzles upgrade in SW 14-19-14 W4M purchased for \$13,595. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$9,645 (previous grant) = \$3,855. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-05-168 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied September 2017 be returned to John & Charlotte Dyck for 3 acres of new efficiencies in SW 14-19-14 W4M; 3 acres x \$500/acre = \$1,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.7 Nozzles – Chris & Marg Schmidt – SE 21-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (1 acre added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$7,500
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot

2020-05-169 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chris & Marg Schmidt for the nozzles upgrade in SE 21-16-16 W4M purchased for \$10,740. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,500 (previous grant) = \$5,600. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.8 Transfer of Irrigation Acres – Erik & Cornelia Versteegen – SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 10 acres from SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M. to accommodate a new pivot and corner arm. 2 acres are to be exchanged for a Rural Water Use Purposes agreement on a new subdivision in NE 05-15-13 W4M, and 2 acres are to be purchased to complete the project in NE 06.

2020-05-170 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from SW 26-14-13 W4M to NE 06-15-13 W4M; all lands owned by Erik & Corneila Versteegen. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.9 Return of Deduction - Erik Versteegen – SW 26-14-13 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 10 acres in SW 26-14-13 W4M, now transferred to NE 06-15-13 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-05-171 Moved by R. Owen that the deduction of \$500/acre applied March 2019 be returned to Erik Versteegen for 10 acres of new efficiencies in NE 06-15-13 W4M, transferred from SW 26-14-13 W4M; 10 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.10 Pivot Replacement w/CA – Erik & Cornelia Versteegen – NE 06-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 135 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (8 acres transferred in, 2020-05-170, 2 acres needed)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-172 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik & Cornelia Versteegen for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in NE 06-15-13 W4M purchased for \$151,729. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) + \$9,100 (13 acres x \$700/acre) = \$22,100. The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.11 Pivot Replacement - Erik Versteegen – SE 08-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 149 acres (4 acres added for general assessment, 2 acres needed)
- Installing: corner arm pivot replacement
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-173 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Erik Versteegen for the corner arm pivot replacement in SE 08-15-13 W4M purchased for \$151,529. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$14,500 (145 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (2 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.12 Panel & CA – Albert & Freida Zagorsky, Mark Zagorsky – NW 11-18-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres (11 acres added for irrigation development in 2020)
- Current Assessment: 149 acres pivot
- Installing: panel and corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres, all under corner arm pivot.

2020-05-174 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Albert & Freida Zagorsky and Mark Zagorsky for the panel and corner arm upgrade in NW 11-18-14 W4M purchased for \$89,526. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) + \$2,100 (3 acres x \$700/acre) = \$15,600. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications Received After January 29, 2020

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

13.03.1.13 1742044 AB Ltd (Grada & Jan Drost) – NE 27-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 149 acres pivot & wiper pivot
- Current Assessment: 126 (23 acres sold back as part of prior farm improvement)

- Proposal: add corner arm; 11 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 137 acres, all under pivot & corner arm wiper pivot

2020-05-175 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1742044 AB Ltd for 11 infill acres in NE 27-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,250 (11 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.14 1742044 AB Ltd (Grada & Jan Drost) – Pt Sec 22 & Pt N ½ 15-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 237 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 296 (46 acres purchased and 13 acres transferred in)
- Proposal: add 2 corner arms; 38 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 334 acres, all under 2 corner arm pivots

2020-05-176 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1742044 AB Ltd for 38 infill acres in Pt Sec 22 & Pt N ½ 15-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$28,500 (38 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.15 John & Betty Giesbrecht – SE 14-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 118 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 134 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-177 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Betty Giesbrecht for 16 infill acres in SE 14-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Since both SE and NE 14-14-14 W4M now have separate deliveries, the Irrigable Unit tying these parcels together may be discharged.

2020-05-178 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on E ½ 14-14-14 W4M; all lands being owned by John & Betty Giesbrecht. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.16 John & Betty Giesbrecht – NE 14-14-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-179 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John & Betty Giesbrecht for 16 infill acres in NE 14-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.17 Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht – Pt NE 04 & Pt SE 09-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 138 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 23 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 161 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-05-180 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro & Justina Giesbrecht for 23 infill acres in Pt NE 04 & Pt SE 09-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$17,250 (23 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.18 Darryl Graham – SE 11-21-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 80 acres flood
- Proposal: 92 acre wiper pivot; 12 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: flood to high pressure pivot, 80 acres x 1.30 = 24 conversion acres allowable
- New Assessment: 92 acres, all under high pressure wiper pivot

2020-05-181 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Darryl Graham for 12 efficiency acres gained through conversion from flood to high pressure wiper pivot in SE 11-21-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,000 (12 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.1.19 Jacob Ketchmark – NE 16-17-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 78 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: 94 acre wiper pivot; 16 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 94 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: pivot center to be moved

2020-05-182 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacob Ketchmark for 16 infill acres in NE 16-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (16 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Ronald & Michelle Gietz – W ½ 12-18-14 W4M

Within W ½ 12-18-14 W4M, a wheels field and pivot share a single delivery and the pivot straddles the quarter section line, requiring that an Irrigable Unit be placed on both quarters.

2020-05-183 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 12-18-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Ronald & Michelle Gietz. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-05-184 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:50 p.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

14.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[4:04 p.m. – 4:08 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen and J. Kabut entered.]

12.0 EIDNet cont'd.**12.02 EIDNet and Fibre Project Presentation**

[4:47 p.m. R. Moen and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

15.0 Solar Krafte**16.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update****17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update**

2020-05-185 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

14.0 Farm Improvement Policy

As part of its annual review, a number of evaluating points were posed to Directors and the Farm Improvement Policy was discussed at length. Admin will draft a revised policy as per Director input to be brought back for further consideration, which will include decreasing or eliminating some grant options, and adding end clauses and budget restraints.

12.0 EIDNet cont'd.**12.02 EIDNet and Fibre Project Presentation**

Detailed information on EIDNet and the fibre upgrade project was provided to Directors, with a number of questions being answered by staff. Admin advised that discussions should be held at a later date regarding further opportunities.

15.0 Solar Krafte

M. Koochin updated the Board as to the status of Solar Krafte negotiations.

16.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

I. Friesen updated the Board as to the status of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. The Board confirmed Admin direction.

17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update

Rod Johnson's access issue to water from Snake Lake Reservoir was brought back for discussion at the request of B. Schmidt. The contracted mitigation work, at the direction of Mr. Johnson, has been completed and the matter was reviewed by the Board.

Continuation of the Agenda**17.0 Snake Lake Reservoir – Landowner Pumping Issues Update cont'd.**

It was confirmed that the Farm Improvement funds referenced in motion 2019-12-335 are still available to Rod Johnson, for the improvements and repairs made to his reservoir pump site.

[6:18 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 6:18 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd and 30th days of June 2020. Those in attendance on June 23rd were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]	[8:42 a.m.]	
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting
- 7.04 Cann Lake
- 7.05 Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M
- 11.01.2 Brooks Kinsmen Club – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

2020-06-186 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Operations**6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date**

Reservoirs are in excellent shape and due to depleting snow pillows and recent rains the river is running strong. The level of Snake Lake Reservoir continues to be slowly raised and monitored. Although dry at the outset, precipitation since the end of May has the area tracking closer to long term average; this trend is reflected in the water use to date.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	June 2020	June 2019
Water Diverted to Date	127,190 ac ft (5"/acre)	219,223 ac ft (8.6"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	1.6"	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	14 – 583	318 – 932
Parcels Using Over 12"	-	46
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	10
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	282,750 ac ft	286,850 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

[8:42 a.m. B. Chrumka joined the meeting and N. Lassiter entered.]

5.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to May 31, 2020

The financial statements to May 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$31.13 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$19.46 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.67 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Lassiter.

2020-06-187 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:01 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 26, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

It was requested to amend the minutes through the following:

- Pg. 72, 7.02, 5th paragraph, replace "no one wants to run against an incumbent" with "reluctance to run against an incumbent"; and remove "limit varying opinions".

2020-06-188 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 AIDA Executive Meeting**

T. Hemsing connected to an AIDA Executive Meeting June 19th, discussion topics included AIDA amendments, the provincial government's red tape reduction, herbicide registration update, the removal of 2 provincial AIS inspection sites, and a task force to lobby for restored inspection measures. It is being planned to hold the 2021 AIDA Conference later in the year in November, in Calgary. A short discussion followed on potash trials and the ongoing attempts to get other herbicides registered in Canada that could be used in addition to Magnacide H™.

[9:25 a.m. R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

In the most recent revision to the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, which allowed a grant for all pivot conversions over 55 acres at the time of a rehab project, a segment of existing policy was inadvertently omitted in the rewrite. The provision of: *"Landowner changing location of current water delivery arrangement which reduces overall construction costs and saves the District money"* was reinserted in the policy as a separate clause.

2020-06-189 Moved by T. Hemsing that the revised Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

7.02 Project for Approval – 9-H West Bantry

R. Gagley presented the 9-H West Bantry synopsis on behalf of R. Summach, advising that this project will finish converting the 9-H West Bantry system into a closed pipeline. This rehab project is located 2.4 km north of the intersection of Hwy #875 and #535, SW of Tilley. The canal currently serves 541 acres and 53 additional acres will be added to the pipeline to eliminate a delivery in the H West Bantry Canal. Although 1 landowner is considering moving his deliveries to eliminate spill, 1 km of the canal will need to remain as a drain for another parcel. It is being proposed to install 1.8 km of pipe for an estimated cost of \$992,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program. At the request of Operations, it is also being recommended to install a screen cleaner for an additional cost of \$45,000. Several questions were responded to by Admin.

~~**2020-06-190 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 9-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 1.8 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$1,037,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~ [rescinded by motion 2020-10-298]

7.03 C Springhill and 01-C Springhill

J. Kabut presented the C Springhill synopsis. This project has been reviewed in conjunction with 01-C Springhill over the last few years. For C Springhill, the proposed rehab is to install 10 km of closed gravity pipeline, beginning with 60" pipe, from Rock Lake Reservoir to 1.6 km east of Hwy #873. At Rock Lake, there would be a stilling pond and gabion wall shared with the 01-C Springhill system. The system will tie into a few existing pipelines, one being Long Pump; the pumps on this system will be necessary for priming pressure to the Landowners. The new system will supply 6,224 acres, of which 97% are sprinkler. The major benefit to this project is that all the spill water that would normally leave this system will stay captured in Rock Lake. The estimated cost of the C Springhill project, when rehabbing in conjunction with the 01-C Springhill project, is \$11,385,000; it is proposed to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering Staff.

A previous discussion was brought back by Directors pertaining to the surcharge for the 01-C Springhill system as outlined in the Rates Bylaw. It was the consensus of the Board to adapt the current model of recouping annual costs incurred by the District which are beyond the typical delivery of water (i.e. providing a fully pressurized system), by pooling revenues to establish a reserve for categorized future replacement costs. It was also the consensus to begin increasing the rate charged per acre in the 2021 Rates Bylaw for 01-C Springhill to reflect these future costs, and giving consideration to incremental increases in the following years.

2020-06-191 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve:

- the 01-C Springhill rehabilitation project by installing a new pump station at Rock Lake Reservoir with pressure pipeline tying into the existing system for the estimated cost of \$5,112,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program; and
- that upon review of the Rates Bylaw in January 2021, the “pressurized water conveyance system operation and maintenance surcharge” be increased from \$8.00 per acre to \$10.00 per acre for the Springhill Pressure System (to be called 01-C Springhill).

Partial or incremental increases to the surcharge to primarily offset costs, vs fully balancing costs and recoveries were further discussed.

2020-06-192 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the C Springhill rehabilitation project by installing a 10 km closed gravity pipeline system for the estimated cost of \$11,385,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 2020-06-191 was seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen

2020-06-193 Moved by B. Chrumka that motions 2018-05-238, 2020-03-090 and 2020-04-103 be rescinded. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:44 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Short break.]

7.04 Cann Lake

B. Schmidt advised of a property owner adjacent to Cann Lake, near the Brooks Pistol & Smallbore Rifle Club, that is having issues of high lake level, failing rip rap and water seepage. R. Gagley noted that when Lakeside Packers (now JBS Canada) expanded the plant the dam was built up to supply adequate water; issues of lake levels have apparently been ongoing. Although the earthen drain exiting the lake is part of the District’s drainage works, it was advised that adjacent property owners continue to communicate directly with JBS regarding their concerns. Clarification received from Operations after the meeting confirmed that the outlet structure which currently sets the lake levels is not owned or operated by the District.

7.05 Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

D. Jacobson advised of Isaak Wall’s requests for water rights on Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M and for interest in purchasing approximately 23 acres of land previously severed from this quarter by a canal. Mr. Friesen confirmed that historically Mr. Wall’s application for irrigation acres under river support has yet to be rated high enough for approval or there was a moratorium on all new river acres, however this type of sale of land would meet policy requirements. A written request to purchase, along with particulars including the Newell Grazing dugout, fencing and used armour stockpile from this winter’s rehab of the canal will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

8.0 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

D. Jacobson advised that he has been in contact and on site with Mr. Brauer on several occasions. In follow up to Mr. Brauer’s presentation on April 14th, Mr. Jacobson is now in receipt of a letter from him outlining his requests for the reclamation of the old ditch on his property as follows:

- reclaim the ditch to environmental standards
- bring a 6" pipeline down approximately 1,200 feet to a domestic turnout
- continue down the ditch with the 6" line with one 2" riser outlet and valve west of the house for yard water
- continue the pipeline over the hill (to end of old flume) or a point higher up the hill, with a valve and riser so that the pipeline can be drained; where the pipeline ends over the hill will be determined by the depth the line is buried

Mr. Brauer's requests, a review of the matter and further queries were discussed.

2020-06-194 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District reclaims the old ROW of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M:

- **to the standards set out by Mr. Brauer;**
- **that Mr. Brauer stores the trees and roots on his land; and**
- **the District installs the pipeline in his proposal.**

It was noted that a cost estimate regarding these requests is not yet prepared. Directors agreed to table this motion until an estimate can be presented. It was also suggested that Mr. Jacobson be present with Mr. Gagley when assessing the costs on site.

Motion 2020-06-194 was Seconded by T. Hemsing.

2020-06-195 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2020-06-194 be Tabled. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

An estimate on the proposal is to be brought to the next meeting. The letter from Mr. Brauer outlining his requests and discussed at the meeting was forwarded to all Directors the next day.

[11:31 a.m. 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	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-5	\$324,182.00
	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-6	\$339,530.43
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2020 Deere 250 GLC	\$352,800
Finning Canada	2020 Cat 326-07	\$380,800.00

350 Excavator		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Equipment	New 2019 Hitachi ZX 350 LC-6	\$414,269.57
Brandt Tractor Ltd.	2020 Deere 350 GLC	\$451,500.00
Finning Canada	2020 Cat 336-07	\$468,900.00

- 2020-06-196 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of:**
- a new 2019 Hitachi ZX 250 LC-5 Excavator for \$324,182.00; and
 - a new 2019 Hitachi ZX 350 LC-6 Excavator for \$414,269.57, from Wajax Equipment.
- Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.0 EIDNet

10.01 Monthly Report

Bandwidth usage continued to have high demand through May but normal quality of service was maintained. Engineering of the fibre path for Phase 1 is almost complete; the District is currently waiting for a couple landowners to come to agreement.

[11:34 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – County of Newell – Pt SW 05-18-14 W4M

The County of Newell has requested to purchase a 2 acre strip of land in SW 05-18-14 W4M as part of the North Headgates redevelopment plan. The land is needed for the road network within the development area.

- 2020-06-197 Moved by R. Owen that the requested 2 acre portion of land in Pt SW 05-18-14 W4M required for road construction for the North Headgates redevelopment plan be sold to the County of Newell at \$2,000/acre plus all required survey, legal, and subdivision fees. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11.01.2 Brooks Kinsmen Club – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

B. Schmidt noted that he received an email from the Brooks Kinsmen Club indicating they would like to start some improvements on the rodeo grounds. N. Fontaine advised that the lands for the Kinsmen rodeo grounds are included in the agreement the Silver Sage Agricultural Society has with the EID. A multi-year development plan has been proposed and any development requests may be directed to the EID Office for review.

11.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.02.1 Grazing Season Update

Significant rains in mid-May and June have resulted in excellent grass growth throughout the District. Reductions in the amount of cattle in the south region, along with this year's moisture, should increase reserve grass for 2021. North pastures remain in good shape, and it is expected to utilize all District pastures for a normal 5 month grazing season. The maximum listing was reduced from 80 to 70 head, with the total placement being 15,553 cattle; this number is down 1,566 from 2019. A very good spring runoff filled most dugouts. Cold weather early last October caused significant damage to above ground waterlines and some aging systems are requiring hydrant and valve replacements. Repairs have been made and all water systems are fully charged. Early weed growth on fireguards has been sprayed with very good results. More sites of Downy Brome have been located, primarily in the Rolling Hills area. Approximately 35-38 km of barbed wire fence will be completed this summer. Poly pipe waterline extensions were installed last fall in the Newell and Bantry areas, with Duchess (Sandhills) and Gem scheduled for early July; 8 new water tanks will be then be installed in late summer. 350 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim pivots irrigated pasture. The old flood ground has seen excellent growth and is also used in the rotation with the pivots. The Newell Grazing reseeding project, east of Lake Newell, has been completed. 1,720 acres of old tame pasture were sprayed out with glyphosate and reseeded to a grass blend with Meadow Bromegrass (53%), Pubescent Wheatgrass (18%), Tall Fescue (16%), Annual Ryegrass (9%), and Cicer Milkvetch (4%).

The 2 north Rock Lake pivots are managed by MCF Feedyards and seeded with spring and fall Triticale. This system of silage production for MCF and fall grazing for Duchess GA has worked very well. Soil test results from last fall still do not permit the application of treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on these parcels and JBS is continuing to work with AE&P to resolve this issue. The 2 south Rock Lake pivots continue to be used for irrigated pasture by Duchess GA; no effluent will be applied this year as soil tests indicate high fertility levels. JBS has received approval from AE&P to spread TIW on Sec 08-20-15 W4M, south and west of Rock Lake. A temporary full section pivot is being installed to cover a maximum of 525 acres. It is anticipated that the application of TIW will begin near the end of June.

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

11.02.2 Request to Transfer PGL #7041 – Jordy Bartman to Daniel Christman

Jordy Bartman is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7041 to Daniel Christman. This lease is a long-term, 15 + 15 year agreement, transferrable to any eligible water user; 4 years remain on the first 15 year term. Mr. Christman meets all eligibility requirements.

2020-06-198 Moved by T. Hemsing that PGL #7041 be transferred from Jordy Bartman to Daniel Christman. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:58 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.03.1.1 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 through May (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 493,697 >
June (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 103,464 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 455,691

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$630,917 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$810,428.

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 \$2,500/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.

11.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Thomas Parker – NW 19-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres flood (3 acres added for general assessment)
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 2010-11-211)
- Current Assessment: 141 acres flood (10 acres to be transferred out)
- Converting: 138 acres flood to pivot (131 in NW 19-21-15 and 7 in SE 06-22-15)
- New Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-199 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Thomas Parker for the conversion of 131 acres flood to pivot in NW 19-21-15 W4M and 7 acres flood to pivot in SE 06-22-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,800 (138 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$11,300. The capital assets charge on previously approved additional acres required is \$4,500 (15 acres x \$300/acre in NW 31-21-15 W4M) + \$14,400 (48 acres x \$300/acre in SE 06-22-15 W4M) = \$18,900. Seconded by D. Jacobson. 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.

