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**January 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of January 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. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Audio Recording Policy

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to rescind the audio recording policy that was implemented in November of 2021. Removing this policy will facilitate the sharing of ideas and perspectives as well as discussion amongst the Board members at meetings. Administering the audio recording policy has also required more time of EID staff, at times the recordings have been inaudible, and overall, there has been minimal uptake in accessing the posted audio recordings. For water users who are interested in what transpires at Board meetings and concerned about transparency, a representative from the Brooks Bulletin is still permitted to attend Board meetings and the meeting minutes will continue to be posted on the EID website.

2023-01-001 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District's Audio Recording Policy be revoked. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Agenda

No items were added to or removed from the agenda.

2023-01-002 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of Minutes**3.01 December 20, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the December 20, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-01-003 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the December 20, 2022, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 Business Arising

No matters from the December 20, 2022, meeting were raised.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

5.01 AIDA Executive Meeting – January 10th

T. Hemsing attended an Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive Meeting on January 10th. Topics included IRP funding letters submitted by irrigation districts, AIDA bylaw review, water quality testing, and provincial Aquatic Invasive Species statistics. AIDA will be forwarding a letter to the provincial government encouraging more robust AIS inspections and are encouraging irrigation districts to do the same. It was also advised that the South Saskatchewan River Operational Model has received some funding which may reduce the amount of support required of irrigation districts. Upcoming meetings, events, and lobbying efforts were also noted.

[9:29 a.m. E. Chapman and S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

9:15 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2021/2022 Year End Statements

Mr. Hemsing welcomed Ed Chapman, CPA, CA, of Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants to the meeting. Mr. Chapman extended sincere appreciation to the staff for their cooperation, clarification, and assistance with the audit and gave a broad explanation of the audit process to Directors. The Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations & Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements were summarized. 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. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Chapman and Admin.

2023-01-004 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Independent Auditor's Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2022, be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In support of the Audit Report, the Audit Findings, Management Responsibility, and Client Representation letters were presented and reviewed.

2023-01-005 Moved by B. Schmidt that the audit findings letter dated January 24, 2023, be accepted, executed, and returned to the auditor. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ed Chapman was thanked for the thorough work done on the audit. As is standard practice, he is available to meet with the Board during the audit process, or at any other time. It was noted that Mr. Chapman will be presenting the audited financial statements of the District at the AGM on March 7, 2023.

[10:17 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break; E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2022

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2022, was \$356,420 or 0.34% more than the book value at September 30, 2022.

1 st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$11,100,000	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$7,200,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	\$3,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	-	\$4,000,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000

2023-01-006 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2022

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

2023-01-007 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Financial Statements to December 31, 2022

The financial statements to December 31, 2022, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$12 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.68 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.32 million.

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

2023-01-008 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2022, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.04 2023 Rate Bylaw #963

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Rate Bylaw was presented with a proposed \$5.00/acre water rate, an Annual Agreement rate of \$29.00/acre, and the pressure system surcharges remaining at \$10.00/acre.

**2023-01-009 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #963 (2023), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of January 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**

**2023-01-010 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board read and approve Bylaw #963 (2023) the second time this 24th day of January 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**

The Rate Bylaw will be brought back to the February meeting for 3rd reading.

6.05 2023 Fees Bylaw #964

The 2023 Fees Bylaw was presented for review. The Bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, this year \$34.69/ac-ft being the average cost per ac-ft of water used. Depending on the type of water conveyance or agreement, the fees are either based on a percentage of this cost or will have a flat fee assigned and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount.

2023-01-011 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #964 (2023), be introduced and read the first time this 24th day of January 2023. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-01-012 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve Bylaw #964 (2023) the second time this 24th day of January 2023. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-01-013 Moved by R. Owen that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #964 (2023) this 24th day of January 2023. Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-01-014 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #964 (2023), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the 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. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2023 Fees Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

6.06 Remuneration Bylaw

In follow up to Corporate Planning, Director Per Diems and meal reimbursements will remain the same as were approved for 2022, as well as the \$0.62/km mileage rate.

2023-01-015 Moved by R. Owen that Remuneration Bylaw #956 (2022) be retained for 2023. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:11 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

The earthworks crew mobilized onto the Lake Newell South Feeder project by Rainier and has completed about 5% of the project. With the deeper cuts at the west end, frost hasn't been an issue but further east the cuts reduce and frost may yet pose a problem. The pipeline crew has completed 20% of the Secondary C North Branch project. 1500 mm (60") pipe is being produced daily and deliveries from Edmonton are ongoing.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- construction about to begin
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 5% complete

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
02 Bow Slope	- 90% complete, cleanup remains

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Status of various snowpack pillows that are monitored and feed the Bow River (Skoki, Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Little Elbow, Mount Odum, and Lost) are currently tracking near the lower quartile or within the normal range. It was noted that snowfall significant to the Bow River often occurs in late winter/early spring.

