



**August 22, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[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. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

It was noted that "Set Auction Date for Private Grazing Leases" had been added to the agenda by Admin. The agenda was approved as presented.

**2023-08-174 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.01 July 25, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the July 25, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

**2023-08-175 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the July 25, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.0 Business Arising**

Directors requested that an equipment matter be added to the agenda.

**2023-08-176 Moved by D. Peltzer that the agenda be amended by adding a review of the purchase of a mini excavator. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**

**4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society**

D. Peltzer attended a recent CVRS meeting. A few matters had subsequently been discussed with Mr. Friesen and acknowledged.

**4.02 Grazing Field Tour**

D. Peltzer also attended the "Managed Grazing Strategies on Native Grassland" Field Tour in Gem on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Two speakers were heard and topics included an update on producer funding, considerations when grazing native grassland, and rotational grazing strategies. A tour of the Gem Community Pasture and optional tour of pasture under pivots were given.

[8:08 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

**5.0 Financial Report**

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

**5.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2023**

The financial statements to July 31, 2023, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.9 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$27.76 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$14.14 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow.

**2023-08-177 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[8:22 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

**6.0 Engineering**

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

**6.01 Crawling Valley Reservoir East Tile Drainage Replacement**

R. Gagley presented the synopsis for the Crawling Valley Reservoir dam drainage system on behalf of R. Summach. The dam is located on the south end of the reservoir and incorporated into the toe of the dam is a tile drainage and manhole system which lowers the water table to increase the stability of the dam. On the east half, 600 m of 6" drainage tile is no longer functioning properly. The proposed rehabilitation is to replace this section of tile, leaving the manholes intact, at an estimated cost of \$534,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

**2023-08-178 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Crawling Valley Reservoir East Tile Drainage rehabilitation project by replacing a 600 m section of tile for an estimated cost of \$534,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.0 Operations**

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.



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

As of the August 14<sup>th</sup> submitted report, reservoirs continued to drop with diversion not meeting demand. Diversion had ranged between 700 – 1,100 cfs, consequently significant storage has been required. The District had approximately 88,000 less ac-ft in storage compared to the same time last year and most reservoirs are below winter levels. Water Users had applied 11.48” per acre across the District, with usage being higher in the south compared to the north.

As of meeting day, numbers were updated to 12.1” of water per acre having been applied, and 100,000 less ac-ft in storage compared to this time last year.

<b>WATER USE TO DATE – as of August 14, 2023</b>		
	<b>August 2023</b>	<b>August 2022</b>
Water Diverted to Date	368,419 ac-ft (14.16”)	369,326 ac-ft (14.28”)
Water Applied to Land to Date	11.48”	8.4”
Range of Parcels Irrigating	454 – 1,065	111 – 687
Parcels Using Over 12”	1,656	494
Parcels Using Over 16”	338	98
Parcels Using Over 20” **	9	26
Total Firm Live Storage*	173,194 ac-ft	261,649 ac-ft

\* Only includes main reservoirs

\*\*Some parcels have additional volumes of water transferred from another parcel(s)

**7.02 Drought Plan Stage 3 – Update**

With updated numbers, and in calculation of reservoir supply, reservoir evaporation, and an 800 cfs average river diversion, it is estimated to have approximately 5” – 6” available across the District for the remainder of the season; however, this amount does not include canal evaporation, operational and farmer spill, and supplying to municipalities, farmyards and acreages. To date, through Stage 3 of the District’s Drought Plan, there have been 34 landowners requesting water volume transfers for 65 parcels.

**7.03 Set Water Shut-Down Date**

As of the August 14<sup>th</sup> report, the District was 69,000 ac-ft below winter levels on all of its reservoirs combined. At those levels, it would take at least 50 days, assuming river flows stay in their current range, to replenish reservoirs to winter levels once all diversion is directed into the reservoirs. If usage reaches 15” per acre or higher and diversion stays in the 800 cfs to 1,000 cfs range, the deficit will likely grow to 100,000 to 110,000 ac-ft, which would require at least 70 days to reach winter levels. As of meeting day, the District is 82,000 ac-ft below winter levels.