11.03.1.3 Panel – Dick Dick – NW 26 & Pt S ½ 35-18-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 304 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 304 acres (165 pivot, 23 outside pivot, 116 separate flood field)

2020-06-200 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick Dick for the panel upgrade in NW 26 & Pt S ½ 35-18-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$16,500 (165 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,500 less \$11,500 (23 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,000. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.4 Panel – Dick Dick – SW 26-18-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 128 acres
- Current Assessment: 144 acres (16 acres added in 1997 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 144 acres (106 pivot, 11 outside pivot, 27 separate flood field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-201 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick Dick for the panel upgrade in SW 26-18-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,600 (106 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,500 (11 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$5,100. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.5 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – SE 22-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 76 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 76 acres (69 wiper pivot, 7 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-202 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 22-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,900 (69 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,500 (7 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,400. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.6 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – SW 23-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 118 acres
- Current Assessment: 126 acres (8 acres added in general assessment prior to 1999)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 126 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-203 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 23-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$12,500; subject to specified pivot shutoffs. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.7 Panel – North Creek Ranches Ltd (Dick Dick) – N ½ 23 & Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 225 acres
- Current Assessment: 244 acres (19 acres transferred in for general assessment)
- Installing: 2 panels
- Assessment remains the same at 244 acres (112 wiper pivot in NW, 132 pivot in NE)

- Pivot area in NW 23 has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-204 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for North Creek Farms Ltd for the panel upgrades in N ½ 23 & Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M purchased for \$12,500 each. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,200 (112 acres x \$100/acre) for NW 22 + \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre) for NE 22 = \$23,700. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-205 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SW, NW & NE 23-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-206 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 23-19-14 W4M and Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by North Creek Ranches Ltd. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.8 Panel – Duane & Lana Hale – NE 17 & Pt SE 20-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 102 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (41 acres added in 1987 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-207 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Duane Hale for the panel upgrade in NE 17 & Pt SE 20-22-17 W4M purchased for \$9,694. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,300 (143 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$9,694. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.9 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 06-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 149 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (3 acres added in general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-208 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 06-16-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$14,900 (149 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.10 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NW 21-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 132
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-209 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in NW 21-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.11 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 22-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres
- Previous Grant: \$10,416 (motion 2016-03-085)
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (135 pivot, 3 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-06-210 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 22-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,094. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,416 (previous grant) less \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,584. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.12 Transfer – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – S ½ 25-15-16 to E ½ 28-15-15

The Landowners are requesting to transfer 5 acres from SW 25 and 8 acres from SE 25-15-16 W4M to accommodate a corner arm addition in E ½ 28-15-15 W4M.

2020-06-211 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 5 irrigation acres from SW 25-15-16 W4M and 8 acres from SE 25-15-16 W4M to E ½ 28-15-15 W4M; all lands being owned by S & K Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.13 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 25-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 130 (5 acres transferred to E ½ 28-15-15, motion 2020-06-211)
- Current Assessment: 125 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 125 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-212 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 25-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,500 (125 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.14 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SE 25-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres (7 acres transferred out in 2002 general assessment; 8 acres transferred to E ½ 28-15-15, motion 2020-06-211)
- Current Assessment: 135 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 135 acres (134 pivot, 1 outside)

2020-06-213 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 25-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,400 (134 acres x \$100/acre), with the payable amount being \$4,098 less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,598. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.15 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – E ½ 28-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres
- Current Assessment: 155 acres (13 acres transferred in, motion 2020-06-211)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 155 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-06-214 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in E ½ 28-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$15,500 (155 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.16 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SE 30-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 132 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (1 acre transferred to N ½ 24-15-16 W4M)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 131 acres, all under pivot

2020-06-215 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in SE 30-15-15 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.17 Panel – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – N ½ 24-15-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 181 acres
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 181 acres (167 main pivot, 14 corner wiper pivot)

2020-06-216 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in N ½ 24-15-16 W4M purchased for \$4,098. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$16,700 (167 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,098. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.18 Transfer – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – NE & SW 15-19-14 W4M to NE 09-20-17 W4M

The Landowner is requesting to transfer 7 acres from NE 15 and 7 acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to accommodate the infill of a small pivot in NE 09-20-17 W4M.

2020-06-217 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of 7 irrigation acres from NE 15-19-14 W4M and 7 acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to NE 09-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by 1717866 AB Inc. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.19 Return of Deduction – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – NE 15-19-14 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 7 acres in NE 15-19-14 W4M, now transferred to NE 09-20-17 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-06-218 Moved by B. Schmidt that the deduction of \$500/acre applied January 22, 2019 be returned to 1717866 AB Inc for 7 acres of new efficiencies in NE 09-20-17 W4M, transferred from NE 15-19-14 W4M; 7 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.20 Return of Deduction – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Jonson) – SW 15-19-14 W4M

As a grant deduction was previously applied to the 7 acres in SW 15-19-14 W4M, now transferred to NE 09-20-17 W4M under pivot, the acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-06-219 Moved by B. Schmidt that the deduction of \$500/acre applied January 22, 2019 be returned to 1717866 AB Inc for 7 acres of new efficiencies in NE 09-20-17 W4M, transferred from SW 15-19-14 W4M; 7 acres x \$500/acre = \$3,500. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

11.03.1.21 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 156 acres (12 conversion acres added in 2019 and 14 acres transferred in, motion 2020-06-217)
- Current Assessment: 182 acres
- Proposal: infill of 2 wiper pivots; 22 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 204 acres (134 south pivot, 70 north pivot)
- Notes: subject to resolving general assessment requirements

2020-06-220 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1717866 AB Inc for 22 infill acres in E ½ 09-2-17 W4M; subject to resolving general assessment requirements. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (22 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.1.22 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – SE 16-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 69 acres (20 conversion acres added in 2019)
- Current Assessment: 89 acres
- Proposal: infill of wiper pivot; 43 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 132 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to resolving general assessment requirements

2020-06-221 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1717866 AB Inc for 43 infill acres in SE 16-20-17 W4M; subject to resolving general assessment requirements. The capital assets charge is \$32,250 (43 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.2 General Assessment Update

10 Landowners and less than 20 parcels remain to be resolved under the General Assessment review.

[12:10 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 12:35 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:07 p.m.

[3:07 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

12.0 Farm Improvement Policy

Discussion on the Farm Improvement Policy was deferred to the continuation of the meeting on a date to be confirmed.

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

A tentative date of Tuesday, November 17th was chosen for the Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite. Full discussion on the plebiscite was deferred to the continuation of the meeting on a date to be confirmed. The Plebiscite Date Bylaw will be brought back to July's meeting for proposed 2nd and 3rd readings.

2020-06-222 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #940 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of June, 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-06-223 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.

[3:17 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

15.0 Legal & Corporate Services

15.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors

10.0 EIDNet cont'd.

10.02 Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

2020-06-224 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

8.0 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.

This matter was given further review.

14.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

Administration was given direction from the Board.

15.0 Legal & Corporate Services**15.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors**

Legal advice was given to Directors; it was requested that his matter be brought back to the July meeting.

10.0 EIDNet cont'd.**10.02 Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis**

EIDNet will be registered with CRTC as a telecommunications carrier for owning and operating a fibre system, and "EIDNet" will be registered as a trade name. Further direction was confirmed.

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 4:43 p.m.

Those in attendance on June 30th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corp. Serv. <i>[regrets]</i>
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

[9:00 a.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2020-06-225 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Farm Improvement Policy

[10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Short break.]

[11:03 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

[12:01 p.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break.]

2020-06-226 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**12.0 Farm Improvement Policy**

The Farm Improvement Policy is to be revised as directed.

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

Further discussion is to be held in July and successive board meetings to confirm:

- 2nd and 3rd readings of the Plebiscite Date Bylaw
- information package to water users, including:
 - current licenses, water availability, assessment, and expansion limit
 - Alberta Ag modelling results, efficiencies gained, proposed expansion
- draft Increase in the Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw (method for the District to establish an increased expansion limit and factors for apportionment)
- Irrigation Acres Bylaw (rules and procedures governing applications)
- Capital Assets Bylaw (charges for infill, efficiency, and new acres)
- notice of intention / notice of public meetings (dates, times, locations)
- wording of ballot
- resolution to authorize plebiscite; locations, times, notice
- given a passed plebiscite, approval of the new Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw

Continuation of Agenda**12.0 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd.**

A lengthy discussion was held in-camera on various clauses of the Farm Improvement Policy. It was the consensus of the Board to narrow some of the grant parameters as prescribed in the following motion.

2020-06-227 Moved by R. Owen that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised by:

- **clause B 1.0, decreasing drain and canal relocations from 75/25 cost-share up to \$50,000 maximum District contribution, to 50/50 cost-share up to \$50,000 maximum District contribution;**
- **clause C 8.0, limiting eligible upgrades to those eligible under the government's CAP program;**
- **clause C 9.0, eliminating "small low pressure pivot";**
- **concluding C 8.0 and C 9.0 September 30, 2022, with no retroactive applications to be received;**
- **clarifying that any acres which were terminable at some point are not eligible for a grant; and**
- **decreasing the retroactive timeframe, when applicable, from 2 years to 1 year.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

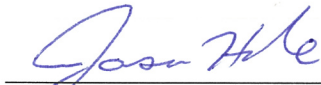
The Farm Improvement Policy can be reviewed in its entirety on the District's website.

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[12:40 p.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley, S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:40 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th of July and 6th of August 2020. Those in attendance on July 28th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

2020-07-228 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services

1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft

2020-07-229 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:58 a.m. – 9:01 a.m. Short break.]

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services

1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft

M. Koochin will bring a revised draft Audio Recording Policy back to the August 25th Board Meeting for further consideration. Audio recordings of Board meetings were not authorized at this point.

Continuation of the Agenda

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 11.0 Discussion re Board Governance Sessions

2020-07-230 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes are to be corrected by:

- including D. Jacobson's name in favour for the vote on motion 2020-06-191, page 89.

2020-07-231 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the June 23 & 30, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Business Arising

In response to a query, a Director indicated that the matter of "Limiting the Terms for Directors" will be brought back after the Government Irrigation Engagement meetings to be held in Strathmore and Brooks, scheduled for July 30th & 31st.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

[9:07 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

5.01 Joint Shared Services Meeting – Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

B. Schmidt and N. Fontaine connected to a Joint Shared Services Meeting July 14th to discuss the Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project as proposed by the Brooks Kinsmen Club. Landscaping is being planned in phases, with priority given to installing a drip irrigation system this fall near the north and west roadways around the Silver Sage Community Corral, continuing along the south end of the Centennial Regional Arena gravel parking lot. A request has been made for the EID to provide the pump and pumphouse to supply water for a drip irrigation system to be installed this fall. A variety of trees will be purchased and planted next spring. B. Schmidt will forward information on the driplines to R. Gagley and N. Fontaine. Engineering will investigate design options for a pump and pumphouse with cost estimates, to be brought back to the Board. Operation and maintenance of this system, water supply/conveyance, and other stakeholder contributions are also to be determined.

[9:24 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

[9:28 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to June 30, 2020

The financial statements to June 30, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$34.43 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$22.54 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.9 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Lassiter.

The Equipment Department has requested to purchase grapple forks to safely handle 60" diameter PVC pipe which the District is beginning to use this year. As the preferred grapple forks are custom built, this request was presented prior to budget approval to enable arrival of the forks before this coming construction season.

2020-07-232 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the purchase of grapple forks manufactured to handle 60" PVC pipe, for \$43,917.50 from Weldco-Beales Manufacturing, Edmonton. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-07-233 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2020

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2020 was \$2,492,080 or 2.6% less than the book value at September 30, 2019.

3rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$8,630,000	\$5,000,000
IRP – Short Term	-	-
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2020-07-234 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2020

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

2020-07-235 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:08 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

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

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The abundance of rainfall this season has drastically reduced demand, which is reflected in the water diverted to date. There will be some increases in demands in the next several weeks from the current diversions but it is anticipated to be below long term average and to slowly decline as is typical for August.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	July 2020	July 2019
Water Diverted to Date	186,600 ac ft (7.32"/acre)	324,600 ac ft (12.72"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	3.12"	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	7 – 760	288 – 780
Parcels Using Over 12"	12	251
Parcels Using Over 16"	2	64
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	6
Total Firm Live Storage*	279,379 ac ft	296,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

After the irrigation season, staff will assess the Lake Newell shoreline around the Newell Sailing Club to see how erosion issues may be mitigated. Staff are also continuing to monitor the seepage at Snake Lake Reservoir to determine baseline data.

8.0 Engineering

8.01 Project for Approval – 10-H West Bantry

R. Summach presented the 10-H West Bantry synopsis. This rehab project is located 9.5 km east of Lake Newell Reservoir, at the intersection of Hwy 875 and 535, and runs for a total of 5.5 km. The canal currently serves 1,117 acres and it is being proposed to convert the canal to a closed pipeline to reduce spill. The project will require 2 road bores under paved highways, and Operations has requested a screen cleaner be added for an estimated cost of \$50,000. It is recommended that the 10-H West Bantry pipeline be funded under the Capital Works Program at a total estimated cost of \$2,729,000. A number of questions were responded to by Staff.

~~2020-07-236 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 10-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 5.5 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$2,729,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-10-299]~~

8.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

In follow up to the June meeting, R. Gagley informed that he and Mr. Jacobson met on site with Mr. Brauer to discuss his requests so that estimates could be calculated. Mr. Gagley advised of the following estimates:

- installation of 620 m of 6" PVC pipe with 2 turnouts and 1 drainout = \$55,500
- trees and roots removed and hauled to 2 pits on site = \$92,000
- trees and roots removed and hauled to a District pit near Scandia = \$184,000

It was further clarified that the Landowner would like all the trees except the evergreens removed and that the estimate for the installation of the pipeline is based on the ditch being cleaned up; discussion ensued.

~~2020-07-237 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District reclaims the old ROW of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M by:~~

- removing and hauling away all trees, except evergreens, for 800 m alongside the east side of the road, to 2 existing pits on Mr. Brauer's property;

- installing a privately owned 620 m domestic line along the road, past his house to the bottom of the hill;
- installing a turnout at the old check structure and at his house; and
- installing a drainout at the bottom of the hill to irrigate 3 acres.

The matter was reviewed and discussed at length.

Motion 2020-07-237 was seconded by T. Hemsing.

The matter was further discussed, and it was noted that motion 2020-06-194 from June 23rd was similarly worded and presently tabled. J. Hale called for a vote to deal with this duplicate motion.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Gagley was directed to obtain a quote from Hillside Excavating Inc. Further consideration is to be given whether a 50/50 cost-share under the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant could be applied in this situation.

[11:49 a.m. R. Gagley and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet

M. Koochin presented the following EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Moen.

9.01 Monthly Report

The Bantry Tower was struck by lightening early in the morning on June 6th. All electronics installed at the tower needed to be replaced (switches, backhauls, sectors, etc.). Services were restored to customers by late afternoon the same day. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 17 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 23 for Rosemary. Engineering work on the fibre path is almost complete, however they are still waiting for a couple landowners to come to an agreement. It was requested that information be brought back to the Board on supplying internet access throughout Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2020	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	61
Residential Accounts	1,732
Business Accounts	23
EID Automation	46
Total	1,862

[11:54 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Lunch break.]

The meeting was recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:40 p.m.

10.0 Buildings & Grounds

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

10.01 Rolling Hills Shop / County of Newell Fire Hall

The County currently leases 2 bays in the EID Rolling Hills Shop as a fire hall. They have enquired whether they can obtain use of the third bay to store a Rapid Response Vehicle which they are purchasing. One option for a replacement garage was proposed to allow some storage and access to a washroom for Operations, and for the tenant of the EID residence to park a vehicle. It was directed that staff discuss with the County their contribution towards this building to enable the County's full use of the EID shop.

2020-07-238 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Discussion re Board Governance Sessions

2020-07-239 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:14 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

12.01.1 Request to Purchase Land – Isaak Wall – Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

In follow up from last meeting, a request to purchase an approximate 24 acre parcel of land in NE 15-16-16 W4M was received from Isaak Wall, owner of the remainder of the quarter. These acres were previously severed from the main parcel by the 06 Bow Slope Canal and included with the Newell Grazing Association pasture to the south; some fences remain. As the canal was rehabbed to a pipeline this past construction season, the acres could be amalgamated with the originating quarter. A number of questions were responded to by Admin and Staff. To accommodate the sale of land, Mr. Wall will be required to pay for trough and pipe materials to replace Newell GA's lost access to the existing dugout, and enter into an agreement that will allow the District to continue to store and access armour on this parcel until the stockpile is depleted.

2020-07-240 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the sale of 24.2 acres of land in NE 15-16-16 W4M to Isaak Wall:

- **24.2 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$48,400 + GST; plus**
- **the cost of trough and pipe materials for a replacement watering system in the Newell Grazing Association pasture = \$7,540 + GST;**

subject to:

- **entering into an agreement that will allow the District to continue to store and access armour on this parcel until the stockpile is depleted; and**

- the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser.

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

12.02.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2020

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2020	303,075	3,637	39	15	306,766
June 30, 2020	303,371	3,648	39	58	307,116
Net increase	296	11	0	43	350
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)					266
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					32
Terminable Acres Canceled					0

Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 307,077 irrigation acres are on the roll, and 39 irrigation acres are currently under Annual Agreement.

12.02.2 Farm Improvement Policy

In follow up to approved revisions for the Farm Improvement Policy at last month's meeting, Mrs. Connauton advised that the CAP program has removed pumping units from their list of eligible upgrades. The following motion approved reinserting pumping units into clause 8.0, for the duration of this funding category.

2020-07-241 Moved by R. Owen that clause 8.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy be revised by adding:

- "as well as a pumping unit, including set up and installation costs."

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

12.02.3.1 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 through June (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 577,277 >
July (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 124,962 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 350,113

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$628,807 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$896,118.

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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 1 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.