8.02 Water Delivery and Operations Policy

In follow up to Corporate Planning, a penalty is being proposed for irrigators that do not communicate their irrigation needs to their Water Operator prior to taking water. This policy will be brought back to the February meeting to allow time for a comparative review of this and related policies/bylaws.

[11:35 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.01.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2022

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2022					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
October 1, 2022	308,846	3,110	0	122	312,078
December 31, 2022	308,890	3,110	0	122	312,122
Net increase	44	< 0 >	0	0	44

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)	48
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres	0
Terminable Acres Canceled	0

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to December 31, 2022		
	1st Quarter [Oct-Nov-Dec]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$40,850	\$6,409,800
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$57,750
Annual Agreements	\$0	0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0	\$53,000
Totals	\$40,850	\$6,520,550

9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$6,612 >
To be Completed	< \$59,740 >
Require Approval	< \$0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through December (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$80,800 >
January (<i>no approval required</i>)	< \$0 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$852,848

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$87,412.

9.01.2.2 Increase – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd – Sec 29-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 71 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 137 irrigation acres (converted term to irrigation and added 66 irrigation acres in 1993)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 24 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 161 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: subject to landowner entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by January 31, 2024

2023-01-016 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd for 24 infill acres in Sec 29-21-16 W4M; subject to entering into a

2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$23,712 (24 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.3 Increase – Gem Land & Cattle Ltd (Andrew & Charlene Walde) – Sec 05-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 199 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 206 acres (7 acres added for General Assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 8 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 214 acres, all under pivot
- Note: soils not required; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by January 31, 2024

2023-01-017 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gem Land & Cattle Ltd for 8 infill acres in Sec 05-23-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,904 (8 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.4 John & Katherine Irwin – Sec 32-20-12 W4M – Rescind Motion 2022-12-447

Last month, motions were approved to discharge an existing irrigable unit and register a new irrigable unit to accommodate John & Katherine Irwin's infrastructure for their increase in irrigation acres. It has since been determined that the pre-existing irrigable unit (for a parcel owned by Irwin's and a parcel owned by another landowner) and the newly added irrigable unit (for Irwin's increase in irrigation acres) are both required. It was advised to rescind the motion that was to discharge the pre-existing irrigable unit.

2023-01-018 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2022-12-447 be rescinded. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:40 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.02.1 Sale of Topsoil

In follow up to Corporate Planning, it was advised that the EID does not offer topsoil for sale, although a request may be received from time to time for small amounts needed for reclamation purposes. Requests will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and any topsoil sold must remain in the District and cannot be stockpiled by those purchasing it.

2023-01-019 Moved by R. Owen that the rate for topsoil be set at \$20/m³. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 JBS Update

In follow up to the December 22, 2022, Board Meeting, motion 2022-12-456 was given further consideration at Corporate Planning. Essentially, the rental rate counteroffer from JBS was accepted while other terms within the motion remain the same.

2023-01-020 Moved by R. Hiebert that motion 2022-12-456 be rescinded. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-01-021 Moved by D. Jacobson that for the Irrigated Farming License Agreement made April 25, 2018, between the Eastern Irrigation District and JBS Food Canada ULC (the "Agreement"):

- the rental rate for the years 2023 through 2027 be set at \$210/acre,
- JBS Food Canada ULC pays all cropping costs, and
- the EID pays for required fencing and cattle watering costs on lands with grazing benefits.

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:46 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

11.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to December 31, 2022	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	38
Residential Accounts	1,615
Business Accounts	146
EID Automation	5
Total	1,804

2023-01-022 Moved by R. Owen that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02 Fibre Project Update

[11:59 a.m. – 12:31 p.m. Lunch break; R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

9.02.2 Request for Land Swap – 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde)

9.03 Grazing

9.03.1 Direction for PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023

9.03.2 Direction for PGLs Expired December 31, 2022

[2:11 p.m. – 2:17 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

12.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up**13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book**

2023-01-023 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

13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

For the GM Report at the AGM, I. Friesen will advise of the District's consideration to increase irrigation development opportunities, as well as present on solar development, among other matters.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

9.0 Lands cont'd**9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd****9.02.2 Request for Land Trade – 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde)**

The W ½ of NW 22-18-15 W4M and the W ½ of SW 22-18-15 W4M are presently irrigator owned. The owner has made an application to the District for irrigation development, proposing to install 2 wiper pivots. The E ½ of both parcels are owned by the EID and form part of the outer edge of the Newell Grazing Association. A request was received from 2125538 Alberta Ltd to trade the W ½ of SW 22 for the E ½ of NW 22. The trade would potentially facilitate the installation of a full circle pivot in NW 22 for 2125538 Alberta Ltd and future full circle pivot development in SW 22 for the EID. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2023-01-024 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the land trade with 2125538 Alberta Ltd:

- **E ½ of NW 22-18-15 W4M, containing +/- 79 acres, owned by the Eastern Irrigation District; for**
- **W ½ of SW 22-18-15 W4M, containing +/- 80 acres, owned by 2125538 Alberta Ltd; subject to 2125538 Alberta Ltd providing:**
 - **payment equivalent to 10 years oil and gas revenue = \$75,225.00,**
 - **installation of 1.5 miles of fence,**
 - **removal of 1.5 miles of fence,**
 - **the parcels being consolidated into the quarter sections, and**
 - **survey, subdivision costs, and all other fees associated with the land trade being the responsibility of 2125538 Alberta Ltd.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03 Grazing**9.03.1 Direction for PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023**

In continuation of Board and staff discussion over the past year, fall newsletter information, and a November irrigator meeting, renewal options for Private Grazing Leases expiring December 31, 2023, were further considered during the in camera portion of the meeting.

[3:20 p.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

2023-01-025 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the following procedure for the Private Grazing Leases expiring December 31, 2023, that are not excluded from this process due to unique considerations:

- **to randomly bid leases through a live auction process for the right to acquire the lease agreement,**
- **for a minimum bid amount consisting of the value of current improvements (fencing) and estimated costs of any future improvements (fencing or other issues) needed to separate the lease from adjacent landowners (no renewal fee added),**
- **for a term of 15 years,**
- **with the lease agreement being fully transferable to any eligible water user, and to include the standard:**
 - **PGL calculation for the annual rental fee,**
 - **grazing lease deduction if running cattle in a Community Lease,**
 - **640 acre or 1 Private Grazing Lease maximum limitation, and**
 - **eligibility criteria as is used for Community Grazing Leases.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder

OPPOSED – R. Owen

[3:23 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

R. Volek will identify certain leases that are to be excluded from the above process and will review them individually with the Board in fall to determine an appropriate course of action, as well as:

- Jan/Feb - communicate with leaseholders of the renewal process
- Spring/Sum - meet with existing leaseholders, assess fences, identify any management issues
- Sep - present leases to the Board individually for confirmation of details (minimum bid values, management issues, other information)
- Mid-Oct - compile information for the Fall Newsletter to all water users regarding the upcoming auction and availability of information packages
- Mid-Nov - schedule a live auction
- Nov/Dec - finalize new lease agreements with successful leaseholders

9.03.2 Direction for PGLs Expired December 31, 2022

Direction was obtained through discussion during the in camera portion of the meeting, regarding the following Private Grazing Leases. These leases have expired, and all have the potential for irrigation development and are supported by reservoir supply.

2023-01-026 Moved by B. Schroeder that the previous leaseholders of Private Grazing Leases #7048, 7078, 7102, 7123, 7167, 7214, 7287, and 7083 be offered:

- **a 1 year extension to their agreement,**
- **with the same rental rates as were set by the latest tenders,**

- with no 640 acre or 1 lease maximum limitation, nor eligibility criteria as is used for Community Grazing Leases;
- and if the offer is not accepted, to publicly tender the lease as above, with no minimum bid.
Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following PGLs were also reviewed in camera for confirmation of direction. These leases do not have irrigation development potential; however, due to the proximity to Brooks and highway access there is a potential for commercial development. As the leases are contained within the same quarter section and the cross fence has since been removed, it was recommended to combine the leases. The 141 acre PGL has been assessed for 20 AUM and will have a \$1,008 rental income for the District in 2023.

2023-01-027 Moved by D. Peltzer that Private Grazing Leases #7237 and 7281 be combined into one grazing lease as #7237 and:

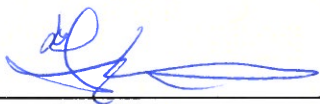
- tendered for the right to acquire the lease agreement, with
- no minimum bid,
- an annual agreement which automatically renews at the discretion of the District,
- a rental fee determined using the standard PGL fee calculation,
- a 640 acre or 1 lease maximum limitation,
- a Community Grazing deduction of 4 head, and with
- eligibility criteria as is used for Community Grazing Leases.

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 14.01 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - Monday, January 30 th , EID Office, 12:00 noon
[attending: R. Owen, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley] |
| 14.02 | AIDA 2023 Conference | - February 6 th – 8 th Deerfoot Inn, Calgary
[attending: H. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach] |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 6 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 7 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 14.06 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 8 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 14.07 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Thursday, March 30 th |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:27 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

**February 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of February 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. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	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:

- 4.03 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee
- 4.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

2023-02-028 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 January 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the January 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-02-029 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the January 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

D. Peltzer requested that the Direction for PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023, item that was discussed at the January 24, 2023 meeting be revisited. Discussion of this item and resultant motion 2023-01-025 will be added to the March 6th Board Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 EID/County Joint Meeting**

The annual EID/County Joint Meeting was held January 30th at the EID office. A number of topics of mutual interest were discussed, the primary being the County/EID Joint Drainage Program. In review of the meeting, Directors requested that further admin discussion be held concerning situating fence lines for rehab projects.