Therefore, it is recommended to set the water shut-down date to water users for all irrigation, including yards and acreages, for Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Minimal water will be kept in the system where it is necessary to top up ponds and dugouts for winter storage, up to Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, while at the same time filling reservoirs for the 2024 irrigation season. After October 5<sup>th</sup>, diversion will continue for as long as the weather allows, or winter levels of reservoirs are reached. Lake Newell Reservoir and Snake Lake Reservoir will be given priority in replenishing.



Fall irrigating will be permitted prior to September 25<sup>th</sup>, as long as water use on the parcel stays under the maximum inches/acre allotted, or the landowner applies and is approved to transfer volumes of water from another parcel(s).

- 2023-08-179 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board set the Water Shut Down dates:**
- **for irrigation water, including farmyards and acreages for Monday, September 25, 2023; and**
  - **for cattle and pond filling needs for Thursday, October 5, 2023.**
- Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Kroschel will give the Board an update on water use at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Special Directors Meeting.

[8:53 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

**8.0 EIDNet Report**

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

**8.01 Monthly Report**

There have been no major issues since the last report. Fibre has begun to be blown in for the Bantry, Tilley, and Cassils reaches. Conduit installation for the Snake Lake Reservoir leg has begun, with a completion date expected for mid-September. Questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[8:56 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

**9.0 Equipment**

**9.01 Purchase of Mini Excavator – Review**

Mr. Friesen responded to Director questions concerning staff not obtaining a local quote for an equipment purchase. The reasoning for the District requesting quotes based on spec requirements and previous model use was explained and will be communicated to the dealer.

[8:58 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

**10.0 Lands**

**10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

**10.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications**

**10.01.1.1 Budget Report**



<b>FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT</b>	
<b>2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>50/50 Cost-Shares</b>	
Paid	< \$29,940 >
To be Completed	< \$75,951 >
Require Approval	< \$ 0 >
<b>Farm Improvement Grants</b>	
October through July ( <i>approved and paid</i> )	< \$294,447 >
August ( <i>approval required</i> )	< \$106,514 >
<b>Total Budget Remaining</b>	<b>\$493,148</b>

\*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$378,078.

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*)

**10.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot w/CA – Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc (Robert Chrumka) – NE 13-17-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 141 acres flood (8 acres added for general assessment in 1982)
- Converting: 137 acres flood to corner arm pivot; keeping 4 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 141 acres (137 corner arm pivot, 4 acres outside)

**2023-08-180 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc for the conversion of 137 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NE 13-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,700 (137 acres x \$100/acre) – \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$11,700. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Michael & Janet Dovichak and Albert Dovichak – NW 29-16-12 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 139 acres flood
- Converting: 126 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 13 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres (126 wiper pivot, 13 acres outside)

**2023-08-181 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Michael & Janet Dovichak and Albert Dovichak for the conversion of 126 acres flood to pivot in NW 29-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) – \$6,500 (13 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,100. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation** (*wheels, pivot, sub-surface*) and **Corner Irrigation** (*corner arm, subsurface*) – receipt submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**10.01.1.4 Pivot Replacement w C/A – Dick & Veronica Vossepoel – NW 05-17-12 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres (1 acre transferred in for general assessment in 2016)
- Converting: 138 acres flood to pivot with corner arm; keeping 4 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-182 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dick & Veronica Vossepoel for the conversion of 138 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NW 05-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,300 (113 acres x \$100/acre) + \$17,500 (25 acres x \$700/acre) – \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$26,800. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps), and Corner Irrigation (corner arm, subsurface) – receipts submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**10.01.1.5 Panel w/CA – Joseph & Susan Chomistek – NW 30-15-15 W4M**