12.02.3.2 Tree & Brush Removal – Fredrick & Sheila Musgrove – SE 31-20-12 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and brush in SE 31-20-12 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$7,500 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2020-07-242 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Fredrick & Sheila Musgrove for the removal of trees and brush in SE 31-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$7,500; of which the Landowner's share is \$3,750. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.3 Tree & Brush Removal – Carl Scheibner – S ½ 07-23-16 W4M

The landowner is applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and brush in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M to accommodate a wiper pivot. The work is estimated to cost \$12,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2020-07-243 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carl Scheibner for the removal of trees and brush in S ½ 07-23-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$12,000. The project is estimated to cost \$12,000; of which the Landowner's share is \$6,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

12.02.3.4 Flood & Wheels to Pivot and Terminable to Irrigation – Ryan & Erin Culligan – SE 32-21-14

- Previous Assessment: 71 acres (5 irrigable acres, 66 terminable)
- Current Assessment: 71 acres (48 irrigable acres, 23 terminable) (43 converted in 2009)
- Converting: 5 acres flood/wheels to pivot; 20 acres to be converted from terminable to irrigable and 3 terminable acres to be removed

- New Assessment: 68 acres pivot (61 wiper pivot, 7 SW pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-244 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ryan & Erin Culligan for the conversion of 5 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SE 32-21-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$500 (5 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge to convert 20 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$5,000 (20 acres x \$250/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.5 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michele Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SW 31-19-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$1,950 (motion 2010-04-093)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres flood and wheels
- Converting: 122 acres flood and wheels to pivot; keeping 18 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (122 pivot, 18 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

~~**2020-07-245 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for J4 Ranch Inc for the conversion of 122 acres flood and wheels to pivot in SW 31-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,200 (122 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,950 (previous grant) less \$9,000 (18 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$1,250. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~

[rescinded by motion 2021-03-061]

12.02.3.6 Flood to Pivot w/CA – Aaron & Sharie Suchy – SE 06-17-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 148 acres flood
- Converting: 127 acres flood to pivot; keeping 21 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres (103 pivot, 24 corner arm, 21 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-246 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Aaron & Sharie Suchy for the conversion of 103 acres flood to pivot and 24 acres flood to corner arm in SE 06-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,300 (103 acres x \$100/acre) + \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre) less \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$16,600. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) and **Corner Irrigation** (corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

12.02.3.7 Pump – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M (North Pivot)

- Previous Assessment: 75 acres (56 N wiper pivot, 19 SE pivot)
- Previous Grant: \$4,100 (motion 2019-07-192)
- Current Assessment: 91 acres (14 acres transferred in and 2 acres purchased on SE pivot)
- Installing: pump
- New Assessment: 91 acres (70 N pivot, 21 SE pivot)

- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-247 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc for the pump upgrade in E ½ 09-20-17 W4M purchased for \$40,643. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,400 (14 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.8 Pump – 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) – E ½ 09-20-17 W4M (South Pivot)

- Previous Assessment: 104 acres (88 acres eligible for FI grant)
- Current Assessment: 107 acres (3 acres purchased for general assessment)
- Irrigation Development: 27 acres purchased for irrigation development in 2020
- Installing: pump
- New Assessment: 134 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-248 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1717866 AB Inc for the pump upgrade in E ½ 09-20-17 W4M purchased for \$19,858. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$8,800 (88 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.9 Panel & Pump – John & Betty Giesbrecht – E ½ 14-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 226 acres pivot
- Previous Grants: \$7,200 (motion 2008-04-106)
\$6,360 (motion 2008-04-108)
- Current Assessment: 248 acres (22 acres purchased in 2008)
- Irrigation Development: 35 acres approved in 2020
- Installing: pump & panel
- New Assessment: 283 acres (147 N pivot, 136 S pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-249 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John & Betty Giesbrecht for the pump and panel upgrade in E ½ 14-14-14 W4M purchased for \$77,857. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$22,600 (226 acres x \$100/acre) less \$13,560 (previous grants) = \$9,040. The capital assets charge is \$26,250 (35 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.10 Pump – Jan Jonker & Helena Duineveld - Pt NW 10-15-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 57 acres
- Previous Grant: \$1,710 (motion 2012-12-240)
- Current Assessment: 65 acres (8 acres purchased in 2012)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 65 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-250 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jan Jonker & Helena Duineveld for the pump upgrade in Pt NW 10-15-14 W4M purchased for \$11,300. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,700 (57 acres x \$100/acre) less \$1,710 (previous grant) = \$3,990. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.3.11 Pump, Panel & C/A – Eric & Dianna Pedersen – SW 20-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres (133 pivot, 10 corners)
- Previous Grant: \$7,980 (motion 2010-04-092)
- Current Assessment: 143 acres corner arm pivot; 4 acres needed
- Installing: pump, panel & corner arm
- New Assessment: 147 acres (135 pivot, 12 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-07-251 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Eric & Dianna Pedersen for the pump, panel and corner arm upgrade in SW 20-15-15 W4M purchased for \$94,765. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,980 (previous grant) + \$5,600 (8 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,120. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (4 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-07-252 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$300/acre applied April 2010 be returned to Eric & Dianna Pedersen for 10 acres of new efficiencies in SW 20-15-15 W4M; 10 acres x \$300/acre = \$3,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

12.02.3.12 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

Cole Webb's application for an increase in irrigation acres was presented for discussion. Mr. Webb owns N ½ 19-17-13 W4M, of which there is 1 delivery for both quarters located on the east boundary of NE 19. An Irrigable Unit is in place tying the 2 quarters together. The Landowner is requesting to purchase 51 acres for the NW for a proposed 114 acre pivot. There is a capacity issue with this pipeline and converting from wheels to low pressure pivot on this parcel only allows for 9 conversion acres. In order for the additional acres to be approved, the Landowner would have to rotate water use between the 2 quarters; watering both parcels at the same time would not be possible. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen. This application is one example of the draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy to be discussed later in the meeting.

Other**12.02.3.13 Pump Site – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson, Greg Johnson, Reid Johnson)**

- Motion: 2019-12-335 (and confirmation May 26, 2020)
- Eligible FI Grants: \$23,552 (Sec 11 & W ½ 12-20-17 W4M
\$35,960 (W ½ 01 & E ½ 02-20-17 W4M)
- Improvement: pump site cleanout and update
- Parcels have reached their maximum grant funding

2020-07-253 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc for the pump site cleanout and update in SE 02-20-17 W4M completed for \$68,786. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$23,552 (Sec 11 & W

½ 12-20-17 W4M) + \$35,960 (W ½ 01 & E ½ 02-20-17 W4M) = \$59,512. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:00 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[4:04 p.m. R. Owen exited the meeting.]

D. Jacobson moved the meeting be recessed at 4:10 p.m.

The meeting is to be resumed Thursday August 6th, 9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance on August 6th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

[9:00 a.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

2020-08-254 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

13.01 Plebiscite Schedule

13.02 2020 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

13.03 Information to Water Users

[10:27 a.m. – 10:33 a.m. Short break.]

[12:16 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.

1.02 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

15.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**16.0 Solar Krafte**

[2:53 p.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report cont'd.**6.04 Benefits for Directors**

[3:01 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2020-08-255 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****13.01 Plebiscite Schedule**

A schedule was reviewed for the plebiscite process which fulfills IDA requirements (readings of bylaws, information to water users, notices, public meetings, resolutions, and plebiscite date). No changes were requested.

13.02 2020 Plebiscite Date Bylaw

The date of the plebiscite was confirmed as Tuesday, November 17th.

13.03 Information to Water Users

The "Information to Water Users" package is to be finalized at the August 25th Board Meeting to enable mailout the first full week of September; confirmation of the following is needed:

- 7.0 Recommendation points
- dates and locations of public meetings

Additional discussion also intended for the August 25th Meeting:

- "Increase in Irrigation Expansion Limit Bylaw"
- "Irrigation Acres Bylaw"
- "Capital Assets Bylaw"

It was requested that the number of infill acres approved per year be brought back to the Board

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.**1.02 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft**

The draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy is to be brought back to the Board for additional discussion. It was also requested that the 16-H West Bantry rehab project be presented next month as 2 options (standard 2.5 cfs sizing and 3.0 cfs sizing to accommodate potential corner arms).

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

The crop damage claim submitted by Joel Van Wert for NW 24-17-13 W4M was discussed and a motion made once the meeting reconvened.

15.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

The Board confirmed initial direction for J. Hale.

16.0 Solar Krafte

I. Friesen will arrange for a possible Board tour and presentation from Solar Krafte.

6.0 Financial Report cont'd.**6.04 Benefits for Directors**

At the request of a Director, information regarding available benefit packages was provided and discussed; there was no uptake at this time.

Continuation of the Agenda**13.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**

The date of the plebiscite for irrigators to vote whether to change the expansion limit of the District from the existing limit of 311,000 acres to 340,000 acres is November 17, 2020.

2020-08-256 Moved by T. Hemsing that prior to 2nd reading of Bylaw #940 (2020), the Board approve the substitution of the word “wishes” with the word “proposes” in the first sentence. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-257 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #940 (2020) be read the second time this 6th day of August, 2020. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-258 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #940 (2020), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Expansion Limit Plebiscite, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Crop Damage Claim – Joel Van Wert – NW 24-17-13 W4M

2 years of Mr. Van Wert's 3 year claim were approved for compensation.

2020-08-259 Moved by R. Owen that the District pay Joel Van Wert for 2 years of crop damage for flooding occurring in his alfalfa crop in NW 24-17-13 W4M due to an improperly installed drainage culvert:

- 12 acres x 3 ton/year x \$150/ton x 2 years = \$10,800.

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.0 Upcoming Events

17.01 Regular Board Meeting

- Tuesday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m.

- 17.02 Regular Board Meeting
- 17.03 Special Budget Meeting

- Tuesday, September 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 8th *[tentative]*

[3:16 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

T. Hemsing moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:16 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

August 25, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of August 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2020-08-260 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Legal & Corporate Services**1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

2020-08-261 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**1.0 Legal & Corporate Services****1.01 Audio Recording Policy – Draft**

Mr. Koochin will bring a further revised policy back to the September or October Board Meeting.

Continuation of the Agenda**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.01 Solar Krafte Tour – Vauxhall, August 20th
- 15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings
- 11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft
- Reservoir Project Update

2020-08-262 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes for July 28th and August 6th were discussed and it was directed to draft a note of explanation prior to the vote on motion 2020-07-237. This was brought back later in the meeting.

4.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

5.01 Solar Krafte Tour – Vauxhall, August 20th

B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson, I. Friesen and M. Koochin attended a tour at the Solar Krafte project site near Vauxhall on August 20th. A number of practical matters were reported and discussed.

[9:04 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2020

The financial statements to July 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.91 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$25.48 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.43 million.

2020-08-263 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 Setting the Interest Rate Applicable to Financing Agreements

The interest rate applicable to financing agreements for capital assets charges and capital construction charges is reviewed annually in August, in preparation for the new construction season. A range of lending rates through some financial institutions and indications on the forecasted prime rate were provided.

2020-08-264 Moved by R. Owen 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 B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:29 a.m. – 9:34 a.m. Short break; N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley, R. Summach and N. Fontaine entered.]

7.0 Operations

I. Friesen presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The hot dry weather this past month has been reflected in the increase in demand, with July 31st seeing the most parcels irrigating this year. The river has been quite strong up to mid-August and now as low as passing 700 cfs to meet irrigation demands and reservoir levels. Passing 700-800 cfs will continue to be targeted to provide better than required downstream levels, while still meeting the District's needs. Demand is anticipated to decline, and reservoirs will slowly be brought down to or maintained at winter levels to the end of the season.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	August 2020	August 2019
Water Diverted to Date	289,527 ac ft (11.32"/acre)	458,000 ac ft (18"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	6.48"	12"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	368 – 869	212 – 1,013
Parcels Using Over 12"	240	1,572
Parcels Using Over 16"	43	607
Parcels Using Over 20"	6	142
Total Firm Live Storage*	262,050 ac ft	282,000 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

7.02 Set Water Shut Down Date

Reservoirs are presently at normal operating levels for this time of year and will be lowered over the next month and a half to winter levels, prior to operations being completed for the season. Mr. Friesen recommended to set the water shut down date no later than October 8th, which is near the long term average.

2020-08-265 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 8, 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Rodeo Grounds Beautification Project

In follow up to last month's meeting, cost estimates for a pump, pumphouse, electrical service and controls for irrigating new plantings of trees on the Rodeo Grounds were presented to the Board. The total for this portion of the watering system is estimated at \$10,000. It was the consensus of the Board to grant the funds and allow the Kinsmen to purchase and install equipment specific to their requirements.

2020-08-266 Moved by B. Schmidt that the District donate \$10,000 to the Brooks Kinsmen Club for a pump and pumphouse to be installed on the rodeo grounds for the tree planting beautification project. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:50 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry

R. Summach presented the 16-H West Bantry synopsis. This rehab project is located east of Rolling Hills Reservoir, 3.5 km south of the intersection of Hwys 875 and 535, and runs for a total of 3.3 km. The canal will serve 1,112 acres and it is being proposed to convert the canal to a closed pipeline to reduce spill. The project will require 1 road bore under Hwy 875, and Operations has requested a screen cleaner be added for an estimated cost of \$45,000. It was recommended that the 16-H West Bantry pipeline be funded under the Capital Works Program at a total estimated cost of \$2,042,000.

A discussion followed on District owned vs landowner owned screen cleaners. Equitably allocating screen cleaners to rehab projects, possible grant cost-shares, responsibilities for ongoing maintenance, etc. will need to be given further discussion at this winter's Corporate Planning Sessions.

~~2020-08-267 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the 16-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 3.3 km of pipe and adding a screen cleaner for the estimated cost of \$2,042,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-08-269]~~

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Rick & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M – Converting to Pivot

Rick & Gail Volek are proposing to convert from flood to pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M at the time of the 16-H West Bantry rehab project. Upon completion, this quarter section conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2020-08-268 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Rick & Gail Volek for converting from flood to pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M at the time of the 16-H West Bantry pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional discussion was held regarding designing pipeline projects for future expansion; where previous rehab projects had conversions allowing for potential increases in capacity, some new projects serve 100% pivots and the installation of corner arms is becoming prevalent. In addition, land values, existing corner acres, and potential infill acres warrant a revision to the existing design practice. 9-H West Bantry, 10-H West Bantry and engineering design practices will be brought back to the Board for re-consideration.

2020-08-269 Moved by B. Chrumka that motion 2020-08-267 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 16-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 3.3 km of pipe sized for the capacity to serve potential corner arms, and adding a screen cleaner, for the estimated cost of \$2,266,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Rick & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M – Moving Delivery

Rick & Gail Volek are willing to move the delivery for a new pivot in NW 21-16-13 W4M 700 m upstream of the existing flood delivery. This will result in a savings of \$19,600 for the District in downsizing the pipe.

2020-08-270 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Rick & Gail Volek in NW 21-16-13 W4M, for moving the existing delivery upstream 700 m at the time of the 16-H West Bantry pipeline project, enabling the pipeline to downsized and resulting in a savings of \$19,600. The 50/50 cost savings grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,800. Seconded by B. Chrumka CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

9.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

In follow up to the July 28th Board Meeting, R. Gagley advised that an estimate was received from Hillside Excavating Inc for the installation of a 6" waterline in the old ROW in NW 13-17-17 W4M using all plastic parts. This estimate does not include fencing, seeding, the removal of trees nor dealing with any frost. The matter was given discussion and was then deferred to the end of the meeting.

[11:00 a.m. – 11:06 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[11:07 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer, Brooks Region entered the meeting.]

11:07 a.m. Pathways Presentation

Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer for the Brooks Region was in attendance to reintroduce the conversation around pathway development on District owned lands, and to request consideration of off-highway-vehicle (OHV) use on District lands, as pertinent to the Economic Recovery Taskforce suggested initiatives. The paved pathways currently being investigated are to extend from the County of Newell building south to Lake Newell Resort and branching off east to parallel Hwy #875 from the City to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park. Street legal OHV use on City and County owned roads is presently being deliberated by those municipalities. Directors were asked whether they would consider renewing the discussion regarding paved pathway development on its lands, and would Directors also consider OHV use being permitted for access to EID lands or a trail system on its lands. Concerns from previous pathways discussions noted matters of litter, fire hazard, environmental impact, livestock disturbance, liability, maintenance, loss of frontage, capital cost, and ongoing costs. Benefits cited include economic stimulus, expanded tourism and promotion of outdoor recreation. There was willingness of the Board to look at pathway proposals, but as the District has ongoing issues of nonpermitted OHV use on its lands, there was clear objection to entertaining general or trail system OHV access on District lands. J. Surgenor will contact I. Friesen to further this discussion.

[11:32 a.m. J. Surgenor exited the meeting.]

10.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

10.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

Mr. Friesen advised that the following bids were received for the 2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator, 2016 Deere 250GLC Excavator and 2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower.

2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator	
Company	Bid
Pacesetter Equipment Ltd	\$111,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$60,000 + GST
Team Equipment Ltd	\$56,700 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$48,000 + GST
Ion Holdings Ltd	\$36,432 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

2016 Deere 250 GLC Excavator	
Company	Bid
Pacesetter Equipment Ltd	\$93,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$92,000 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$91,000 + GST
Team Equipment Ltd	\$87,500 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower	
Company	Bid
Team Equipment Ltd	\$8,100 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$4,000 + GST
McDougall Auctioneers Ltd	\$500 + GST
Century Auctions	\$155,000 + GST for all 3 units*

All bids for the 2016 Deere 250 Excavator were rejected. The unit will be auctioned through Ritchie Bros. at an auction date yet to be determined. Admin will follow up on the results of the auction.

2020-08-271 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell:

- the 2011 Hitachi ZX350LC-3 Excavator to Pacesetter Equipment Ltd for \$111,000 + GST;
- the 2015 Woods 10.5' Batwing Mower to Team Equipment Ltd for \$8,100 + GST;

and auction:

- the 2016 Deere 250GLC Excavator through Ritchie Bros Auctioneers.

Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:44 a.m. R. Moen and S. Dahl entered the meeting.]

11.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Although there was a decrease in customer accounts due to people moving out of the area, there have been renewed installs this month. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 19 names are on the waiting

list for Duchess and 25 for Rosemary. Engineering on the fibre path is almost complete and waiting on landowners to come to agreement.

11.02 Internet Service at Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Campgrounds

In follow up to last month's request, R. Moen provided cost estimates to supply internet access throughout Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground and Crawling Valley Campground. Currently there is only a WiFi hotspot at each campground office. It was determined that the most cost effective method would be to place WiFi hot spots on the washrooms and other facilities that already have power; approximately 15 per campground. With the benefit of an existing tower, the estimated cost for the project at RHRC is \$50,000. Due to CVC being serviced via a standard customer radio which will need to be upgraded, the estimated cost for that campground is \$58,500. In addition to the new equipment, a Super Business 50 Mb/10 Mb monthly account was recommended, with the option of upgrading in the future if required. The WiFi can be installed and running for next camping season.

2020-08-272 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve:

- **the installation of WiFi equipment at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, at an estimated \$50,000;**
 - **the installation of WiFi equipment and Point-to-Point connection at the Crawling Valley Campground for an estimated \$58,500; and**
 - **Super Business 50Mb/10Mb internet accounts at \$285/month per campground;**
- with cost recoveries to be made through an additional \$5/day charge to the base rate, beginning in 2021. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.0 Buildings & Grounds

12.01 Rolling Hills Shop / County of Newell Fire Hall

Brought back from the July 28th meeting, S. Dahl updated the Board on conversations with the County regarding their potential full use of the EID Shop in Rolling Hills, detailing 2 options of either lease or purchase. Through discussion, it was recommended by Directors that the cost for subdividing the west portion of land with the existing shop plus the cost for building a replacement garage for the District be proposed as the County's payment, in exchange for them receiving ownership of the existing shop and related lands. A shared access road, location of new garage and subdivision boundaries are to be investigated and this matter brought back for final approval.

[12:15 p.m. R. Moen and S. Dahl exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered.]

13.0 Lands

13.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

13.01.1 Set Round-Up Date

In late spring and early summer all areas of the District received ample rainfall, resulting in exceptional grass growth. This, along with reduced cattle allotments for 2020, led to the Grazing Associations favouring an extended Round-Up Date 1 or 2 weeks past the normal 5 month period normally ending October 15th. Consensus was also received to possibly increase total listings for 2021 based on the

large volumes of carryover grass that will be seen at the end of the 2020 season. In discussion with the Board, it was noted that Plebiscite public meetings have been tentatively scheduled for the third week in October, which would conflict with round-up. Directors approved round-up for the 24th, and requested that the public meetings be held the following week, with the Board Meeting pushed to the 30th.