4.02 AIDA 2023 Conference

Several Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Calgary February 6th – 8th. Topic categories included addressing water management challenges, building capacity, growth and competitiveness, sustainable agriculture, water quality, and supporting future objectives. I. Friesen and M. Porter presented in the future objectives and technical sessions, respectively.

4.03 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee

T. Hemsing attended a recent ERT Pathway Committee meeting, advising that fundraising efforts are continuing for the remaining \$1 million needed to complete the project.

[9:34 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

4.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

D. Peltzer conveyed an enquiry from the CVRS regarding the District paying for an additional summer student to aid primarily in the boat registration process for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. The continuation of this arrangement was confirmed by Mr. Friesen.

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2023

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

- YTD revenues total about \$15.5 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$10.4 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$5.15 million.

2023-02-030 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2023 Rate Bylaw #963

The 2023 Rate Bylaw was presented for 3rd reading. As follow up to Corporate Planning, it was presented at the January 24th Meeting with a \$5.00/acre water rate, an annual agreement rate of \$29.00/acre, and the pressure system surcharges remaining at \$10.00/acre. Further discussion was held on the matter.

**2023-02-031 Moved by D. Peltzer that third reading of Bylaw #963 (2023) be tabled until after the Annual General Meeting. Seconded by R. Owen. DEFEATED
IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder
OPPOSED – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing**

**2023-02-032 Moved by D. Jacobson that revised Bylaw #963 (2023), 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 R. Hiebert. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**

5.03 Springhill/02 Rock Lake – Electricity Usage

In response to a Director's enquiry, a chart of electricity usage over the last 5 years for the Springhill/02 Rock Lake pressure system was presented as information. Historical kWh usage recorded does indicate that less power is now required for that system, since the pumps have been relocated to the Rock Lake Reservoir and the system has been rehabbed.

[10:11 a.m. – 10:18 a.m. Short break; S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

PVC pipe supply from the distributor has become an issue. The pipe is not passing quality control's inspection and is being rejected at the plant. In response, the District's pipeline crew will be moving to spring maintenance with plans to return to the pipeline project when pipe is available. If the Sec C North Branch project cannot be completed for the 2023 irrigation season, the existing canal will continue to be used, and the project will be completed for 2024.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- 35% complete; construction halted due to frost
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 50% complete; construction halted due to pipe supply

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
02 Bow Slope	- 90% complete, cleanup remains

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to average below normal ranges for this time of year and are significantly below the previous year's levels. Typically, most of the snowpack doesn't arrive until March or April, so there is still plenty of opportunity for the snowpack to recover for the coming water season.

[10:26 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

8.01.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$10,112 >
To be Completed	< \$56,240 >
Require Approval	< \$0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through January (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$80,800 >
February (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$23,300 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$829,548

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$90,912.

8.01.1.2 Pivot Replacement w/CA – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – NE 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 113 acres
- Current Assessment: 120 acres pivot (7 acres added for irrigation development)
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm; 22 acres needed
- New Assessment: 142 acres corner arm pivot (123 pivot, 19 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-02-033 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) for the replacement pivot with corner arm upgrade in NE 12-17-16 W4M purchased for \$215,040. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,300 (113 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.3 Pivot Replacement w/CA – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SE 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 120 acres
- Current Assessment: 129 acres pivot (9 acres added for irrigation development)
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm; 24 acres needed
- New Assessment: 153 acres corner arm pivot (135 pivot, 18 corner arm)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-02-034 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) for the replacement pivot with corner arm upgrade in SE 12-17-16 W4M purchased for \$221,303. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,000 (120 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.4 IU Registration – Gord Graham – SE 11-17-16 W4M & South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SW 11-17-16 W4M

The registration of an irrigable unit is required as the 2 proposed pivots in S ½ 11-17-16 W4M will share a new delivery, to be installed on the west side of SW 11 off B-01 Bow Slope.