- Previous Grant: \$6,686 (motion 2019-11-296)
- Previous Assessment: 133 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres
- Installing: panel and corner arm; 19 acres needed
- New Assessment: 152 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-183 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joseph & Susan Chomistek for the panel upgrade and corner arm in NW 30-15-15 W4M purchased for \$119,542. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre) panel acres + \$2,100 (3 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$6,686 (previous grant) = \$8,414. The capital assets charge is \$18,050. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A grant deduction for a nozzles upgrade was previously applied in November 2019 for 3 acres. All 3 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

**2023-08-184 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in November 2019 to 3 acres in NW 30-15-15 W4M be returned to Joseph & Susan Chomistek for flood to corner arm efficiencies; 3 acres x \$500/acre = \$1,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.6 Pivot Replacement w C/A – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SE 01-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (3 acres added for general assessment in 2016 and 19 acres added for increase in irrigation acres in 2023)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-185 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in SE 01-17-16 W4M purchased for \$232,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.7 Pivot Replacement w C/A – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SW 01-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (2 acres added for general assessment in 2016 and 20 acres added for increase in irrigation acres in 2023)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-186 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in SW 01-17-16 W4M purchased for \$232,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.8 Pivot Replacement w C/A – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – NE 01-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (3 acres added for general assessment in 2016 and 19 acres added for increase in irrigation acres in 2023)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-187 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in NE 01-17-16 W4M purchased for \$232,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.9 Pivot Replacement w C/A – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – NW 01-17-16 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (2 acres added for general assessment in 2016 and 20 acres added for increase in irrigation acres in 2023)
- Installing: pivot replacement with corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

**2023-08-188 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in NW 01-17-16 W4M purchased for \$232,540. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,000 (130 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.10 Increase – Harriet Armstrong – NE 06-24-15 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 75 acres
- Proposal: flood to wiper pivot; 23 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot;  $75 \times 1.4 = 30$  efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 98 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2024

**2023-08-189 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Harriet Armstrong for 23 efficiency acres in NE 06-24-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,724 (23 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.11 Increase – Ronald & Michelle Gietz – W ½ 12-18-14 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 171 acres
- Current Assessment: 180 acres (9 acres consolidated and added in 1991)
- Proposal: wheels to pivot and addition of corner arm on south pivot; 42 additional acres needed (efficiency and infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: wheels to pivot;  $46 \times 1.15 = 7$  efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 222 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit registered; project must be completed by August 31, 2024

**2023-08-190 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ronald & Michelle Gietz for 7 efficiency acres and 35 infill acres in W ½ 12-18-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$41,496 (42 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.12 Increase – Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen – N ½ 26-22-17 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 263 acres
- Current Assessment: 273 acres (10 acres added for irrigation development in 2022)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 9 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 282 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit registered; project must be completed by August 31, 2024

**2023-08-191 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Alfred & Nancy Klassen and Greg & Rosemary Klassen for 9 infill acres in N ½ 26-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$8,892 (9 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Heibert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.13 Transfer – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – (various)**

The landowners are requesting to transfer 12 irrigation acres from NW 07, SW 08 & SE 26-16-13 W4M to NE 26-16-13 W4M to accommodate a proposed corner arm.

**2023-08-192 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the transfer of:**

- **6 acres from NW 07-16-13 W4M, lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd;**



- **5 acres from SW 08-16-13 W4M, lands being owned by Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek; and**
- **1 acre from SE 26-16-13 W4M, lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd; to NE 26-16-13 W4M; lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.14 Increase – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NE 26-16-13**

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres (3 acres previously removed for subdivision approval)
- Current Assessment: 146 acres (12 acres transferred in)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 2 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres, all under corner arm pivot
  
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2024

**2023-08-193 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for 2 infill acres in NE 26-16-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$1,976 (2 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.15 Increase – Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd and Warren Henry – E ½ 22-20-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 126 acres
- Current Assessment: 142 acres (16 acres added in 2017 for FI conversion)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 31 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 173 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit registered; project must be completed by August 31, 2024

**2023-08-194 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Warren & Janet Henry Ranching Ltd and Warren Henry for 31 infill acres in E ½ 22-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$30,628 (31 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.01.1.16 Transfer – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott Tateson) – NW 20 to NW 18-16-12 W4M**

This transfer request was handled in tandem with additional discussion during the in camera portion of the meeting. A decision was deferred to the end of the meeting.