2020-08-273 Moved by D. Peltzer that for the 2020 grazing season, cattle are to be out of community leases by end of day on Saturday, October 24th. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to a query, Mr. Volek advised that the reseeded Newell Grazing North Bantry regrass field east of Lake Newell Reservoir germinated well and had good early growth, only to have been decimated by gophers over a 2-4 week period. Various measures were discussed, and it was supported that with the probability of regrowth and the issues of rodent control, monitoring the 1,700 acres at this point is likely the best option. It is planned to have the GAC review this at the December meeting for direction on management options next spring.

13.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

13.02.1 Aggregate Lease – Pt SE 22 & Pt N ½ 15-17-17 W4M – Inland Aggregates

Inland Aggregates, a division of Lehigh Hanson Materials Ltd, is wishing to renew their sand and gravel extraction lease for Pt SE 22 & Pt N ½ 15-17-17 W4M near Bow City. The company is no longer able to use the south access road as per their County of Newell development permit and are now required to access the pit via the north road allowance and upgrade the road to County specs. As the road upgrade will take significant resources, the company is requesting security in a longer lease with the District.

2020-08-274 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District renew the Inland Aggregates sand and gravel lease on Pt N ½ 15 & Pt SE 22-17-17 W4M for:

- a 5 year term with the right to renew for an additional 5 years;
- at \$1,250/year or a royalty of \$1.50/metric tonne, whichever is greatest; and
- \$1,650/year grazing fee;

with royalties and grazing fees to be reviewed at the end of the first 5 year term. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:42 p.m. – 1:05 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

13.02.2 Review of Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

Last reviewed in May 2019, the Sale of District Owned Lands policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis. Directors discussed a revised policy which proposed rewording for further clarity, a set review time, to maintain the \$2,000/acre for land without assessment, and to increase the cost for land with assessment.

2020-08-275 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy:

- clause 4.2, be amended to read “acres with assessment are to be valued at \$8,000/acre, inclusive of capital asset costs”

and that the revised policy be approved as otherwise presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Going forward, this policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in November, along with the Capital Assets Bylaw, for values to be set for the following calendar year. This process enables water users to know costs involved well in advance of applying for new acres in the fall.

13.02.3 Request to Purchase Land – Thomas & Barbara Mahrer – Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M

A letter was received from Thomas & Barbara Mahrer requesting to purchase 10 acres of District owned ROW along One Tree Drain in Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M, along with 10 irrigation acres, citing difficulty in vegetation management along the creek. The Board was not in favour of reducing the ROW along the drain due to access, maintenance, and other concerns. It is also not the practice to grant irrigation acres to small inefficient parcels. It was directed to remediate the identified driveway encroachment through the sale of a small portion of land, and to have Operations staff resolve any reasonable vegetation issues on District lands.

2020-08-276 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the sale of approximately 0.5 acres of land, pending legal survey, in Pt NW 24-19-14 W4M to Thomas & Barbara Mahrer to remediate the encroachment of the landowners' driveway:

- 0.5 acres x \$2,000/acre = \$1,000 + GST;
- with the land being consolidated into the parcel and all costs associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser;

but to deny the request to purchase ROW and irrigation acres adjacent to the One Tree Drain. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

13.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

13.03.1.1 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 through July (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 688,989 >
August (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 4,100 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 359,263

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$622,999 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$1,013,638.

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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of

installation, applications will be considered on a 1 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.

13.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Carolea Renaud – NE 34-17-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 122 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 137 acres flood (15 acres added for general assessment in 2006)
- Converting: 121 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (121 wiper pivot, 16 outside)

2020-08-277 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Carolea Renaud for the conversion of 121 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 34-17-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,100 (121 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,000 (16 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,100. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:39 p.m. D. Jacobson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

13.03.1.3 Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd (Donald Jacobson and Wallace Jacobson) – SE 03-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (7 acres transferred out for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 12 acres needed
- Conversion Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 150 acres, all under pivot (138 pivot, 12 corner arm)

2020-08-278 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd for 12 infill acres in SE 03-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,000 (12 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:40 p.m. D. Jacobson rejoined the meeting.]

13.03.2 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Eastern Irrigation District – SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M

Historically SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M had irrigation acres with a pivot located in the SE. The parcels have since been transferred, irrigation acres removed, and the north parcel is being consolidated with NE 15, therefore an irrigable unit is no longer required.

2020-08-279 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on SE & Pt NE 15-16-16 W4M; all lands being owned by the Eastern Irrigation District. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:41 p.m. – 1:44 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting, E. Wilson and R. Gagley entered.]

3.0 Approval of Minutes cont'd.

3.01 July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting cont'd.

The minutes were amended on page 107 by replacing:

- "The matter was further discussed. J. Hale called for a vote on the motion."
- with
- "The matter was further discussed, and it was noted that motion 2020-06-194 from June 23 was similarly worded and presently tabled. J. Hale called for a vote to deal with this duplicate motion."

2020-08-280 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the July 28 & August 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-08-281 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

14.01 Information to Water Users

14.02 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – Draft

14.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

[3:54 p.m. – 3:58 p.m. Short break.]

14.04 Capital Assets Bylaw – Discussion

15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings

[4:44 p.m. E. Wilson and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

16.0 Solar Krafte Update

11.0 EIDNet cont'd.

11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis

9.0 Engineering cont'd.

9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry cont'd.

2020-08-282 Moved by B. Chrumka that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****14.01 Information to Water Users**

Various revisions were suggested for the content of the information booklet. Once a last draft has been forwarded to Directors and opportunity given for final feedback, printing and mailout will take place the first week of September. Public meetings will be tentatively scheduled, booked, and will adhere to any applicable COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions which may be in place at such time.

14.02 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – Draft

The draft 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw was discussed and suggestions were made. 1st reading of the revised Bylaw is planned for the September Board Meeting, after which the bylaw will be presented at the public meetings for input. At the October 30th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made, followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

14.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

The draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw was itemized, reviewed and various revisions suggested. 1st reading of the revised Bylaw is planned for the September Board Meeting, after which the bylaw will be presented at the public meetings for input. At the October 30th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made, followed by 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

14.04 Capital Assets Bylaw – Discussion

Additional discussion of the Capital Assets Bylaw is required to come to Board consensus. 1st reading of the Bylaw may occur at the September Board Meeting.

15.0 Government of Alberta Meetings

I. Friesen advised of the recent Government of Alberta Meetings.

16.0 Solar Krafte Update

I. Friesen and M. Koochin updated the Board as to the status of the Solar Krafte negotiations.

11.0 EIDNet cont'd.**11.03 EIDNet Fibre Project – Ongoing Analysis**

M. Koochin advised the Board as to EIDNet fibre matters.

9.0 Engineering cont'd.**9.01 Project for Approval – 16-H West Bantry cont'd.**

Further discussion was given to the 16-H West Bantry project and policy implications.

Continuation of the Agenda**14.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite****14.01 Information to Water Users**

Water Users are encouraged to carefully review the information booklet, attend one of the information meetings, and discuss any questions or concerns with Directors or the General Manager.

2020-08-283 Moved by R. Owen that the Proposed Increase to the Irrigation Expansion Limit information be forwarded to water users with suggested revisions, in early September. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Engineering cont'd.**9.02 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M cont'd.**

Following a short recap, D. Jacobson requested to defer further discussion of the decommissioned ditch until after he could visit the landowner once again.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|------------------------|--|
| 17.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.02 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 8 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.03 | Public Meetings | - October 27 th , 28 th , 29 th [locations & times TBA] |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Friday, October 30 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.05 | Plebiscite | - Tuesday, November 17 th |

[5:41 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:41 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

September 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3rd day of September 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]		
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]		
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings

A Special Directors Meeting was called to further discuss a proposal to irrigation districts, stemming from recent meetings with the Government of Alberta regarding irrigation infrastructure. A decision was required to respond to the "Irrigation Infrastructure Agreement Framework" which outlines a potential financing approach for accelerating investment in irrigation infrastructure projects that otherwise might not be built or built as quickly.

2020-09-284 Moved by D. Jacobson to move forward with the Irrigation "Infrastructure Agreement Framework" and the principles within, with the understanding of the District's liabilities as it relates to the consortium on projects and financing. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information on how this agreement benefits the Eastern Irrigation District specifically, will be released to the public once feasible.

B. Chrumka moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:18 a.m.


Chairman


General Manager

September 28 & October 1, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of September and 1st day of October 2020. Those in attendance on September 28th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

[8:00 a.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 10.05 Ron Wallace – SE 20-23-16 W4M

The following item was deferred to October 1:

- 4.01 Rotational Water Delivery Policy - Draft

2020-09-285 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-09-286 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings

[9:13 a.m. – 9:19 a.m. Short break; R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

3.01 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – #942

3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – #943

[10:44 a.m. – 10:51 a.m. Short break.]

3.03 Capital Assets Bylaw – #944

2020-09-287 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:04 p.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

2.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings cont'd.

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

The following bylaws are to be revised as discussed and brought back to the continuance of the meeting on October 1st. To reach Board consensus and show intent, it is anticipated to have 1st readings in October prior to the Plebiscite Public Meetings. Additional information will be presented, and discussions held with water users to receive their input at the Plebiscite Public Meetings currently scheduled to be held at the end of October. 2nd readings are to occur on October 30th, and 3rd and final readings may only be passed after the plebiscite; revisions may be considered prior to any of the readings.

3.01 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – #942 cont'd.

3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – #943 cont'd.

3.03 Capital Assets Bylaw – #944 cont'd.

T. Hemsing moved the meeting be recessed at 12:04 p.m.

Those in attendance on October 1st were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda cont'd.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.06 C Springhill – Canal Decommissioning
- 10.07 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

2020-10-288 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board adopt the Agenda as further revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Approval of Minutes**5.01 August 25, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-10-289 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

7.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**7.01 AIDA Board Meeting**

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting in Coaldale on September 29th. Unanimous approval was given to contracting the development of another "Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta" report, the last report being produced in 2015. The study is estimated to cost \$210,000; with AIDA reserves being used to fund the project. A summary from Cindy Sawchuk, AIS Operations/K9 Lead – Environment & Parks, was conveyed, advising of 6,800 boat inspections in Alberta, 3,800 found to be high risk (originating east of Saskatchewan), and 28 mussel fouled boats intercepted. Concern that 2 of the inspection sites at east border stations remain closed has prompted a directive to increase government awareness of the threat of AIS, while also informing municipalities and industry to gain their support. Other discussion topics included budget review and approval, various reports from watersheds, provincial government consultations, alternate registrations for herbicides, and a format for MLA engagement. The AIDA AGM is scheduled for December 1st, with the location yet to be determined.

7.02 Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Newell Project

D. Peltzer reported that he attended the harvest day of the Newell Project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank on September 11th. A 73 acre field NE of Duchess produced 84.5 bushels/acre of wheat, which sold for nearly \$39,000. These funds are matched 4:1 by the federal government and are used overseas to help fight world hunger.

[8:09 a.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

8.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 Financial Statements to August 31, 2020

The financial statements to August 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.23 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$28.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$13.13 million.

2020-10-290 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:30 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Operations

9.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Water diversions were below last year's amounts and the river held well through to August. Reservoirs are currently being brought down to winter levels. A graph depicting cumulative precipitation through 2020 shows the summer month variance between north, south and central areas of the District. Near or below the long term average until July, by mid-September, the Rosemary area received approx. 325 mm of precipitation, just under 300 mm in the Rolling Hills area, and approx. 250 mm in Brooks.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	September 2020	September 2019
Water Diverted to Date	366,346 ac ft (14.28"/acre)	490,000 ac ft (19.28"/acre)
Water Applied to Land to Date	8.4"	13.1"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	153 – 699	90 – 412
Parcels Using Over 12"	694	1,917
Parcels Using Over 16"	190	907
Parcels Using Over 20"	38	283
Total Firm Live Storage*	250,250 ac ft	248,550 ac ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

11.0 Lands

11.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.1.1 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 through August (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 693,089 >
September (<i>n/a</i>)	< \$ 0 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>if all grants paid out from last year</i>)	\$ 359,263

*Of the \$947,648 total for approved but unpaid grants, \$606,063 remains to be paid in the 2020 fiscal year.

**Total grants paid to date within the 2020 fiscal year is \$1,034,674.

[8:31 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

11.01.1.2 Increase in Acres – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – SW 15-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 129 acres (3 acres transferred out for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 19 acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres, all under pivot (129 pivot, 19 corner arm)
- Note: 129 acres eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant once complete

2020-10-291 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for 19 infill acres in SW 15-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$14,250 (19 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:33 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

11.01.1.3 Increase in Acres – Rick & Gail Volek – NW 21-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 140 acres levelled flood
- Current Assessment: 128 acres (12 acres transferred to SW 28-26-23 W4M for c/a)
- Proposal: wiper pivot with corner arm; 13 acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: well levelled flood to pivot, 128 acres x 1.15 = 19 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Note: parcel not eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant as it has received an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant

2020-10-292 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Rick & Gail Volek for 13 infill acres in NW 21-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,750 (13 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.4 Increase in Acres – Donald Wolfer – NE 27-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 83 acres flood
- Proposal: 117 acre wiper pivot; 34 acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: mixed flood to pivot, 83 x 1.35 = 29 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 117 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils testing required
parcel eligible for a Farm Improvement Grant once complete

2020-10-293 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Donald Wolfer for 29 infill acres in NE 27-17-13 W4M; conditional upon the new pivot area meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$25,500 (29 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2 Transfer – Jacob Giesbrecht – SW 19-17-12 W4M to SE 19-17-12 W4M

The Landowner has requested to transfer 10 flood irrigation acres from SW 19-17-12 W4M to SE 19-17-12 W4M for a separate flood field. The remaining 2 acres from SW 19 will be converted to a Rural Water Use Agreement – Country Residential.

2020-10-294 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from SW 19-17-12 W4M, to SE 19-17-12 W4M, all lands being owned by Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – South Slope Feeders Ltd (James Graham, George Graham, Gordon Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – Sec 13-16-16 W4M

2 Irrigable Units are currently registered on various parcels within Sec 13-16-16 W4M. Recent approval of irrigation development, adding 4 quarter section pivots with corner arms, requires the existing irrigable units to be discharged and 2 new irrigable units to be registered to accommodate the changes in deliveries.

2020-10-295 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Units on:

- Pt SE 13, NE 13, Pt NW 13-16-16 W4M, and
- Pt NW 13 & Pt SW 13-16-16 W4M;

all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-296 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Units on:

- SE 13-16-16 W4M (2 parcels), and
- Pt NW 13-16-16 W4M (2 parcels) & Pt SW 13-16-16 W4M (2 parcels);

all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:36 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Gagley, R. Summach and J. Kabut entered.]

10.0 Engineering**10.01 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy**

R. Gagley advised that in follow up to last month's discussion, the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy is being brought forward for revision. This policy establishes the guidelines for the design and construction of canal and pipeline rehabilitation projects, and sets out maximum cfs flow rates for flood or sprinkler irrigation, on various sized parcels. It was advised that previous rehab projects frequently had subsequent flood to sprinkler conversions allowing for increases in acres served; and where warranted and feasible, some projects were also upsized at the design stage. As well, some current rehab projects are already 100% sprinkler and are often shorter in length, as a large percentage of the District has been rehabbed. At this point, many capacity increases have occurred on pipelines, preventing any additional increases. In recent years, although past projects were often limited by available pipe size, larger material is now available and being used. These factors, along with a sharp increase in land values, has prompted more corner arm installations, small pivots on irregular parcels, and infill acres where possible. The following policy revision will allow engineers to better meet the developing challenges producers are facing.

2020-10-297 Moved by B. Chrumka that the sprinkler irrigation farm delivery constraints in the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be amended by increasing from 2.5 cfs to 3.0 cfs, when designing projects for 80 – 135 acre and 135 – 250 acre parcels. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Revised Estimate – 09-H West Bantry

R. Summach advised that first approved in June using the design policy of 2.5 cfs, last month it was requested that the 09-H West Bantry project be brought back designed for the maximum flow delivered to each full quarter parcel irrigated by pivot at 3.0 cfs, with associated cost increase. The increase in cost for upsizing this project is \$60,000 and will allow the future addition of corner arms.

2020-10-298 Moved by B. Schmidt that motion 2020-06-190 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 9-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 1.8 km of pipe, sized for the capacity to serve potential corner arms (3.0 cfs), and adding a screen cleaner, for the estimated cost of \$957,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03 Revised Estimate – 10-H West Bantry

R. Summach also advised that first approved in July using the design policy of 2.5 cfs, last month it was requested that the 10-H West Bantry project be brought back designed for the maximum flow delivered to each full quarter parcel irrigated by pivot at 3.0 cfs, with associated cost increase. The increase in cost for upsizing this project is \$163,000 and will allow the future addition of corner arms.

2020-10-299 Moved by T. Hemsing that motion 2020-07-236 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 10-H West Bantry rehabilitation project by installing 5.5 km of pipe, sized for the capacity to serve potential corner arms (3.0 cfs), and adding a screen cleaner, for the estimated cost of \$2,892,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants

J. Kabut presented the following Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants.

10.04.1 C Springhill – John Hartley – SW 07-20-14 W4M

John Hartley is proposing to convert from gated pipe to wiper pivot in SW 07-20-14 W4M at the time of the C Springhill rehab project. Upon completion, this 55 acre pivot conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2020-10-300 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for John Hartley for converting from gated pipe to pivot in SW 07-20-14 W4M at the time of the C Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2 C Springhill – Albert Snyders Holdings Ltd (Albert Snyders) – NW 11-20-14 W4M

Albert Snyders Holdings Ltd is proposing to convert from wheel moves to wiper pivot in NW 11-20-14 W4M at the time of the C Springhill rehab project. Upon completion, this 66 acre pivot conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2020-10-301 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Albert Snyders Holdings Ltd for converting from wheel moves to pivot in NW 11-20-14 W4M at the

time of the C Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.3 01-C Springhill – Jack Adams – SW 04-20-14 W4M

Jack Adams is proposing to convert from wheel moves to corner arm wiper pivot in SW 04-20-14 W4M at the time of the 01-C Springhill rehab project. Upon completion, this 89 acre pivot conversion qualifies for a grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2020-10-302 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Jack Adams for converting from wheel moves to pivot in SW 04-20-14 W4M at the time of the 01-C Springhill pipeline project. The grant payable to the Landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.05 Ron Wallace – SE 20-23-16 W4M

J. Hale advised of a flooding issue from a drain on the south end of SE 20-23-16 W4M, land owned by Ron Wallace. Engineering will do a site visit with the landowner, review work history of this drain, and discuss with Operations, etc.

10.06 C Springhill – Canal Decommissioning

B. Schmidt conveyed landowners' requests for the C Springhill canal to be filled so that the land can farmed after the pipeline rehab project. R. Gagley advised that it has been recently determined that the old canal can be decommissioned; and as standard practice, existing material on site will be pushed in with landowner consent and at no cost to the landowners.

10.07 Harold Brauer – Decommissioned Ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M

In follow up to the August 25th Board Meeting, D. Jacobson informed that he spoke with Mr. Brauer to clarify his requests and an assumed arrangement. Mr. Gagley also advised of a third party that is interested in the trees, of the option to deliver the trees offsite, and to then not install the domestic pipeline in exchange for the landowner taking the trees. Through discussion the following motion was carried.