2023-02-035 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 11-17-16 W4M, SE 11-17-16 W4M being owned by Gord Graham and SW 11-17-16 W4M being owned by South Slope Feeders Ltd. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.5 Increase – Gord Graham – SE 11-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 87 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 irrigation acres (8 transferred in for farm improvement in 2006, 36 added for development in 2009 and general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 23 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit approved; project must be completed by February 29, 2024

2023-02-036 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gordon Graham for 23 infill acres in SE 11-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,724 (23 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.6 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SW 11-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 78 acres
- Current Assessment: 125 irrigation acres (50 acres added for irrigation development and 3 acres transferred out for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 29 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Note: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit approved; project must be completed by February 29, 2024

2023-02-037 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 29 infill acres in SW 11-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$28,652 (29 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:30 a.m. D. Jacobson declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

8.01.1.7 Increase – Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd (Donald & Wallace Jacobson) – NW 35-14-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 122 irrigation acres
- Proposal: add corner wiper pivot; 3 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 125 acres, all under pivot
- Note: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 29, 2024

2023-02-038 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd for 3 infill acres in NW 35-14-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,964 (3 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.8 Increase – Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd (Donald & Wallace Jacobson) – SW 35-14-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 117 irrigation acres
- Proposal: infill west edge of pivot; 7 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 124 acres, all under pivot
- Note: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 29, 2024

2023-02-039 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacobson Stock Farms Ltd for 7 infill acres in SW 35-14-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,916 (7 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:32 a.m. D. Jacobson rejoined the meeting.]

8.01.1.9 Increase – Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson) – NE 32-19-17 W4M & NW 33-19-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 262 acres
- Current Assessment: 270 irrigation acres (8 acres added for 2018 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner wiper pivot; 43 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 124 acres, all under pivot
- Note: subject to landowner obtaining permission to utilize County road allowance; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by February 29, 2024

2023-02-040 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc for 43 infill acres in NE 32 & NW 33-19-17 W4M; subject to the landowner obtaining permission to utilize the County road allowance. The capital assets charge is \$42,484 (43 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2 Alternate Parcel Transfers

8.01.2.1 County of Newell to Doug & Roxanne Dafoe

For the 2023 season, the County of Newell is requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 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 a wiper pivot coverage. There are no operational issues identified with the transfer.

2023-02-041 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2023 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 R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2.2 John Miller to John Ketchmark

For the 2023 irrigation season, John Miller is requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 75 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 22-17-16 W4M for a wiper pivot on a dry parcel. Mr. Ketchmark would like to utilize the annual transfer until his irrigation application is approved as a new development. Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2023-02-042 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 75 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark in SW 22-17-16 W4M. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2.3 1184989 Alberta Ltd (Barry Fleming) and John Miller to John & Teena Ketchmark

For the 2023 season, 1184989 Alberta Ltd and John Miller are requesting to transfer a total of 23 irrigation acres to John & Teena Ketchmark for use of the end guns in SE 21-17-16 W4M and SW 10-17-16 W4M. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfers.

2023-02-043 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfers of:

- 18 irrigation acres from NW 06-17-15 W4M, lands owned by 1184989 Alberta Ltd; and
- 5 irrigation acres from S ½ 23-17-17 W4M, lands owned by John Miller;

to John & Teena Ketchmark:

- 12 acres to SE 21-17-16 W4M; and
- 11 acres to SW 10-17-16 W4M.

Seconded by D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.2.4 Thomas & Tammie Parker to Thomas Parker

For the 2023 irrigation season, Thomas & Tammie Parker are requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 37 acres from 2 small pivots in NW 31-21-15 W4M to a wiper pivot in SE 06-22-15 W4M. The Landowners were approved for irrigation development on SE 06-22-15 W4M but have opted to request the alternate parcel transfer. Operations has no concerns with the transfer; however, the 2 small originating pivots will not be allowed to receive water during the alternate transfer to SE 06.

2023-02-044 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 37 irrigation acres from Thomas & Tammie Parker in NW 31-21-15 W4M to Thomas Parker in SE 06-22-15 W4M. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-02-045 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.01 Project Status cont'd

8.0 Lands cont'd

8.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd

8.01.3 Farm Improvement Policy re New Developments



[11:05 a.m. R. Gagley, B. Kroschel, S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

8.02.1 Request to Meet with the Board – Brooks & District Fish & Game Association

9.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

9.01 Large Development Projects

10.0 Irrigation Development

8.0 Lands cont'd

8.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

8.02.2 Request to Trade Land – Drost Seed Potatoes Ltd (Yorian Drost)

[1:35 p.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

8.02.3 Request to Purchase Land – Ken Doerksen / Estate of Jake Doerksen

[1:52 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

8.03 Grazing

8.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – Pt NW & Pt NE 01-16-14 W4M

8.03.2 Direction for 6 Long Term PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023

[2:09 p.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting. D. Peltzer assumed the Chair.]

[2:12 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.]

8.03.3 Direction for 5 Short Term PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023

[3:34 p.m. R. Volek and N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Gagley entered.]