[9:20 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek, N. Fontaine, and R. Gagley entered.]

**10.02 Grazing**

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

**10.02.1 Set Round-Up Date**

Spring moisture conditions were good to start the grazing season and normal grass growth was seen throughout the District. However, as the season progressed, well below normal precipitation and high heat prevailed, reducing new growth, especially in the south part of the District. Some areas of the District have received a few showers, but hot dry conditions continue to put extreme

pressure on pasture conditions. Consensus from Grazing Associations supports bringing cattle home a week earlier due to the continuing dry conditions. Additionally, consensus was also obtained to recommend a reduced maximum listing for the 2024 season. As there will be less reserve grass, it is tentatively being planned and budgeted to set the maximum listing at 65 head. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

**2023-08-195 Moved by B. Schmidt that for the 2023 grazing season:**

- **cattle turned out on community leases on standard entry dates are to be out of leases by the end of day on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>; and**
- **cattle turned out on community leases on late entry dates are to be out of leases by the end of day on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.02.2 Set Auction Date for Private Grazing Lease Agreements**

Private Grazing Leases that are expiring December 31, 2023, will be individually reviewed with the Board in September, when it will be determined which leases are to be included in the general auction process. It was requested that a date be set for the live lease auction so that an auctioneer and venue could be reserved.

**2023-08-196 Moved by R. Hiebert that the auction for the Private Grazing Lease Agreements expiring at the end of this year be set on or near November 15, 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Staff are to confirm an auctioneer and venue and adjust the date as required.

**15.0 Requests for Funding / In Kind Work**

I. Friesen presented the following requests for funding or in-kind work.

**15.01 Tilley School**

Tilley School is building a new sports track. Beneath the top shale layer, a clay layer is required for a stable foundation, good drainage, and limited weed growth. They have enquired if the EID would supply and haul the clay required for this construction; another company would apply and level the material. It was advised that clay material from the J-Dam pit would be a suitable supply and the estimated cost of delivering the clay would be \$3,600.

**2023-08-197 Moved by R. Owen that the District supply and haul clay material to the Tilley School for the construction of a new sports track, at an estimated cost of \$3,600. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.02 Lake Newell Resort Marina**

Lake Newell Resort Marina Association has requested in-kind work on the replacement of their boat launch. The existing boat launch has been deteriorating and is in disrepair. It was intended to take advantage of the current low level of the reservoir to complete a full boat launch replacement; however, project commencement is subject to obtaining all approvals. The Association is asking if the EID would remove and haul away the existing concrete block, as well as prepare the foundation of granular material required for the new concrete slab to be poured in place. It is estimated that



the cost of this portion of the overall project will be in the range of \$7,500 - \$10,000. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

**2023-08-198 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District remove and haul away the old boat launch and complete preparation work for the new boat launch at the Lake Newell Resort Marina on a cost recovery basis; subject to the District and Lake Newell Resort Marina Association entering into an agreement acceptable to the EID and Lake Newell Resort Marina Association obtaining all regulatory permits and approvals required to perform the work. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.03 City of Brooks Fire Department – Regional Fire Safety Trailer**

In follow up to prior Board discussions concerning the crucial service local fire departments provide in the protection of District lands, Mr. Friesen had reached out to enquire if there was a particular need that the EID could contribute to. In response, various information was received, one being the potential purchase of a Regional Fire Safety Trailer. The trailer would be utilized throughout the District, at various events, and be a fully interactive mobile training center with training aids tailored to both children and adults, and for both fire and extreme weather situations. The trailer, outfitted with simulated fire situations, digital flames, smoke, heat, and integrated sound effects has an approximate cost of \$200,000, of which ¼ of that has been raised so far. Discussion followed.