2020-10-303 Moved by D. Jacobson that the old ROW of the decommissioned ditch in NW 13-17-17 W4M:

- **be reclaimed by the District using EID policy standards;**
- **that the District also hauls the trees and stumps to a spot supplied by Mr. Brauer; and**
- **that the District hires Hillside Excavating Ltd to install the pipeline as quoted, with 3 risers; at no expense to the landowner.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson

OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen

It was noted that using EID policy standards to reclaim a ditch involves using the dirt that is available on site for fill (hauling extra material for fill is the landowner's responsibility and cost).

[9:21 a.m. – 9:29 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley, R. Summach and J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

12.0 EIDNet

12.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Bandwidth usage continued to have high demand through August, but normal quality of service was maintained. The moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 19 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 24 for Rosemary.

13.0 Equipment**13.01 Sale of Used Pickups**

In order to provide water users with local viewing and bidding of the District's used pickups, a bid was requested from the local auction house.

Nine RAM 1500 & 2500 (2011 – 2016) TRUCKS	
Company	Bid
Annett Auction Services	\$54,500.00 or 5% commission

2020-10-304 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District sell 9 RAM 1500 & 2500 used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 5% commission. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-305 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:39 a.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

4.0 Legal & Corporate Services**4.01 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft**

[10:37 a.m. – 10:44 a.m. Short break; E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**3.01 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – #942 cont'd.****3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – #943 cont'd.****3.03 Capital Assets Bylaw – #944 cont'd.**

[11:17 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings cont'd.

2020-10-306 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**4.0 Legal & Corporate Services****4.01 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft**

Directors were asked to take a month to examine particulars of the proposed Rotational Water Delivery Policy. Engineering was directed to consult with Operations and assess where infrastructure bottlenecks are occurring and bring this information back to the Board.

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

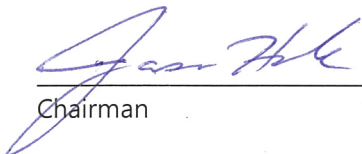
Further adjustments will be made to the Irrigation Acres and Capital Assets bylaws and brought back for further discussion and 1st readings at the next meeting.

3.01 2020 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw – #942 cont'd.**3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – #943 cont'd.****3.03 Capital Assets Bylaw – #944 cont'd.****2.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings cont'd.****14.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 14.01 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 8 th , 8:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Plebiscite Public Meetings | - [subsequently rescheduled] |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Friday, October 30 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.04 | Plebiscite | - [subsequently rescheduled] |
| 14.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[12:01 p.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:01 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager

October 8 & 21, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 8th and 21st days of October 2020. Those in attendance on October 8th were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]	Mrs. Nancy Lassiter	Financial Services Supervisor
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Mtgs and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite
- 4.0 Pipeline Capacity

2020-10-307 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2020/2021 Budget Discussion

2.01 Overview

N. Lassiter presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2020/2021, including comparisons to past years' revenues and expenses. Mr. Friesen, Mrs. Lassiter and Mr. Gagley welcomed comment and answered questions from Directors throughout the meeting.

[8:42 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, maintenance, District residences, Bassano Dam and campgrounds.

[9:10 a.m. Getz, D. Syvret and S. Dahl exited the meeting; R. McLean and E. Palaschak entered.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

Roger McLean – Equipment Superintendent and Earl Palaschak – Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic were in attendance. Mrs. Lassiter advised that cost recoveries from this department are set up to result in neither a profit nor loss point of balance. Various equipment, insurance, and capital purchases were discussed, along with projected increases in truck hours, equipment hours, and fuel.

[9:28 a.m. – 9:34 a.m. Short break; R. McLean and E. Palaschak exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton entered.]

2.04 Lands

Nathan Fontaine – Land Supervisor, Rick Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, and Staci Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands joined the meeting. Discussion included the proposed Patricia Grazing waterline, the Scott Lake Inlet, and the West Kitsim Watertank where maps were presented. Also discussed were weed control, Torxen land purchase, capital assets, Farm Improvement Grants, campgrounds and boat launches. The property taxes relating to the Torxen land purchase of approximately \$25,000 were a one-time expenditure and N. Lassiter and R. Volek pointed out that those costs should not be recovered through the grazing associations. It was requested that numbers for daily vs seasonal camping at RHRC and the new insurance coverage for Community Leases be brought back as information. An Aquatic Invasive Species report on 2020 statistics will also be presented at the October meeting.

[10:48 a.m. N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton exited the meeting; M. Porter and R. Moen entered.]

2.05 IT & EIDNet

Mark Porter – Information Services Supervisor and Ronan Moen – Internet Services Supervisor entered the meeting. Various capital purchases were commented on. Development of a digital file data bank and linking this to GIS mapping, enabling remote employee work, and the EIDNet fibre project were additionally discussed.

[11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Lunch break; M. Porter and R. Moen exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

Remaining items of note from the Administration department were reviewed and discussed. Directors were encouraged to contact Admin with any questions or comments as they further assess the full budget prior to the regular meeting on October 30th. It was also a request from a Director to again trial digital board packages for the next regular meeting.

[12:49 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2020-10-308 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Meetings and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

[1:26 p.m. E. Wilson entered the meeting.]

[2:13 p.m. – 2:19 p.m. Short break.]

2020-10-309 Moved by T. Helsing that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**3.0 Government of Alberta Irrigation Infrastructure Mtgs and Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.**

Given the imminent announcement from the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Board gave direction to postpone the Plebiscite Public Meetings so that this and developing information could be discussed and evaluated as it pertains to the EID Expansion Plebiscite. The plebiscite process will be examined as to resetting the plebiscite date, and initial revisions to the Information to Water Users booklet will be presented at the continuance of this meeting on October 21st. In addition, the proposed bylaws relating to the plebiscite will be revised as needed, and any additional information will be brought back to the Board for direction at the end of the month.

2020-10-310 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board authorizes the District to execute the memorandum of understanding amongst the Canada Infrastructure Bank, the Government of Alberta and seven other irrigation districts, and authorizes the District to continue pursuing the close of this matter to the loan agreement stage. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Continuation of Agenda**4.0 Pipeline Capacity**

D. Jacobson reintroduced a conversation concerning District pipelines which are evident that have or may be presumed to have developed capacity issues in serving potential acres. Admin reviewed aspects such as extra capacity being used for development by water users over the years, design and cost-share policy parameters, project feasibility limitations, the relative flat landscape of this District, the shift in adding corner arms, lower gallonage pivots, allottable flows compensating for potential pump or nozzle upgrades, and the draft Rotational Water Delivery Policy. Mr. Gagley advised that he will be bringing specific examples and cost estimates to the Board for further discussion on this topic at the October Regular Meeting.

[4:08 p.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved the meeting be recessed at 4:08 p.m.

Those in attendance on October 21st were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

[8:00 a.m. E. Wilson, R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda cont'd.

Day 2 of the agenda was approved as presented.

2020-10-311 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board adopt day 2 of the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-312 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

5.01 Information to Water Users - Revised

5.02 Capital Assets - Discussion

[9:43 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Short break.]

5.03 Plebiscite Schedule - Revised

[11:04 a.m. – 11:09 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

6.0 Commercial Updates

2020-10-313 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

5.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

In follow up to the October 8th Board Meeting and subsequent federal and provincial government funding announcement on October 9th, plebiscite matters were brought back for Board reconsideration.

5.01 Information to Water Users - Revised

The draft revisions to the Information to Water Users booklet will be further amended to take into account factors arising from the federal and provincial funding opportunity available to the EID and brought back to the October 30th Board Meeting for further review, and direction for mailout. A map showing river supported and reservoir supported areas of the District was requested and will be provided to Directors at the next meeting.

5.02 Capital Assets - Discussion

Direction was given to include the suggested capital asset charges and the associated revenue to be generated in the revised Information to Water Users booklet.

2020-10-314 Moved by T. Hemsing that for presentations to Water Users, and for their input, the proposed Capital Asset values be set at:

- **Infill and Efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50 irrigation acres be set at \$1,000/acre; and**
- **Infill and Efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 irrigation acres, and New Acres, be set at \$2,600/acre.**

Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED

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

OPPOSED – J. Hale

5.03 Plebiscite Schedule - Revised

A new Plebiscite Date Bylaw will be presented for approval at the October 30th Board Meeting, and the previous bylaw will be repealed. As well, public meeting dates will be set and the associated plebiscite process regarding circulation of information, advertising and reading of bylaws will also reset and proceed.

6.0 Commercial Updates

Admin was directed to obtain additional information for the Board.

7.0 Upcoming Events

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| 7.01 | Plebiscite Public Meetings | - POSTPONED |
| 7.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, October 29 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 7.03 | Plebiscite | - To be POSTPONED |
| 7.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[12:23 p.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:23 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager

October 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of October 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

[9:00 a.m. E. Wilson and R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.03.5 Held Farm Improvement Application – Rod McLean – SW 16-21-18 W4M
- 2.0 Commercial Update cont'd.

2020-10-315 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-316 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Commercial Update

[9:46 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

3.01 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft

3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft

3.03 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #944 – Review Draft

3.04 2021 Plebiscite Date Bylaw #945 – Review Draft

[11:15 a.m. E. Wilson and S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Lassiter entered.]

4.0 2020/2021 Budget – Further Review / Approval

[11:37 a.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

2020-10-317 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

2.0 Commercial Update cont'd.

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

3.01 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft cont'd.

Bylaw #942 will be revised as directed and brought back to the Board.

3.02 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft cont'd.

Bylaw #943 will be revised as directed and brought back to the Board.

3.03 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #944 – Review Draft cont'd.

Bylaw #944 will be revised as directed and brought back to the Board.

3.04 2021 Plebiscite Date Bylaw #945 – Review Draft cont'd.

No revisions were requested for Bylaw #945.

4.0 2020/2021 Budget – Further Review / Approval cont'd.

Directors were advised of a few final adjustments made to the budget; no further changes were requested.

Continuation of the Agenda

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

3.05 2021 Plebiscite Date Bylaw #945 cont'd.

Bylaw #945 repeals Bylaw #940 and the original plebiscite date, now setting the plebiscite for Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The February Board Meeting was set for Thursday 25th.

2020-10-318 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #945 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 29th day of October 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-319 Moved by B. Chrumka that Bylaw #945 (2020) be read the second time this 29th day of October 2020. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-320 Moved by T. Hemsing that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #945 (2020) this 29th day of October 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-10-321 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #945 (2020), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for a Plebiscite, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Approval of Minutes

5.01 September 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The September 3, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-10-322 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Minutes of the September 3, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 September 28 & October 1, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The September 28 & October 1, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-10-323 Moved by R. Owen that the Minutes of the September 28 & October 1, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 October 8 & 21, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The October 8 & 21, 2020 minutes were amended on page 146, motion 2020-10-314, by replacing:

- "Moved by T. Hemsing that for presentation to Water Users, the proposed Capital Asset values be set at..."

with

- "Moved by T. Hemsing that for presentation to Water Users, and for their input, the Capital Asset values be set at..."

2020-10-324 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the October 8 & 21, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

7.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

7.01 Government of Alberta Announcement – October 16th, Calgary

J. Hale attended a government funding announcement in Calgary on October 16th. Speaking on behalf of the federal government via a video platform were Catherine McKenna – Minister of Infrastructure & Communities, and Michael Sabia – Chair of the Canada Infrastructure Bank. Representing Alberta and speaking in person were Jason Kenney – Premier of Alberta; Prasad Panda – Minister of Infrastructure, Devin Dreesen – Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, and Jason Nixon – Minister of Environment & Parks. Dan Shute – Chair of the Western Irrigation District also spoke, on behalf of the participating irrigation districts. Michaela Glasgo, MLA for Brooks-Strathmore, and other invited guests were also in attendance. A partnership between the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB), the Province of Alberta, and 8 participating irrigation districts (BRID, EID, LNID, RID, SMRID, TID, UID and WID) was announced. A plan to expand the irrigated agriculture sector, bolster value-added

industry, and create jobs by expediting selected canal to pipeline rehabilitation projects and build 4 off-stream reservoir projects was confirmed. \$407.5 M will be loaned to irrigation districts from CIB, the province will fund \$244.5 M, and the irrigation districts will initially contribute 20% down or \$163 M, for a total of \$815 M being invested in southern Alberta.

Information specific to how this partnership benefits the EID will be shared with water users once terms of the partnership are settled and project particulars can be disclosed.

[11:51 a.m. – 12:18 p.m. Lunch break; R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

[12:18 p.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

4.0 2020/2021 Budget – Further Review / Approval cont'd.

In follow up to the October 8th Budget Meeting and further consideration during the in-camera portion of the meeting, the budget was presented for approval.

2020-10-325 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:26 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin, W. Enns and N. Lassiter exited the meeting.]

[12:31 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin, W. Enns and N. Lassiter rejoined the meeting.]

2020-10-326 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The budget was approved through the following motion. Rehabilitation projects, large purchases and special items will be brought back to the Board for individual review and approval.

2020-10-327 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board of Directors approve the 2020/2021 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

8.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2020

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. It is intended that the 2020 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2021. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.82 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$29.11 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$12.71 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration. The value of the total irrigation works being amortized is to be brought back to the Board.

2020-10-328 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2020

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2020 was \$2,484,706 or 2.6% more than the book value at September 30, 2019.

4th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$9,090,000	\$8,000,000
IRP – Short Term	-	\$3,250,000
Emergency Spillway – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$2,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development	-	-

2020-10-329 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2020

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

2020-10-330 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2020 as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:11 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley and J. Kabut entered.]

9.0 Engineering

9.01 West Bantry – Reach 2

As part of the 3-phase rehab project for West Bantry, with the first phase approved in August 2019, J. Kabut presented the Reach 2 synopsis for the 2020/2021 construction year. This canal is located approximately 10 km SE of Brooks, serves 21,798 acres, and is badly damaged by cattle accessing the canal. Because of the nature of construction necessary, excavation can only be done before frost; Reach 1 is 70% completed. It is being proposed that once the first phase is completed, to continue for 2.5 km to trim side slopes, rebuild sections of the banks and fence at the estimated cost of \$650,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

2020-10-331 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve Reach 2 of the West Bantry Canal rehabilitation project by trimming side slopes, rebuilding sections of canal bank and fencing for an estimated \$650,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 2020/2021 Structure Program

J. Kabut presented the 2020/2021 Structure Program. Operations has requested that:

- 1 check/drop structure be replaced,
- 4 nose pieces be replaced,
- 4 rock walls be added to existing settling ponds, and

- 1 structure have gates installed and culverts replaced.

2020-10-332 Moved by T. Hemsing that the 2020/2021 Structure Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03 Pipeline Capacity Examples

In follow up to recent meetings, R. Gagley presented overviews of 4 individual situations where the water user is wishing to develop further irrigation acres with additional on-farm infrastructure and the District's present system cannot supply the minimum required cfs. Particulars to each situation, pipeline capacities, and policy were discussed, along with cost estimates provided for various options to supply the extra water.

9.04 Les Douglass re Crapo Drain

First discussed in May, this item was brought back at J. Hale's request. Mr. Gagley advised that the landowner has modified his request but is still asking that work be done to slow erosion. Video footage of the particular area of concern for the landowner was reviewed, and his request to trim, daylight the side slope and fill in a few crevasses were discussed. Directors were informed of the \$250,000 cost estimate, and the view that previous flooding methods likely caused the ravines. Boundaries of titled District ROW for this drain were displayed and no erosion encroachments into the landowner's land were identified.

[2:04 p.m. – 2:09 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley and J. Kabut exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen entered.]

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, 2019 to September 30, 2020)

Mr. Fontaine responded to a number of questions and presented the Oil & Gas Year-End Summary as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Year End Summary						
Year	New Wells	Twin Wells	Pipeline	Seismic	Abandonment Notifications	Reclaimed Certificates
2020	8	3	20.92 ac (3.51 miles)	2 permits (304.75 miles)	140	28
2019	47	34	201 ac (1,208 miles)	0	39	37
2018	49	26	253 ac (1,518 miles)	2 permits (199 miles)	91	16
2017	50	66	238 ac (1,425 miles)	2 permits (151 miles)	184	32
2016	26	21	58 ac (10 miles)	0	27	29

Of the 140 well abandonment notifications to the District, 6 were from Bonavista, 14 from CNRL, 41 from Cardinal and 79 from Torxen. The 28 reclamation certificates were identified as 2 belonging to Cor4, 6 with Cardinal, 9 with CNRL and 11 with Torxen.

10.01.2 Irrigated Lease Rent Reviews – #8250, 8251, 8254, 8255, 8256, 8266, 8267, 8271

8 Irrigated Leases are due for a rental rate review. These leases were originally leased for 20 years. Upon expiration, lessees were given 3 options: terminate the lease, extend the lease for an additional 10 year term upon payment equal to the 20th year's rental fee, or request the land be put up for sale with having the right to match the highest bid. Leaseholders for all 8 leases chose to extend the lease for a further 10 years; the rent for the first 5 years was set at \$94/irrigated acre plus \$5/acre for the dry land. It is now required to set the rate for the remaining 5 years and must be mutually agreed upon by the Lessor and the Lessee prior to January 1, 2021. Mr. Fontaine advised that a rental rate of \$175/irrigated acre was approved last year for 2 leases; discussion followed.

2020-10-333 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 5 year rental rate for Irrigated Leases:

- **#8250, 8251, 8254, 8255, 8256, 8266, 8267 and 8271 to be increased to \$175/acre on wetted acres;**
 - **with dry acres remaining at \$5/acre;**
 - **plus water and taxes;**
- for the years 2021 through 2025. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.01.3 Irrigated Lease Expiries – 8226, 8310

2 long term Irrigated Leases are set to expire in 2021; these leases were originally leased for 20 years. Lease #8226 has been extended for an additional 10 year term and will expire in May. Lease agreement #8310 did not include the 3 options of termination, extension, or right to match the high bid; it expires in February. Directors were briefed of Irrigated Lease expiries dealt with in 2019 and a short discussion followed.

2020-10-334 Moved by B. Chrumka that, upon expiration, the lessees of long term Irrigated Leases #8226 and #8310 have the option of either:

- **upon payment of a renewal fee equivalent to the 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**
- **upon meeting eligibility requirements of:**
 - **owning at least 100 acres of land located within the EID, of which at least 60 acres are assessed as irrigation or 80 acres are assessed as terminable; and**
 - **not leasing more than 640 irrigated acres or more than 1 parcel from the EID, whichever is greatest;**

having the opportunity to submit a bid when the lease is put up for 20 years lease tender in a sealed bid format, with the minimum rent/irrigated acre bid being \$175/acre; this option does not include a right to match the high bid.

Seconded by T. Helsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen, Land Administrator – Aquatic Invasive Species presented the following AIS Report.