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.02 Request for Remedial Reclamation – David Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M

[4:05 p.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[4:21 p.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

12.0 AIS Funding – Draft Letter

13.0 International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress**14.0 Annual General Meeting**

2023-02-046 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**8.0 Lands cont'd****8.01 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd****8.01.3 Farm Improvement Policy re New Developments**

The Farm Improvement Policy will be brought back to the Board with additional wording added to clarify the existing practice of the District declining cost-share requests for parcels that were dry as of the beginning of the Farm Improvement Program (November 1999).

9.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft

A motion was carried once reconvened.

9.01 Large Development Projects

A provision for large-scale developments will not be included in the proposed Irrigation Acres Bylaw.

8.0 Lands cont'd**8.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd****8.02.2 Request to Trade Land – Drost Seed Potatoes Ltd (Yorian Drost)**

A proposal to trade land with the EID was received from Yorian Drost. This request was denied.

8.02.3 Request to Purchase Land – Ken Doerksen / Estate of Jake Doerksen cont'd

A request to purchase EID land was received from Ken Doerksen. This request was denied and for further clarity a motion was made once reconvened.

11.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

I. Friesen was requested to compile a payment schedule based on the newest project cost estimates. Discussion on this matter is to be continued at the March 6th Board Meeting.

6.0 Engineering cont'd**6.02 Request for Remedial Reclamation – David Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M**

The Landowner will be advised of some mitigation options; however, the District declined offering any assistance.

12.0 AIS Funding – Draft Letter

Direction given to forward the AIS funding letter as drafted.

14.0 Annual General Meeting

Consent was given for a spokesperson from Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation to present at the AGM on the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Water Program.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

8.0 Lands cont'd**8.02 Lands, Oil & Gas****8.02.1 Request to Meet with the Board – Brooks & District Fish & Game Association cont'd**

The Brooks & District Fish & Game Association (BFGA) as operators of the rifle range on leased District land 2.5 km south of Brooks, are planning to increase their berm to meet current safety requirements, and introduce limited handgun and sporting clays use. The operation of the nonprofit association's range provides a safe area for sport shooting and hunting practice (firearm and archery) for approximately 500 members, as well as training and re-certification by local law enforcement agencies. This facility is beneficial to the community and aids the District in reducing illicit firearm occurrences on District lands. In lieu of meeting with the BFGA reps, the following motion was carried, based on itemized expenses in the project estimate.

2023-02-047 Moved by D. Peltzer that the EID donate equipment and labour work, up to \$10,000 in costs, to assist the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association with the berm redevelopment at the rifle range in S ½ 17-18-14 W4M. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Draft cont'd

In follow up to Corporate Planning and the January Board Meeting, a revised Irrigation Acres Bylaw was presented. Through thorough discussion it was proposed to double the permitted development acres overall, retaining the 60/40 split: 4,000 total, 2,400 – under reservoir, 1,600 – off river, and to expressly authorize the EID to develop EID lands with carry forward acres and give priority to the EID to carry forward acres. Applications for any District developments are still to be submitted in the fall process and are not to reduce the number of new acres which are otherwise available on an annual basis; however, the EID's rating criteria will not pertain to these projects. Increasing both the under reservoir and off river categories will allow for the queue of private development applications to be addressed, as well as enable District developments which would in turn provide other opportunities for water users via irrigated farm leases, and provide increased revenue to the District.

**2023-02-048 Moved by D. Jacobson that Bylaw #965 (2023), as revised, be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of February 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schroeder**

The Bylaw will be brought back to the March 6th Board Meeting for further discussion and readings. I. Friesen was requested to present at the AGM regarding this matter.

10.0 Irrigation Development cont'd

As defined in the current Irrigation Acres Bylaw, any unused acres from prior years are "carry forward acres" and are pooled for future use. Since 2021, 397 reservoir supported acres have been carried forward. A proposal to develop 3 pivots on reservoir supported District lands was presented and discussed.

2023-02-049 Moved by R. Owen that the following 3 parcels:

- SW 35-14-13 W4M,
- SW 27-14-13 W4M, and
- SE 25-14-13 W4M

be submitted for development by the EID as irrigated farm leases with corner arm pivots, using available carry forward acres. Seconded by R. Hiebert. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-02-050 Moved by R. Hiebert that SW 35-14-13 W4M, SW 27-14-13 W4M, and SE 25-14-13 W4M irrigated farm leases, once approved, be bid via a live auction as:

- 5 year short term leases; with
- the EID installing the mainline, irrigation equipment, and pivot;
- the Lessee responsible for equipment maintenance up to a determined amount; and
- the Lessee responsible for breaking and levelling the parcel, etc.