**2023-08-199 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District contribute \$50,000 towards the purchase of a Regional Fire Safety Trailer. B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**2023-08-200 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.0 Lands cont'd**

**10.02 Grazing cont'd**

**10.02.3 JBS – East Agreement**

**10.02.4 JBS – West Agreement**

[10:56 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**11.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Parcels**

[11:03 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Barlow re-entered.]

**6.0 Engineering cont'd**

**6.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

[12:02 p.m. – 12:32 p.m. Lunch break; S. Barlow exited the meeting.]



**6.03 Reservoir Pumping / 5 Year Rehabilitation Plan**

[1:25 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

**12.0 Commercial Updates**

**13.0 Tentative Meeting with Premier Smith**

**14.0 Benevolent Contribution**

**2023-08-201 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING*

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**10.0 Lands cont'd**

**10.02 Grazing cont'd**

**10.02.3 JBS – East Agreement**

Direction was given to Admin.

**10.02.4 JBS – West Agreement**

Direction was given to Admin.

**11.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Parcels**

This matter was brought back from the June meeting and given further discussion. The Board was in agreement that applications for corner arm additions on parcels in the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development area, whether by transferring acres or purchasing acres, would be considered. Any approvals for corner arms in this development area will be subject to the landowner agreeing to a maximum flow.

Applicable bylaw and policy will be further developed to deal with any irrigators subject to a maximum flow arrangement if they exceed the permitted cfs per parcel.

**6.0 Engineering cont'd**

**6.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

Direction was given to Admin.

**6.03 Reservoir Pumping / 5 Year Rehabilitation Plan**

Motions were carried once reconvened.

**12.0 Commercial Updates**

**12.01 Kinbrook Solar Project – Update**

Effective August 14, 2023, a land lease agreement for a large solar project was entered into with Kinbrook Solar, LP. The project is being proposed on a block of EID lands located near the Atco Newell substation east of Hwy #36 in Townships 17 & 18 and Range 15.

Kinbrook Solar, LP is owned by Diode Ventures, LLC; a wholly-owned subsidiary of Black & Veatch. Kinbrook Solar is still subject to obtaining all regulatory approvals. Solar Krafte, as the project's previous developer, will assist Kinbrook Solar as the co-applicant, with the Power Plant Application currently before the AUC.

This solar project will provide an important source of future revenue for the EID.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**

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**10.0 Lands cont'd****10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd****10.01.1.16 Transfer – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott Tateson) – NW 20 to NW 18-16-12 W4M cont'd**

This transfer request was brought forward from the June 28, 2023, meeting. The landowner is requesting the transfer of 18 irrigation acres from NW 20-16-12 W4M to NW 18-16-12 W4M to accommodate an existing corner arm. The landowner will continue to be responsible for accessing water from the Bantry Reservoir and is aware of the fluctuating levels.

**2023-08-202 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the transfer of 18 irrigation acres from NW 20-16-12 W4M to NW 18-16-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.0 Engineering cont'd****6.03 Reservoir Pumping / 5 Year Rehabilitation Plan cont'd**

Lengthy discussion was again given to Tateson Ranching Ltd's water access issues, proposed solutions, similar situations, history, reservoir operation, and policy.

**2023-08-203 Moved by J. Ketchmark that to create efficiencies the District re-excavate the water access in NW & NE 18-16-12 W4M on a 50/50 cost-share basis with Tateson Ranching Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt.**

**IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing  
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**

**2023-08-204 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the cost-share for the re-excavation project in NW & NE 18-16-12 W4M be limited to \$10,000 (\$5,000 EID share); any amount above this will be the responsibility of the landowner. Seconded by B. Schmidt.**

**IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing  
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**



**16.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 16.01 | Special Board Meeting (re PGLs)   | - Tuesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 8:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Regular Board Meeting             | - Tuesday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.03 | Special Board Meeting (re Budget) | - Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |
| 16.04 | Regular Board Meeting             | - Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m.   |

**R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:17 p.m.**

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Chairman

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General Manager