10.02.1 AIS Prevention Program – 2020 Statistics

Access to reservoirs in 2020 saw increased traffic compared to 2019, as seen in the following statistics:

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES – 2020 Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	High Risk	Disallowed Entry	Total
Crawling Valley Reservoir	2020	1,354	28	1	15	8	1,406
	2019	860	66	7	18	0	951
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2020	389	10	0	4	2	405
	2019	121	4	1	2	1	129
Lake Newell Reservoir	2020	1,634	73	0	31	8	1,746
	2019	709	57	8	35	6	815
Rolling Hills Reservoir	2020	822	19	0	1	0	852
	2019	494	33	10	32	1	570
EID Office	2020	37	1	0	0	0	38
	2019	171	7	0	6	3	187
Other	2020	5	0	0	0	0	5
	2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 Totals		4,241	131	1	61	18	4,452
2019 Totals		2,355	167	26	93	11	2,652

In 2020 the EID registered 4,452 watercraft (sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, other non-motorized watercraft and float planes). Out of province watercraft came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and North Dakota. A number of questions were responded to by Ms. Doerksen.

[2:26 p.m. N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.03.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2020

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 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, 2020	303,371	3,648	39	58	307,116
September 30, 2020	303,938	3,553	39	58	307,588*
Net increase	567	< 95 >	0	0	472
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 5 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					486
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					98
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 12 >

*Of the 311,000 acre expansion limit, 307,549 irrigation acres are on the roll, and 39 irrigation acres are currently under Annual Agreement.

10.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.03.2.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – Monthly Report	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
October (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 18,000 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 47,984 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)	\$ 809,016

*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 1 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.

10.03.2.2 Levelling – Brad & Kelly Deschamps – Pt NW 18-20-12 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for machine levelling a parcel of land that is currently uncontrolled flood. The project cost is \$48,042.66 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$18,000 per parcel.

2020-10-335 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brad & Kelly Deschamps for the machine levelling of Pt NW 18-20-12 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to \$18,000. The project cost is \$48,042.66; of which the EID will pay \$18,000 and the Landowner's share is \$30,042.66. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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

10.03.2.3 Flood to Pivot – Clayton & Tracey Stern – Pt E ½ 21-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 24 acres flood
- Converting: 24 acres flood to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 24 acres, all under pivot
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

~~**2020-10-336 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clayton & Tracey Stern for the conversion of 24 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt E ½ 21-16-13 W4M. The Farm**~~

~~Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,400 (24 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2020-12-407]~~

10.03.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott Tateson) – NW 20-16-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 114 acres flood
- Converting: 62 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 21 acres outside pivot; 31 acre separate field
- Assessment remains the same at 114 acres (62 wiper pivot, 21 outside pivot, 31 separate field)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-10-337 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott Tateson) for the conversion of 62 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW 20-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,200 (62 acres x \$100/acre) less \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.5 Flood to Pivot – Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – NE 02-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 1 acre pivot (encroachment from the NW)
- Current Assessment: 154 acres (1 acre pivot, 16 transferred in, 137 purchased – motion 2020-04-145)
- Converting: 16 acres flood to pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-10-338 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Graham Ventures Ltd for the conversion of 16 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NE 02-17-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,600 (16 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

10.03.2.6 Panel – Critters & Crops Ltd (Rodney & Joanne Dyck) – SW 01-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres
- Previous Grants: \$7,500 (motion 149-09-2000)
\$1,200 (motion 2010-03-053)
- Current Assessment: 148 acres (5 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 148 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-10-339 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Critters & Crops Ltd for the panel upgrade in SW 01-21-16 W4M purchased for \$8,397. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$14,300 (143 acres x \$100/acre) less \$8,700 (previous grants) = \$5,600. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:31 p.m. R. Owen declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.03.2.7 Nozzles – Ross Owen, Neil Owen, Donald Owen – Sec 08-21-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 501 acres (372 irrigation acres, 129 terminable acres)
- Current Assessment: 515 irrigation acres under section pivot (129 converted from terminable to irrigation and 14 acres added for general assessment/development)
- Installing: nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 515 acres, all under section pivot

2020-10-340 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ross Owen, Donald Owen and Neil Owen for the nozzles upgrade in Sec 08-21-12 W4M purchased for \$18,384. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$34,200 (342 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$18,384. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres – Applications Received by January 29, 2020**10.03.2.8 Flood to Pivot – Ross Owen – SW 07-20-12 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 90 acres flood
- Converting: 90 acres flood to wiper pivot; 4 acres needed
- New Assessment: 94 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- This application was received prior to January 30, 2020

2020-10-341 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ross Owen for the conversion of 90 acres flood to wiper pivot in SW 07-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$9,000 (90 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge on acres applied for by January 29, 2020, is \$1,200 (4 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:33 p.m. R. Owen rejoined the meeting.]

10.03.2.9 Flood to Pivot with C/A – Ron Sereda – NW 34-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 110 acres flood
- Converting: 110 acres flood to corner arm pivot; 36 acres needed
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- This application was received prior to January 30, 2020

2020-10-342 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ron Sereda for the conversion of 110 acres flood to pivot in NW 34-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,000 (110 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge on acres applied for by January 29, 2020, is \$10,800 (36 acres x \$300/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.10 Transfer – Will & Rob Rommens Dairies Ltd (William Rommens and Robert Rommens) – NE 15 to NE 16-20-14 W4M

Landowners are requesting to transfer 3 irrigation acres from NE 15 to NE 16-20-14 W4M to accommodate the infill of a corner arm.

2020-10-343 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from NE 15-20-14 W4M to NE 16-20-14 W4M, all lands being owned by Will & Rob Rommens Dairies Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.3 Cancellation of Terminable Acres – Mario’s Electric Ltd (Mario Bonora, Ron Bonora and Jim Bonora) – NE 35-18-15 W4M

It was requested that Mrs. Connauton call the landowners of NE 35-18-15 W4M regarding the cancellation of term acres on NE 35-18-15 W4M prior to bringing this item back to the Board.

10.03.4 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Franz & Susana Friesen and Dawn Drader – Pt N ½ 17 & SW 20-20-12 W4M

Historically Pt N ½ 17 and SW 20-20-12 W4M shared one delivery. Since the North Branch pipeline each parcel has its own delivery, therefore neither of the irrigable units are required.

2020-10-344 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the discharge of Irrigable Units on:

- Pt N ½ 17-20-12 W4M (IU #232) and
- Pt N ½ 17 & SW 20-20-12 W4M (IU #475);

Pt NE 17-20-12 W4M being owned by Dawn Drader, and Pt NW 17 & SW 20-20-12 W4M being owned by Franz & Susana Friesen. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.5 Held Farm Improvement Application – Rod McLean – SW 16-21-18 W4M

Conditions on a held Farm Improvement application from Rod McLean were discussed.

[2:46 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

11.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

A minor power outage occurred in Patricia on September 11th; service was restored within an hour. There was also a power disruption in Bassano on October 4th that damaged the UPS at the tower. Staff were dispatched and service was likewise restored within an hour. A moratorium on installs and upgrades in Duchess and Rosemary remains; 20 names are on the waiting list for Duchess and 26 for Rosemary. Engineering work on the fibre path is almost complete, however they are still waiting for a couple landowners to come to an agreement.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2020	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	57
Residential Accounts	1,722
Business Accounts	24
EID Automation	46
Total	1,849

[2:55 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

12.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

12.01 Sale of Used Pickups – Results of Auction

The nine used trucks (RAM 1500 and 2500, 2011-2016) were sold through Annett Auction Services at their October 19th online auction for a total of \$72,400 less 5% commission = \$68,780. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$54,500.

2020-10-345 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Commercial Update cont'd.

[3:14 p.m. R. Gagley re-entered the meeting.]

13.0 Legal & Corporate Services**13.01 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft**

2020-10-346 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

2.0 Commercial Update cont'd.**13.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.****13.01 Rotational Water Delivery Policy – Draft cont'd.**

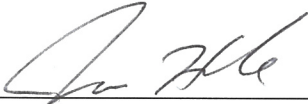
It was requested that the draft Rotation Water Delivery Policy be redrafted as a bylaw and brought back to the Board for further discussion.

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Scholarship Committee Meeting and Special Board Meeting | - Wednesday, November 18 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.03 | AIDA AGM | - Tuesday, December 1 st [location TBD] |
| 14.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. |

[3:55 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

November 18, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 18th day of November 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

[9:42 a.m. E. Wilson and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2020-11-347 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite**1.01 Information to Water Users - Revised****1.02 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft****1.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft****1.04 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – Review Draft**

[10:17 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services**2.01 Commercial Updates**

2020-11-348 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**1.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite**

A few minor revisions were requested to some of the documents presented. The information booklet will be brought back for approval and the bylaws will be brought back for 1st readings, at the November regular meeting.

2.0 Commercial Updates

The Board will review the information presented and will have opportunity to discuss with external counsel through a conference call to be arranged for the November regular meeting.

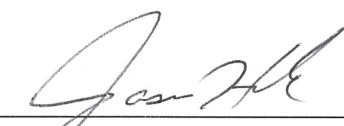
On the second matter, if time permits, Directors requested that a draft proposal be drawn up for review at the next meeting.

3.0 Upcoming Events

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| 3.01 | AIDA AGM | - Tuesday, December 1 st <i>[online]</i> |
| 3.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[11:00 a.m. E. Wilson exited the meeting.]

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:00 a.m.



Chairman



General Manager

November 24, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of November 2020. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 6.02 EID Presentation in Acadia Valley

As there was a 3-year commitment previously approved, the following item was removed from the agenda:

- Request for Funding – Bow River Basin Council

Admin advised that the scheduled conference call has been moved to 9:05 a.m., and D. Jacobson requested that the Permit to Trail Cattle item be held in-camera.

2020-11-349 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-350 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services**2.01 Commercial Update**

[9:04 a.m. M. Hegedus joined with the meeting via conference call.]

9:05 a.m. Mike Hegedus, PwC Law LLP

[9:54 a.m. M. Hegedus disconnected.]

[10:09 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite**3.01 Information to Water Users – Review Draft****3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft****3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft****3.04 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – Review Draft**

[10:40 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**2.01 Commercial Update cont'd**

[11:03 a.m. J. Surgenor and G. Tiffin entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer – Brooks Region, and Geoff Tiffin, Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering – County of Newell re Pathways and Commercial Update

[12:15 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; J. Surgenor and G. Tiffin exited the meeting.]

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**2.01 Commercial Update cont'd**

[1:42 p.m. – 1:47 p.m. Short break; R. Gagley and S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

2.02 Rotational Water Delivery Discussion

[2:28 p.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Grazing****9.01.6 Permit to Trail Cattle**

[2:29 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[3:04 p.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin and W. Enns rejoined the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

2020-11-351 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting**2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****2.01 Commercial Update cont'd****9:05 a.m. Mike Hegedus, PwC Law LLP cont'd****3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd****3.01 Information to Water Users – Review Draft cont'd**

It was requested to add the corresponding numerical ranges for the application rating categories listed on page 14. The amended copy will be forwarded to Directors for final review prior to mailing around the first week in December. Suggestions on how to hold public meetings were discussed.

3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – Review Draft cont'd**3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – Review Draft cont'd****3.04 Capital Assets Bylaw #944 – Review Draft cont'd****2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****2.01 Commercial Update cont'd**

11:00 a.m. Jessica Surgenor, Economic Development Officer – Brooks Region, and Geoff Tiffin, Manager of Planning, Development & Engineering – County of Newell re Pathways and Commercial Update

2.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd**2.01 Commercial Update cont'd****2.02 Rotational Water Delivery Discussion cont'd**

This matter may be brought back in subsequent years when assessing irrigation applications.

9.0 Lands**9.01 Grazing****9.01.6 Permit to Trail Cattle**

It was directed that the Permit to Trail Cattle be discussed at the next GAC Meeting.

Continuation of the Agenda**9.01 Grazing cont'd**

R. Volek presented the remaining Grazing Report.

9.01.1 2020 Grazing Season Summary

Due to the dry conditions in the south part of the District in 2018 and 2019, the maximum listing was reduced to 70 head and more cattle were stocked in the north to allow south pastures some rest. All parts of the District benefitted from excellent spring and summer rainfall and an extended grazing season to October 24th was approved. Total cattle placed on community pastures was 15,553 head; a decrease of 1,566 head from 2019. Total AUM was 79,888; down from 82,300 in 2019. Membership increased slightly to 256. Spring runoff was very good, however waterline maintenance costs increased due to cold weather damage in early October 2019, some aging components, and additions to the waterline infrastructure. Waterline projects consisted of 15 km of poly lines, 11 water tanks and 3 dugouts being installed throughout the Bantry, Newell, Duchess and Gem grazing leases. 3 dugouts, 2 water tanks and 35 km of fencing were also installed throughout the Rosemary, Patricia and Gem leases. 5 dams were removed for Ducks Unlimited reclamation, with 2 new District dugouts being installed to date for water storage replacement. Pasture on the Kitsim pivots and old flood dryland had excellent grass growth, providing grazing for 350 cow/calf pairs for almost 4 months on the pivots, and 5 weeks of grazing in total on the dryland. There were no grass fires on EID pastureland; in September the District's fireguard prevented a fire on private dryland stubble north of Eyremore Grazing from spreading into District land. Fireguard maintenance was challenged by spring runoff, rain, and wind, but by late June all fireguards had been sprayed and some follow up spraying was also done in later summer. A combination of hand pulling, spraying, mowing, and monitoring continues to be used and is effective in controlling identified Downy Brome sites. JBS was approved to apply treated industrial wastewater (TIW) through a temporary pivot on Sec 08-21-15 W4M; 4.7" was applied on 469 acres. JBS has indicated that they may need land again for this purpose in 2021. 1,700 acres of reseeded tame pasture in Newell Grazing had mixed results with good and poor germination, and gophers that consumed a lot of the new growth. Consultation will be held on how to proceed with this project. An outbreak of Black Leg occurred in the Rosemary Grazing Lease; 30-35 calves succumbed. This type of outbreak is very rare and it is suspected that there were perfect soil/pasture conditions combined with not rigorous enough vaccination practices for this situation to develop. Due to COVID-19 restrictions in the spring, only 5 grazing associations were able to complete their annual meetings. 3 Associations remain to get their new bylaws approved.

9.01.2 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2021 Grazing Season

Carryover grass is very good heading into 2021 due to a reduction in 2020 cattle numbers and timely spring/summer rains. Recent water supply upgrades have also allowed better access to grass that has not previously been utilized due to low water availability. It is anticipated that there can be an increase in the carrying capacity for the 2021 season, assuming average moisture in the spring. An AUM of 85,000 was recommended for the 2021 grazing season; this translates to 17,000 head (cow/calf pair) over 5 months and will be reassessed after a review of fall listings and spring conditions.

2020-11-352 Moved by R. Owen that the total number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 85,000 AUM for the 2021 grazing season. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3 Patricia Grazing – North Waterline Project

A waterline project for the Patricia Grazing Lease is being proposed south, east and northeast of the Princess Compressor Station. The project involves the installation of 23.8 km of poly waterlines and 9 new concrete pads and water tanks. The system will branch off a current grazing waterline and supply water to the new water tanks and 5 existing dugouts. The project, which is estimated to cost

\$400,732 was given preliminary consent at budget approval, and if approved construction can begin in June 2021. Project details were discussed, and a number of questions answered.

2020-11-353 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Patricia Grazing North Waterline project by installing 23.8 km of waterline and 9 concrete pads with water tanks, at an estimated cost of \$400,732. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.4 Land Availability for JBS TIW Application 2021

In June 2020 JBS was approved to set up a temporary pivot on EID land in Sec 08-20-15 W4M to apply treated industrial wastewater (TIW) on native pasture as an emergency discharge measure. In total, 184 acre-feet or 4.7" was applied on 469 acres. In August, JBS was permitted by Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) to apply TIW to the lands that were earlier rejected in spring. As a result, lagoons were lowered enough that JBS did not need to undergo an emergency discharge to the river this fall via EID irrigation canals and drains. JBS is now enquiring of potential District pastureland available for TIW application in 2021 as they are anticipating restrictions on other land availability, and even with significant water saving processes at the plant, it is expected that TIW volumes will be at critical levels by spring. Through discussion a number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

2020-11-354 Moved by T. Hemsing that JBS Food Canada ULC be permitted under an emergency discharge to apply Treated Industrial Wastewater (TIW) on EID lands in N ½ 32 & NW 33-19-15 W4M in 2021, subject to:

- **a fee of \$50/wetted acre be applied;**
- **all costs incurred by the impact to the lands or by Duchess Grazing Association to accommodate the application (for example, required fencing), being covered by JBS Food Canada ULC;**
- **the attempts by JBS to resolve regulatory issues on the leased lands be continued;**
- **the EID retains the right to cancel the agreement prior to the expiration of the AEP license;**
- and**
- **deadline to complete the application of TIW is September 15, 2021.**

Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.5 Certificate of Liability Insurance

As per the request at the October 8th Budget Meeting, a copy of the new insurance coverage for Community Grazing Associations was presented as information.

[3:57 p.m. – 4:02 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd.

3.01 Information to Water Users – Approve Revisions

The updated edition of the Information to Water Users booklet, which includes information pertaining to the provincial government funding announcement and related EID projects, was approved to be sent to water users.

2020-11-355 Moved by D. Peltzer that the revised Proposed Increase to the Irrigation Expansion Limit information be forwarded to water users with the requested revisions in early December. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.02 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw #942 – 1st Reading

The 2021 Expansion Limit Change Bylaw establishes the Expansion Limit from 311,000 acres to 345,000 acres; provided no more than 340,000 irrigation acres may be added to the assessment roll until such time as; (a) Snake Lake Reservoir has been commissioned; or (b) in the event Snake Lake Reservoir is not commissioned, the Board has provided notice to irrigators to hold a meeting or meetings to discuss exceeding the 340,000 acre cap and also passes a motion thereafter by special resolution (approved by not less than six (6) Directors of the Board) to amend the bylaw to disregard the 340,000 acre cap.

2020-11-356 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #942 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st reading was gained. The bylaw will be presented at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input. At the January 26th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

3.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #943 – 1st Reading

This bylaw establishes the rules and procedures governing an application for an increase in irrigation acres or to transfer irrigation acres. This new bylaw widens the parameters on irrigation acre application approvals and reinstates accepting applications for irrigation acres on new parcels.

2020-11-357 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #943 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1st reading was gained. The bylaw will be available at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input. At the January 26th Board Meeting, revisions, if any, may be made followed by a 2nd reading. 3rd and final reading may only be possible after the plebiscite is complete.

3.04 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #944 – 1st Reading

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw imposes a capital assets charge on each irrigation acre added to a titled unit and shown on the assessment roll. It also sets the purchase price the District will pay for irrigation acres sold to the District by an irrigator. It includes a provision to cost-share 75/25 (EID/Water User) eligible irrigation works associated with the new acres, up to 25% of the applicable capital assets charge. The bylaw is to be presented at least once per year, with recent land sales data and other relevant information, for review of the Board. This proposed bylaw reflects the rates referenced in motion 2020-10-314 under consideration: \$1,000/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to a maximum of 50, and \$2,600/acre for infill and efficiency acres over a maximum of 50 and for new acres. Conversion acres were proposed at \$500/acre and acres purchased back by the District were proposed at \$3,500/acre.

**2020-11-358 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #944 (2020) be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by D. Peltzer. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer
OPPOSED – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson**

1st reading was not approved. Motion 2020-10-314 will be presented at the public meetings in January 2021 for water user input.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 October 29, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The October 29, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-11-359 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the October 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.02 November 18, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The November 18, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-11-360 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

6.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

6.01 AIDA Executive Meeting

T. Hemsing connected to a recent AIDA Executive Meeting, summarizing Alberta Agriculture & Forestry layoffs, the government's shift for ag research to be picked up by colleges and industry, and that AIDA is waiting on a letter from Alberta Environment & Parks in support of aquatic herbicides Cascade and Teton, that are yet to be approved in Canada. He noted that the latest version of the "Economic Value of Irrigation in Alberta" study has begun, and that the AIDA AGM will be held December 1st, via an online platform.