Seconded by D. Jacobson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.0 Lands cont'd**8.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd****8.02.3 Request to Purchase Land – Ken Doerksen / Estate of Jake Doerksen cont'd****2023-02-051 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District continue to retain ownership of the ROW in W ½ 34-22-16 W4M and the arrangement of approximately 75 acres of grazing to the west and south of the ROW at no charge for the adjacent landowner. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – R. Hiebert, D. Jacobson****8.03 Grazing cont'd****8.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – Pt NW & Pt NE 01-16-14 W4M**

Upon inspection of a fence in NE 11, NW 12 & SW 12-16-14 W4M agreed to be rebuilt and cost-shared between Newell Grazing and C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd as adjacent landowner, it was confirmed that the existing fence line did not follow the shared property line. The misplaced fence line has contributed to portions of both properties being grazed by the adjacent landowner's cattle and to a dugout being constructed in NW 01 on EID land by the previous adjacent landowner. In response to discussions, and in addition to cost-sharing the new fence, the adjacent landowner has submitted a request to purchase the 8.3 acre parcel of ROW in N ½ 01 and pay all associated purchasing costs, to resolve their water access needs. An RWU – Livestock Watering Agreement will be required. A new dugout for Newell Grazing is planned to be better situated in the SE corner of NW 12, off Summit Drain, to optimize their grazing.

2023-02-052 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District:

- cost-share with C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd the installation of a new fence along the property line from the north boundary of NE 11-16-14 W4M into NE 01-16-14 W4M;
 - sell the identified parcel of land in NW & NE 01-16-14 W4M, consisting of approximately 8.3 acres, to C.O. Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd by accepting their offer price of \$2,100/acre + GST, subject to the lands being consolidated into the respective quarter sections, and all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchasers.
- Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.03.2 Direction for 6 Long Term PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023 cont'd

The format to renew 31 standard long term grazing leases expiring in December 2023 was finalized at the January 24th meeting. All current grazing leaseholders have been notified. 6 additional long term grazing leases with some non-standard situations or irrigation development potential were now presented to confirm future use and their specific renewal format.

~~**2023-02-053 Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7044 be amalgamated with PGL #7093 and renewed as per motion 2023-01-025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED IN FAVOUR—R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing OPPOSED—D. Peltzer, R. Owen [rescinded by motion 2023-09-209]**~~

[4:37 p.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting. D. Peltzer assumed the Chair.]

2023-02-054 Moved by R. Owen that Private Grazing Lease #7054 be renewed as per motion 2023-01-025, with a clause being added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[4:38 p.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.]

2023-02-055 Moved by B. Schroeder that Private Grazing Lease #7055 be renewed as per motion 2023-01-025, with a clause being added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Direction was given to staff concerning Private Grazing Lease #7110.

2023-02-056 Moved by R. Owen that Private Grazing Lease #7247 be separated into 2 leases:

- the fenced off portion of Pt Sec 36 and Pt Sec 25-19-13 W4M totalling approximately 788 acres, containing the 2 irrigated pivot areas and a portion of grazing land, to be administered as an Irrigated Farm Lease with a grazing component; and
- the remaining portion of the lease totalling approximately 1,341 acres, to continue as a Private Grazing Lease and renewed as per motion 2023-01-025.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2023-02-057** Moved by R. Owen that the new Irrigated Farm Lease, presently contained within PGL #7247, be offered to the current lessees Will & Shauna Henrickson:
- for a 10 year extension, subject to payment of a renewal fee equivalent to this year's rent for the corresponding acres;
 - at \$180/irrigated acre and \$10/dry acre, subject to a rent review at the end of the 5th year.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2023-02-058** Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7187 be tendered in after 2023 as a 1 year grazing lease, with no restrictions, until it is scheduled to be developed as an irrigated lease. Seconded by B. Schmidt. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.03.3 Direction for 5 Short Term PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023 cont'd

Similarly, 5 additional short term grazing leases with some non-standard situations or irrigation development potential were also presented to confirm future use and their specific renewal format.

- 2023-02-059** Moved by D. Peltzer that Private Grazing Lease #7039 be renewed as per motion 2023-01-025, with a clause being added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences. Seconded by R. Hiebert. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Private Grazing Lease #7053 will be brought back to the Board in January 2024 for direction.

- 2023-02-060** Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7067 be renewed as per motion 2023-01-025, with a clause being added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences. Seconded by B. Schroeder. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2023-02-061** Moved by D. Peltzer that Private Grazing Lease #7169 be:
- tendered as a 5 year lease agreement,
 - with no minimum bid,
 - with standard restrictions and eligibility requirements, and
 - with a clause being added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences.

