

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.

1st 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]		
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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. Hensing 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