6.02 EID Presentation in Acadia Valley – November 12th

J. Hale was asked to give a presentation on the EID for an interested group in Acadia Valley on November 12th. Roger Hohm, retired Irrigation Secretariat Director, also presented. Mr. Hale described the hypothesized irrigation development for that area and indicated that the presentations were well received.

3.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd.

3.03 AGM & Election

Mr. Koochin presented the following proposals for elections and meetings.

3.03.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates

An election schedule was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events. The 2021 schedule mirrors 2020, however election day is delayed one week due to the Easter school

break. As is the consideration for all current meetings and gatherings, hosting of meetings will adhere to any applicable COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions which may be in place at such time.

2020-11-361 Moved by R. Owen that:

- **the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 8, 2021;**
- **the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021;**
- **the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.;**
- **if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021; and**
- **an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021.**

Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.03.2 2021 Election Date Bylaw #946

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in March 2021 for Division 3 (Patricia/Millicent) and Division 6 (Tilley). An Election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

2020-11-362 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #946 (2020), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-363 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #946 (2020) the second time this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-364 Moved by B. Chrumka that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #946 (2020) this 24th day of November 2020. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-365 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #946 (2020), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2021, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:23 p.m. N. Lassiter entered the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

N. Lassiter presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2020

The preliminary financial statements to October 31, 2020 were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$5.08 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$737,000 and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.34 million.

A number of questions were responded to by administration. In follow up to a question at the October meeting, Mrs. Lassiter also advised that the value of the irrigation works presently being amortized is \$719 million.

2020-11-366 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2020 as presented. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:36 p.m. N. Lassiter exited the meeting; R. Gagley entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

The northern pipeline crew started the C Springhill pipeline on November 16th. Clearing snow from recent storms delayed the project for a few days but work has resumed. The earthworks crew is on West Bantry – Phase 1 and when that portion is complete, will move to Phase 2 until freeze up. There are no IRP projects this year.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
PIPELINE	
C Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed - construction began November 16, 2020
01-C Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
9-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
10-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
16-H West Bantry	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed

8.02 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2021/22 to 2023/24

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. As what has been scheduled in this plan, no IRP projects were approved for the 2020/2021 construction season in order to apply 2 years of funding to larger projects. A number of questions were responded to by admin and staff. Completed 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 - 2021/22	Bow Slope Canal	\$725,000
	15 North Branch Check Structure	\$250,000
	F Tilley Check Structure	\$175,000
Proposed Year 2 - 2022/23	Lake Newell South Feeder	\$698,000
	West Bantry Canal – Phase 3	\$750,000
	Scott Pipeline	\$8,800,000
Proposed Year 3 - 2023/24	Tilley Canal	\$2,100,000

2020-11-367 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:45 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.02.1.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – Monthly Report	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 18,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 0 >
Require Approval	< \$ 18,000 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 47,984 >
November (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 48,411 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)	\$ 742,605

*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$65,984.

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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 1-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.

9.02.1.2 Levelling – Arthur (Raymond) & Audrey Flatla – NW 33-16-13 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share for machine levelling a parcel of land that is currently uncontrolled flood. The project cost is \$60,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$18,000 per parcel.

2020-11-368 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Raymond & Audrey Flatla for the machine levelling of NW 33-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share

basis, up to \$18,000. The project cost is \$60,000; of which the EID will pay \$18,000 and the Landowner's share is \$42,000. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

[4:47 p.m. B. Chrumka declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.02.1.3 Flood to Pivot w C/A – Emelie Dunay – SW 13-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 147 acres flood
- Converting: 109 acres flood to pivot and 32 acres flood to corner arm; keeping 6 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres corner arm pivot, 6 acres outside

2020-11-369 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Emelie Dunay for the conversion of 109 acres flood to pivot and 32 acres flood to corner arm in SW 13-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,900 (109 acres x \$100/acre) + \$22,400 (32 acres x \$700/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$30,300. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:48 p.m. B. Chrumka rejoined the meeting.]

Upgrades (*panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps*) Upon receipt, the EID will pay up to \$100/irrigated acre for upgrades, as per policy.

9.02.1.4 Pump – Mark Benson – NE 36-16-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 127 acres
- Previous Grant: \$2,500 (motion 014-01-2001)
- Current Assessment: 132 acres (5 acres added for 2001 farm improvement)
- Installing: pump
- Assessment remains the same at 132 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-11-370 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Mark Benson for the pump upgrade in NE 36-16-14 W4M purchased for \$10,893. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,500 (previous grant) = \$10,200. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.1.5 Panel – Scott & Jamie Eckert – NW 15-21-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 119 acres
- Previous Grant: \$6,865 (motion 183-11-2002)
- Current Assessment: 134 acres (15 acres added for 2002 farm improvement and 2016 general assessment)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 134 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-11-371 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Scott & Jamie Eckert for the panel upgrade in NW 15-21-14 W4M purchased for \$11,918. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,900 (119 acres x \$100/acre) less \$6,865 (previous grant) = \$5,035. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.1.6 Panel – Martin & Linda Gubbins – E ½ 05 & Pt SE 08-17-16 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$5,520
- Current Assessment: 92 acres wiper pivot
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 92 acres, all under wiper pivot

2020-11-372 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Martin & Linda Gubbins for the panel upgrade in E ½ 05 & Pt SE 08-17-16 W4M purchased for \$2,876. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$9,200 (92 acres x \$100/acre) less \$5,520 (previous grant); with the payable amount being \$2,876. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

9.02.1.7 Infill – Erik & Coral Versteegen – SE 27-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot (5 acres transferred out for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 13 acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: parcel not eligible for Farm Improvement grant as it was previously terminable acres

2020-11-373 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Erik & Cornelia Versteegen for 13 infill acres in SE 27-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,750 (13 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.2 Transfer – Albert Snyders Holdings Ltd (Albert Snyders) to Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham)

Albert Snyder Holdings Ltd has requested to transfer 10 flood irrigation acres from outside his pivot in NW 11-20-14 W4M to Graham Ventures Ltd in SE 02-17-16 W4M for the infill of a corner arm. Operations has confirmed the availability to deliver.

2020-11-374 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the transfer of 10 irrigation acres from NW 11-20-14 W4M, lands being owned by Albert Snyder Holdings, to SE 02-17-16 W4M, lands being owned by Graham Ventures Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge & Registration – South Slope Feeders Ltd (John Graham and Gordon Graham) – W ½ 02-17-16 W4M

An irrigable unit exists on W ½ 02-17-16 W4M for 2 pivots; both pivots share a delivery in NW 02. Accessing the same delivery, a third pivot has recently been added to the E ½, requiring the current irrigable unit to be discharged and a new one registered encompassing the entire section.

2020-11-375 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on W ½ 02-17-16 W4M; all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-11-376 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Unit on Sec 02-17-16 W4M; all lands being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.4 Cancellation of Terminable Acres – Mario’s Electric Ltd (Mario Bonora, Ron Bonora and Jim Bonora) – NE 35-18-15 W4M

Lands in NE 35-18-15 W4M have not had water delivered to the terminable acres for several years. In addition, the land is an alkali flat and there is no actual delivery for this parcel. Mrs. Connauton advised that she has made contact with the landowners and discussed the history and usage of the acres, recommending that the terminable acres be cancelled.

2020-11-377 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the cancellation of 15 terminable acres in NE 35-18-15 W4M, lands being owned by Mario’s Electric Ltd. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.5 Held Farm Improvement Application – Rod McLean – SW 16-21-18 W4M

Conditions on a held Farm Improvement application for Rod McLean were updated from the October meeting. The landowner has changed his application and once he has completed the paperwork, the application will be brought to the Board for consideration.

Increase in Irrigation Acres cont’d

9.02.1.8 Wheels to Pivot & Infill – Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

This matter and aspects of the Rotational Water Delivery discussion were again evaluated. Admin and staff will meet with the landowner to review the conditional requirements to his increase in irrigation acres application (ie. soils, 3 cfs, caveat). If the landowner is willing to proceed, the application will be brought back to the Board for conditional approval.

[5:37 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

On November 8th a power control module failed at the Rosemary tower. This failure caused an outage of about 3 hours while it was being replaced. There is still a moratorium on installs and upgrades in the Rosemary and Duchess areas, with 48 names on the waiting list. Upon completion of recent

additional analysis and routing considerations of the EIDNet fibre project, the Board confirmed that Phase 1 of the EIDNet fibre project will proceed, as approved in January 2020. Mr. Moen advised that there is potential government funding available, which is concurrently being pursued.

[5:45 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

11.01 Quotes on the Purchase of ½ Ton Trucks

Quotes for the purchase of one ½ ton regular cab long box, four ½ ton quad cab short box, three ¾ ton regular cab long box, and one ¾ ton crew cab long box trucks were presented as follows.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF ½ AND ¾ TON TRUCKS					
Dealership	½ Ton Reg Cab Long Box	½ Ton Db/Qd/SpCab Short Box	¾ Ton Reg Cab Long Box	¾ Ton Db/Qd/SpCab Long Box	¾ Ton Crew Cab Long Box
Martin Chrysler Brooks	\$35,761.00	\$32,993.00	\$37,720.00	-	\$40,100.00
Davis Dodge Fort Macleod	\$37,113.00	\$34,998.00	\$38,966.00	-	\$42,382.00
Harwood Ford Brooks	\$37,030.00	\$38,289.00	\$41,229.00	\$44,170.00	\$46,069.00
Sun City Ford Medicine Hat	\$38,569.00	\$39,609.00	\$42,366.00	\$45,622.00	\$47,206.00
Davis Chevrolet Brooks	-	\$34,046.25	-	\$40,584.25	\$41,731.25

2020-11-378 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District purchase:

- one ½ ton regular cab long box truck for \$35,761;
- four ½ ton quad cab short box trucks at \$32,993 per unit;
- three ¾ ton regular cab long box trucks at \$37,720 per unit; and
- one ¾ ton crew cab long box truck for \$40,100;

from Martin Chrysler. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02 Quotes on the Purchase of a Service Truck

Quotes for the purchase of a service truck for the Heavy Duty Mechanic were presented as follows. These quotes do not include the toolbox or picker.

QUOTES ON THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK	
Dealership	Quote
Nortrax (Mack) Red Deer	\$107,900.00
Glover International Trucks Ltd [Summit Motors – Brooks/Taber]	\$111,444.16

2020-11-379 Moved by R. Owen that the District purchase a service truck from Nortrux (Mack) for \$107,900. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

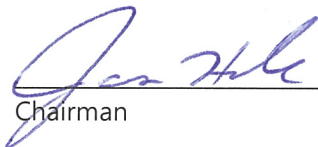
11.03 Sale of Used Excavator – Results of Auction

At the August Board Meeting, the high bid received for the 2016 John Deere 250 GLC excavator was \$93,000. All bids were rejected, and it was consensus to have the unit auctioned through Ritchie Bros Auctioneers. The sale on October 28th netted \$146,185.00 for the District.

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | AIDA AGM | - Tuesday, December 1 st [online] |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.03 | Plebiscite Meetings | - week of January 17 th , 2021 [TBD] |
| 13.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.05 | Plebiscite | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 13.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

T. Hemsing adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager

December 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 3rd day of December 2020.

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947

2020-12-380 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-12-381 Moved by D. Jacobson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947 cont'd

During the in-camera portion of the meeting, I. Friesen explained in further detail particulars concerning a proposed Borrowing Bylaw, also citing relevant sections of the *Irrigation Districts Act* as follows:

Section 44

- (1) *A district may borrow money if the borrowing is authorized by bylaw.*
- (2) *No district may borrow money if the borrowing causes the district to exceed its debt limit as determined by the regulations unless the bylaw is approved by the Minister.*

Section 177

- (2) *A district may make bylaws*
 - (l) *authorizing the borrowing of money*
- (4) *A bylaw passed under subsection (2)(l) must*
 - (a) *set out the maximum amount of money to be borrowed and, in general terms, the purpose for which the money is borrowed,*
 - (b) *set out the maximum rate of interest, the term and the terms of repayment of the borrowing, and*

- (c) *set out the source or sources of money to be used to pay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing.*

To meet the requirements of the IDA a borrowing bylaw needs to be passed to proceed with the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) loan arrangements. Since the amount of the loan will exceed the debt limit of the District, approval from the Minister under section 44(2) of the IDA will also be required before the bylaw is effective. The bylaw and key points of the loan were reviewed in-camera and repayment provisions were given thorough discussion by the Board. Details specific to the terms of the loan are currently subject to contractual restrictions on disclosure.

2020-12-382 Moved by T. Hemsing that Bylaw #947 (2020), be introduced and read the first time this 3rd day of December 2020. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen

2020-12-383 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve Bylaw #947 (2020) the second time this 3rd day of December 2020. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen

Through continued discussion it was evident that unanimous consent for a motion to have 3rd reading of the bylaw at this meeting would not be achieved. It was decided to hold another special meeting, on December 7th, to have 3rd reading. Directors were reminded details concerning the CIB loan or the Borrowing Bylaw are currently subject to contractual restrictions on disclosure but in the interim may generally canvass water users for feedback on using potential capital asset charges and other revenue sources available to repay any loan.

2.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

2.01 Information to Water Users – Final Edits

Mr. Friesen advised of a few minor edits for the information booklet, indicating that it would be helpful to also clarify public meeting dates, times, and formats. Online platforms, recording and posting of meetings, presentations, and Q & A capacities were discussed. It was agreed that online, town hall type meetings that include hearing and answering questions from water users would satisfy the public meeting requirement for the expansion limit plebiscite, and that the meetings be held as follows:

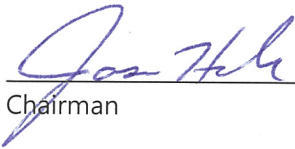
PLEBISCITE PUBLIC MEETINGS		
Location	Date	Time
Online [www.eid.ca]	Monday January 18, 2021	2:00 p.m.
Online [www.eid.ca]	Thursday January 21, 2021	7:00 p.m.
In-person [venue To Be Determined] [if allowable under current COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions]	Monday January 25, 2021	[TBD]

Information specific to connecting to these meetings will be forwarded to water users in advance. As well, it was advised and supported that staff research online survey programs to enable straw votes on one or more matters. Additional information on survey capabilities and questions will be brought to the December regular meeting.

3.0 Upcoming Events

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| 3.01 | Special Board Meeting | - Monday, December 7 th , 10:300 a.m. |
| 3.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m.
<i>[format to be determined]</i> |

TH moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 p.m.


Chairman
General Manager

December 7, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7th day of December 2020.

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947

In follow up, Mr. Friesen advised of one material wording change in the Borrowing Bylaw and that he will also be speaking to one of the questions from the December 3rd meeting, once in-camera.

2020-12-384 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2020-12-385 Moved by D. Jacobson that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Borrowing Bylaw #947 cont'd

The Borrowing Bylaw and leading matters were given further consideration and debate in-camera.

2020-12-386 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #947 (2020), being a Bylaw relating generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of Eastern Irrigation District, be amended by:

- **clause (j), replacing "Notwithstanding (g) and (h) above" with "Notwithstanding (g), (h) and (i) above";**

be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – J. Hale, B. Schmidt, T. Hemsing, D. Jacobson
OPPOSED – B. Chrumka, R. Owen, D. Peltzer

Those opposed to the motion viewed the plan to set out the source or sources of money to be used to pay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing required more definition.

Admin reminded Directors of the non-disclosure obligations but encouraged them to speak with water users regarding the information on page 17 of the info booklet which summarizes the

estimated cost of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion, the proposed financing arrangements, and rationale on capital asset charges.

2.0 Upcoming Events

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| 2.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 2.02 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Monday, January 18 th , 2:00 p.m., online |
| 2.03 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Thursday, January 21 st , 7:00 p.m., online |
| 2.04 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[in-person meeting if allowable under
current COVID-19 public health orders
or public gathering restrictions]</i> | - Monday, January 25 th , <i>[time and venue TBD]</i> |
| 2.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 2021, 9:00 a.m. |
| 2.06 | Plebiscite | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 2.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:09 a.m.



Chairman

General Manager

December 17, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17th day of December 2020. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
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Connected via online Teams call:

Mr. Jason Hale	Chair	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Bob Chrumka	Director	[Division 6]
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Vice-Chair	[Division 7]
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services	<i>[apologies]</i>
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The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors
- 8.0 Rotational Water Delivery
- 8.01 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M
- 8.02 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey Campbell) – Sec 25-21-15 W4M

2020-12-387 Moved by R. Owen that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 24, 2020 Regular Directors Meeting**

The November 24, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-12-388 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 December 3, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

The December 3, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

2020-12-389 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.03 December 7, 2020 Special Directors Meeting

Approval of the December 7th minutes was deferred to the end of the meeting when final wording of the requested amendment could be reviewed.

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Limiting the Terms for Directors**

In response to a couple queries from D. Peltzer, J. Hale indicated that a reply has not been received from the Minister's office regarding limiting the terms for Directors on irrigation district boards; further advising that if an incumbent chooses to submit a nomination, according to the Irrigation Districts Act, it cannot be refused on the basis of the Director's number of terms.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) AGM – December 1st**

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen connected to the AIDA AGM on December 1st. In addition to the usual items, a presentation was given with respect to funding for producer led research, or Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR). RDAR is a federal-provincial joint venture, formed under the Canadian Agriculture Partnership, to direct funding in research and innovation through industry motivated projects. This program is viewed as a change in the province's traditional funding of ag research, which has recently seen a major shift in government support. It was expressed at the meeting that irrigation districts may consider applying for funding through this model, given suitable research projects.

[9:55 a.m. R. Gagley joined the meeting.]

5.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

5.01 Project Status

The northern crew which is currently installing pipe on the C Springhill project is on schedule with over 3.5 km of pipe in the ground. Crews are typically seeing between 8" and 12" of frost on the right-of-way. The other pipeline crew will start on 9-H West Bantry on January 4th. Construction crews will be shutting down for Christmas at the end of day December 18th.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
EARTHWORKS	
West Bantry Canal – Phase 2	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
PIPELINE	
C Springhill	- 20% complete
01-C Springhill	- prepped for pipeline installation
9-H West Bantry	- prepped for pipeline installation
10-H West Bantry	- prepped for pipeline installation
16-H West Bantry	- prepped for pipeline installation

For interested Directors, a day will be arranged in early-mid January to view the installation of 60" pipe.

[9:58 a.m. R. Gagley disconnected from the meeting and N. Fontaine joined.]

6.0 Lands

6.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

6.01.1 Set Rates for Dirt, Land Spraying & Seismic

2021 rates for land spraying, seismic and fill were presented and discussed.

2020-12-390 Moved by R. Owen that the Oil & Gas rates for 2021 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 T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.01.2 Direction for Pt SW 24-18-14 W4M

Previously owned by the EID, lands in Pt SW 24 & Pt NE 13-18-14 W4M were sold to the Province of Alberta in 1976 for the development of a pheasant hatchery. 68.2 acres in Pt SW 24, which remain undeveloped and idle, are currently owned by the Canadian Pheasant Company (CPC). This triangular parcel is bounded by developed CPC lands to the southeast, Hwy 1A to the northeast, and to the west: Tillebrook Provincial Park, District owned lands and West Bantry Canal ROW. Through ongoing discussions with CPC regarding their intent to lease their parcel for grazing, the absence of a fence between CPC and EID properties, and willingness of both parties to entertain alternatives, 3 options were presented to the Board for consideration. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2020-12-391 Moved by D. Peltzer that for consolidation with the existing EID owned 43.7 acre parcel, the District offer to purchase the adjacent 68.2 acre parcel in Pt SE 24 & Pt NE 13-18-14 W4M from The Canadian Pheasant Company Inc. for \$2,000/acre. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

If successful in obtaining the parcel of land, it is intended for the combined area to be utilized as a grazing lease. CPC's response to the offer will be brought back to the Board.

[10:13 a.m. – 10:18 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine disconnected from the meeting and R. Volek joined.]

6.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

6.02.1 2021 Cattle Listings and Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

With a tentative 75 head max per full member, total cattle numbers applied for the 2021 season are approximately 1,500 above last year. Membership has increased slightly, which has been the trend since 2015. Historical data was provided for 2015 - 2019 showing total cattle numbers consistently in the lower 17,000's. Due to pasture conditions last year, the allotment in 2020 was reduced by approximately 1,500 head.

2021 CATTLE NUMBERS SUMMARY – as of December 10, 2020					
Association	2020	2021	Increase	2020 Members	2021 Members
Bantry	505	550	45	9	9
Bassano	854	944	90	13	14
Duchess	1,185	1,233	48	20	20
Eyremore	1,672	1,894	222	26	27
Gem	2,398	2,633	235	36	37
Newell	2,047	2,270	223	33	34
Patricia	2,458	2,596	138	40	42
Rolling Hills	1,244	1,383	139	23	23
Rosemary	1,834	2,076	242	32	32
Tilley	1,356	1,475	119	24	25
Total	15,553	17,054	1,501	256	263
Members	13 new, 6 dropped out				

Due to the excellent spring moisture that was received in 2020, along with the reduced cattle numbers, pastures throughout the District are in very good condition heading into the 2021 season. Consensus from all the grazing associations is that if normal precipitation is received in 2021, a moderate increase in total numbers from 2020 is acceptable.

2020-12-392 Moved by D. Peltzer that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2021 grazing season be set at 75 for full members, 50 for 2nd year members, and 25 for 1st year members; pending a review of pasture conditions in the spring. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02.2 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2021 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. After all expenses and revenues were finalized, the 2020 grazing season resulted in a moderate surplus of \$28,000; the rate for 2020 was \$18.00/AUM. Although the 2021 budget shows an increase in budgeted costs from the previous year, with taxes and water line maintenance making up most of the increase, a rate of \$16.00/AUM was proposed because of the increase in the community grazing overall carrying capacity. Although several variables such as precipitation, waterline maintenance and length of grazing season affect the expenses and revenues, the budget amount is based on a standard 5.0 month grazing period. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2020-12-393 Moved by D. Peltzer that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2021 season be set at \$16.00/AUM. Seconded by T. Hemsing. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02.3 Report on GAC Feedback

With current COVID-19 restrictions, the regular December GAC Meeting could not be held in person. Most matters were tabled until spring; however the following items were forwarded to GAC reps to obtain feedback from GA boards and members:

- 2021 Listings – no concerns, numbers and pasture conditions will be evaluated in spring
- Review of Rejected 2021 Applications – 2 applications in Gem GA, no concerns from other GAs
- 2020 Financial Review – one comment regarding a possible lower AUM rate for 2021
- Permit to Access Lands to Trail Cattle – 4 GAs approve the permit, 2 reject it, 1 approves but views the one-day limit too restrictive, 1 approves but has concerns of necessity, 1 is split but supports the EID having control of use of the land so that it is not abused, and 1 felt this matter was a Board issue but would support a simple solution; there were also questions regarding the liability issue

A copy of the Permit to Access Lands to Trail Cattle was sent to the District's insurance provider, RMA Insurance (Rural Municipalities of Alberta), which was previously reviewed by external legal counsel. Following their review, which supported the District doing what it can to protect itself from potential claims, a permit is still being recommended, although certain conditions could be modified to streamline the permit. Discussion followed, the permit is to be revised/simplified as requested and brought back for approval. Information on the District's insurance coverage for its lands is also to be presented at the January Board Meeting.

[10:57 a.m. R. Volek disconnected from the meeting.]

[11:04 a.m. S. Connauton joined the meeting.]

6.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

6.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increase in Irrigation Acres Applications

6.03.1.1 Budget Report

The Monthly Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – Monthly Report	
2021 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2020	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$ 18,000 >
To be Completed	< \$ 18,000 >
Require Approval	< \$ 2,000 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October and November (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$ 93,995 >
December (<i>require approval</i>)	< \$ 127,500 >
Total Budget Remaining (<i>less \$125,000</i>)	\$ 615,505

*Total grants paid to date within the 2021 fiscal year is \$65,984.

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 \$2,500/acre. With proof of installation, applications will be considered on a 1-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.

[11:05 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the conversation.]

6.03.1.2 Tree Removal – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – SW 15-21-15 W4M

The landowners are applying for a 50/50 cost-share to remove trees and push in a ditch in SW 15-21-15 W4M to accommodate a pivot corner arm. The work is estimated to cost \$4,000 of which the EID by policy will pay 50% up to \$12,000 per parcel.

2020-12-394 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for the removal of trees and pushing in a ditch in SW 15-21-15 W4M, 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. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:07 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

Conversions (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

6.03.1.3 Flood & Wheels to Pivot w C/A – Charles & Wynona Hansen – NW 19-19-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres flood and wheels
- Current Assessment: 140 acres flood and wheels (1 acre added for general assessment)
- Converting: 123 acres to pivot and 16 acres to corner arm; 6 acres needed
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: a separate Increase of Acres application for the 6 additional acres needed will be presented once the yard site has been cleared

2020-12-395 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the conversion of 123 acres flood to pivot and 16 acres flood to corner arm in NW 19-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) = \$23,500. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.1.4 Flood & Wheels to Pivot w C/A – Rod MacLean – Pt S ½ 16-21-18 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 62 acres flood and wheels
- Current Assessment: 65 acres flood and wheels (3 acres transferred in)
- Converting: 54 acres to wiper pivot and 8 acres to corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 65 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: corner arm must be pulled in around subdivision

2020-12-396 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Rod MacLean for the conversion of 54 acres flood to wiper pivot and 8 acres flood to corner arm in NW 19-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$5,400 (54 acres x \$100/acre) + \$5,600 (8 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020-12-397 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SW & Pt SE-16-21-18 W4M; all lands being owned by Rod MacLean. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps) and **Corner Irrigation** (corner arm, 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 corner arm or subsurface conversions on corner acres which already have assessment, as per policy.

6.03.1.5 Panel – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – NE 36-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 100 acres (77 large pivot, 7 small wiper pivot, 10 separate field, 6 outside)
- Installing: panel on large pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 100 acres (77 pivot, 7 wiper pivot, 10 separate field, 6 outside)
- Large pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-12-398 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd for the panel upgrade in NE 36-21-15 W4M purchased for \$14,343. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$7,700 (77 acres x \$100/acre) less \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.03.1.6 Return of Deduction – 764002 AB Ltd (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – SE 16-17-16 W4M

A grant deduction was previously applied in 2017 to the 9 acres outside of the pivot in SE 16-17-16 W4M. As 5 of those acres have since been removed from the assessment roll, those acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2020-12-399 Moved by B. Chrumka that the deduction of \$500/acre for 5 of the 9 acres applied in November 2017 be returned to 764002 AB Ltd for removing them from the assessment roll; 5 acres x \$500/acre = \$2,500. Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.03.1.7 Panel – 764002 AB Ltd (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – NE 09-17-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 141 acres (136 pivot, 5 corner wiper pivot)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres, all under pivot

2020-12-400 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 AB Ltd for the panel upgrade in NE 09-17-16 W4M purchased for \$4,183. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre); with the payable amount being \$4,183. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.03.1.8 Pump & Nozzles – 764002 AB Ltd (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – Sec 18-16-15 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$2,219 (motion 2017-11-389)
- Current Assessment: 531 acres (513 pivot, 18 separate flood field)
- Installing: pump and nozzles
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (513 pivot, 18 flood field)

2020-12-401 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 764002 AB Ltd for the pump and nozzles upgrade in Sec 18-16-15 W4M purchased for \$25,337. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$29,500 (295 acres x \$100/acre) less \$2,219 (previous grant); with the payable amount being \$25,337. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.1.9 Panel & Drop Span – Karlin Farms Ltd (Karl & Linda Slomp) – NW 08-19-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 112 acres (25 added for general assessment and development)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres (136 pivot, 1 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (136 pivot, 1 outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-12-402 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Karlin Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade in NW 08-19-13 W4M purchased for \$11,916. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$11,200 (112 acres x \$100/acre) less \$500 (1 acre x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$10,700. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.1.10 Panel & Drop Span – Karlin Farms Ltd (Karl & Linda Slomp) – NE 08-19-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 130 acres pivot
- Installing: panel & drop span
- Assessment remains the same at 130 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-12-403 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Karlin Farms Ltd for the panel and drop span upgrade in NE 08-19-13 W4M purchased for \$24,594. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.1.11 Panel & Corner Arm – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) – NE 31-14-13

- Previous Grant: \$7,140 (motion 2008-10-240)
- Previous Deduction: \$300/acre (current deduction is \$500/acre)
- Current Assessment: 140 acres (132 wiper pivot, 8 outside pivot area)
- Installing: panel & corner arm
- Converting: 9 acres to corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (132 corner arm wiper pivot, 8 acres outside)
- Pivot area has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: 8 acres eligible for a Farm Improvement grant, to be paid once the yard site in the NE corner has been cleared, as well as the conversion and/or cancellation of 7 terminable acres

2020-12-404 Moved by T. Hemsing that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd for the installation of a panel upgrade and corner arm purchased for \$75,860 and for the conversion of 9 acres to corner arm in NE 31-14-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,140 (previous grant) + \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre) less \$1,600 (8 acres x \$200/acre) top up deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,860. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2020-12-405 Moved by T. Hemsing that subject to the yard site being cleared and the subdivision being consolidated with NE 31-14-13 W4M, the \$200/acre deduction applied December 17, 2020 be returned to Meeuwsen Farms Ltd for 8 acres of new efficiencies, and a review be made of the remaining terminable acres. Seconded by B. Chrumka. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.03.1.12 Panel & Corner Arm – Meeuwsen Farms Ltd (Hendricus & Maria Meeuwsen) – SE 23-14-14

- Previous Grant: \$7,380 (motion 2011-09-162)
- Previous Assessment: 133 acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (2 acres added for general assessment)
- Installing: panel & corner arm
- Adding: corner arm (no conversion acres); 18 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 153 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2020-12-406 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Meeuwsen Farms Ltd for the installation of a panel upgrade and corner arm purchased for \$75,860 in SE 23-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre) less \$7,380 (previous grant) = \$5,920. The capital assets charge is \$13,500 (18 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.03.1.13 Flood to Corner Pivot – Clayton & Tracey Stern – Pt E ½ 21-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 24 acres flood
- Converting: 24 acres flood to corner wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 24 acres, all under corner wiper pivot
- Note: rescinding of motion 2020-10-336 is required as this application was received prior to the policy change in June 2020 which removed small low pressure pivots from the corner grant category

2020-12-407 Moved by B. Chrumka that motion 2020-10-336 be rescinded. Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2020-12-408 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Clayton & Tracey Stern for the conversion of 24 acres flood to corner wiper pivot in Pt E ½ 21-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$16,800 (24 acres x \$700/acre). Seconded by T. Hemsing. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Increase in Irrigation Acres

For conversion from terminable to irrigation acres, the capital assets charge is \$250/acre. For infill and efficiency acres purchased, the capital assets charge is \$750/acre, up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel; and \$1,750/acre in excess of the 50 irrigation acres per parcel. For new acres added to a dry parcel the capital assets charge is \$1,750/acre.

6.03.1.14 Add Corner Arm – 2005627 AB Ltd (Frances Hargrave) – NE 09-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 14 additional acres needed
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 150 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2020-12-409 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 2005627 AB Ltd for 14 infill acres in NE 09-19-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,500 (14 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.1.15 Flood to Pivot & Infill – Pedro Riemer and Deydrych Neufeld – NE 20-19-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 49 acres flood
- Proposal: install a 123 acre pivot; 74 additional acres needed (11 remaining acres to be purchased, if requirements are met, and once permitted by bylaw to complete a larger 134 acre pivot)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: wild flood to pivot, 49 acres x 1.5 = 25 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 123 acres, all under pivot (smaller pivot option provided)
- Notes: Subject to meeting soils requirements.
As per Bylaw 937, clause 3.0.4, the number of infill acres may not exceed 50, nor the amount of existing irrigation acres on that parcel. In addition, the slough area in the north east requires the proper approval and reclamation prior to being granted irrigation acres.

2020-12-410 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro Riemer and Deydrych Neufeld for 25 conversion acres and 49 infill acres in NE 20-19-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$37,500 (50 acres x \$750/acre) + \$42,000 (24 acres x \$1,750/acre) = \$79,500. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.2 Irrigable Unit Registration – Michael & Stephanie Hauck – NW 05-17-13 W4M

NW 05-17-13 W4M consists of 2 separate, east and west half titles. The pivot on this quarter is fed by a delivery in the W ½ and straddles both parcels, therefore an irrigable unit is required.

2020-12-411 Moved by B. Chrumka that the Board approve the registration of the Irrigable Unit on NW 05-17-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Michael & Stephanie Hauck. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2 remaining deliveries, both in the E ½ will be removed.

[11:26 a.m. S. Connauton disconnected from the meeting.]

7.0 EIDNet**7.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. Planning of the first phase of the fibre path is almost complete, however the Engineering Department is still waiting for a couple landowners to come to an agreement.

[11:38 a.m. – 11:53 a.m. Lunch break.]

2020-12-412 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:56 a.m. R. Gagley joined and S. Connauton rejoined the meeting.]

8.0 Rotational Water Delivery

8.01 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

8.02 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey Campbell) – Sec 25-21-15 W4M

[1:18 p.m. R. Gagley and S. Connauton disconnected from the meeting.]

9.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite

9.01 Online Survey – Capabilities, Questions

10.0 Annual Report Book

10.01 Draft AGM Agenda

10.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

11.0 Legal & Corporate Services

11.01 Commercial Updates

2020-12-413 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction Arising from the In-Camera Portion of the Meeting

8.0 Rotational Water Delivery cont'd

Admin were requested to modify some of the wording within the restrictive covenant, lengthen the time allotted for transferring irrigation acres if the agreement is cancelled, and include a clause regarding both parties acting in good faith and to consult each other to discuss solutions in the event the maximum flow rate is exceeded.

8.01 Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M cont'd

I. Friesen, R. Gagley and B. Schmidt will meet with Cole Webb to advise that the District is developing policy for rotational water deliveries, to explain matters within the restrictive covenant, and to clarify the conditional approval of his development.

Increase in Irrigation Acres – Wheels to Pivot – Cole Webb – NW 19-17-13 W4M

Current Assessment: 63 acres wheels
 Proposal: 114 acre pivot; 51 additional acres needed
 Efficiency Acres Gained: wheels to pivot, 63 acres x 1.15 = 9 efficiency acres
 New Assessment: 114 acres, all under pivot
 Subject To: Meeting soils requirements;
 Restricting the shared delivery (NE 19 & NW 19) flow rate to 3.0 cfs (delivery is in NE 19); and
 Signing a Restrictive Covenant for both the NE 19 & NW 19 that would be registered on the land titles.
 Notes: an irrigable unit is registered on the N ½ 19-17-13 W4M

2020-12-414 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cole Webb for 9 conversion and 42 infill acres in NW 19-17-13 W4M, conditional upon:

- meeting soils requirements,
- restricting the shared delivery in NE 19-17-13 W4M, for NE 19 and NW 19, to a flow rate of 3.0 cfs, and
- signing a Restrictive Covenant which will be registered against title on both the NE 19-17-13 W4M and the NW 19-17-13 W4M.

The capital assets charge is \$37,500 (50 acres x \$750/acre) + \$1,750 (1 acre X \$1,750) = \$39,250. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey Campbell) – Sec 25-21-15 W4M cont'd

A meeting similar to the Cole Webb meeting is to be likewise held with Kelsey Campbell.

Increase in Irrigation Acres – (various conversions) – 66 Ranch Ltd – Sec 25-21-15 W4M

Current Assessment: 673 acres (various)
 Proposal: 904 acres (3 full pivots, 3 wiper pivots); 234 acres needed
 Efficiency Acres Gained: 234 (various conversions)
 New Assessment: 904 acres (3 full pivots, 3 wiper pivots)
 Subject To: Meeting soils requirements;
 Restricting the flow rate to 5.0 cfs; and
 Signing a Restrictive Covenant for Sec 23-31-15 W4M and Sec 25-31-15 W4M that would be registered on the land titles.
 In addition, an Irrigable Unit will be registered on all quarters within Sec 23-31-15 W4M and Sec 25-31-15 W4M.
 Notes: Conversion acres were on various projects previously approved in April 2020. The project will utilize the remaining conversion acres earned.

2020-12-415 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 66 Ranch Ltd for 168 conversion acres in Sec 25-21-15 W4M, conditional upon:

- meeting soils requirements,
- restricting the shared delivery in Sec 23-21-15 W4M, for Sec 23 and Sec 25, to a flow rate to 5.0 cfs, and
- signing a Restrictive Covenant which will be registered against title on all affected parcels.

The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (50 acres x \$300/acre) + \$128,000 (184 acres x \$700/acre) = \$143,000. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Irrigation Expansion Limit Plebiscite cont'd**9.01 Online Survey – Capabilities, Questions cont'd**

A Capital Assets Charges Survey is to be made available both online and through a mailout, with a return deadline of January 31st (after the Plebiscite Public Meetings). The Board will be given the opportunity to review the results at a special meeting, and to make them public, prior to the plebiscite on February 23rd.

2020-12-416 Moved by B. Chrumka that the District makes available to the water users a Capital Assets Charges Survey through a direct mailout and online process, and to encourage expedience in the responses. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Continuation of the Agenda**2.0 Approval of Minutes cont'd****2.03 December 7, 2020 Special Directors Meeting cont'd**

It was requested to amend the December 7, 2020 minutes through the following:

- Pg 181, after motion 2020-12-386, add "Those opposed to the motion viewed the plan to set out the source or sources of money to be used to pay the principal and interest owing under the borrowing required more definition."

2020-12-417 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Special Board Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by B. Chrumka. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Monday, January 18 th , 2021, 2:00 p.m., online |
| 12.02 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[virtual Town Hall Meeting]</i> | - Thursday, January 21 st , 7:00 p.m., online |
| 12.03 | Plebiscite Public Meeting
<i>[in-person meeting if allowable under current COVID-19 public health orders or public gathering restrictions]</i> | - Monday, January 25 th , <i>[time and venue TBD]</i> |
| 12.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 12.05 | Plebiscite | - Tuesday, February 23 rd , 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 12.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:26 p.m.


Chairman


General Manager