Seconded by R. Owen. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2023-02-062** Moved by R. Owen that Private Grazing Lease #7295 be offered to the current leaseholder at the current rent. Seconded by D. Jacobson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.0 International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress

From June 27th – July 3rd, the Town of Olds will be the host site for the 2023 International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress for 200 – 300 delegates from around the world. As part of this Congress, delegates will be able to join a pre-event Farm Tour on June 26-27 and the Brooks Newell Region has been selected as a site for day 2 of the tour. The tentative plan is for the tour to focus on irrigation and what it means to agriculture in Southern Alberta. A group of 20-30 journalists will travel to Lethbridge and Taber, and to the Brooks Newell Region where they will visit the aqueduct,

a farm, a vegetable processor, a restaurant, a feedlot, and the Bassano Dam. Many participants will be from countries that are customers of Canadian ag products, and in turn information from the Congress will be published as stories and articles for readers in many countries. Approval was given at Joint Shared Services to seek platinum sponsorship of the tour to ensure a positive experience for participants and significant positive exposure for the region.

2023-02-063 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District joins the regional sponsorship of the International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress and Tour for up to \$20,000. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 6 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.02 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 7 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 15.03 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 8 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 15.04 | AIDA Board of Directors Meeting | - Thursday, March 30 th , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge |
| 15.05 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> | - Tuesday, April 11 th |
| 15.06 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[4:51 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:51 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

**March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 6th day of March 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. Don Jacobson	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2023-03-064 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 February 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were presented and amended by the following:

- 8.02.3, replace "...75 acres of free grazing to the west and south of the ROW for the adjacent landowner." with "...75 acres of grazing to the west and south of the ROW at no charge for the adjacent landowner."

2023-03-065 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as amended. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:08 a.m. D. Peltzer entered the meeting.]

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Request to Purchase Land – Ken Doerksen/Estate of Jake Doerksen**

This matter was given further discussion at the request of a Director; however, there was no change in direction made.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 AIDA Executive Committee Meeting**

B. Schmidt attended an AIDA Executive Committee Meeting as alternate rep, on February 21st. Topics covered included AIDA bylaws, federal and provincial funding, Aggie Days, AIDA 2023 Conference, and the upcoming LNID 100th anniversary.

5.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

In follow up to February's meeting, the Irrigation Acres Bylaw was brought back for 2nd reading. Through a second review, it was directed to reduce the overall number of new parcel irrigation acres as was proposed in February, from 4,000 to 3,000; but to keep the approximate 60/40 split. The second reading of Bylaw #965 proposes 3,000 acres total, 1,200 acres maximum off river; this is a 50% increase from the Irrigation Acres Bylaw currently in place which allows 2,000 new parcel irrigation acres in total per year, 800 acres maximum off river. Consensus remained for the District to develop new irrigation lease parcels using available carry forward acres, as was proposed in February.

2023-03-066 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #965 (2023) be amended by changing the number of acres which can be approved in any calendar year to:

- **1,200 acres for off-river,**
- **3,000 acres in total, and**

that the Board read and approve Bylaw #965 (2023) the second time this 6th day of March 2023. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was directed that water user input be sought at the AGM concerning both the Irrigation Acres Bylaw and the Capital Assets Bylaw. Third reading of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw is to be brought back to the April meeting. In November, both the Irrigation Acres Bylaw and the Capital Assets Bylaw are to be reviewed in tandem and adjusted as directed.

[10:09 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Short break; B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

6.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack sites continue to show accumulation; however, remain within or slightly below the average ranges.

6.02 Set Water Delivery Date

A water delivery date of May 5, 2023 was recommended, which is near the long term average. This date will ensure adequate time to refill reservoirs to normal operating levels, fill canals and pipelines, and resolve any maintenance issues that may arise.

2023-03-067 Moved by R. Owen that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set at May 5, 2023. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:20 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

7.0 Lands

7.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

7.01.1 Increase – 2380029 Alberta Ltd (Laura Culligan) Pending Transfer to Sage Bluff Farms Ltd (Eldon & Sheila Konschuh and Hanna Konschuh)

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 194 acres (194 added for irrigation development in 1992)
- Proposal: add 1 small pivot and 1 small wiper pivot; 54 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 248 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; stops required for wiper pivot; subject to the landowner entering into a 5.0 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement or twinning their mainline; project must be completed by March 31, 2024

2023-03-068 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 2380029 Alberta Ltd for 54 infill acres in Sec 10-21-18 W4M; subject to entering into a 5.0 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement with the District or the landowner twinning their mainline. The capital assets charge is \$53,352 (54 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.2 Increase – Abe & Mary Berg – Pt SW 29 & Pt SE 29-22-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 61 acres
- Current Assessment: 65 acres (2 acres added for GA in 1994, 2 added for GA in 2016)
- Proposal: convert flood to wiper pivot; 10 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $63 \times 1.4 = 25$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 75 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by March 31, 2024

2023-03-069 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Abe & Mary Berg for 10 efficiency acres in W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,880 (10 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-03-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt SW 29 & Pt SE 29-22-16 W4M, all lands being owned by Abe & Mary Berg. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.3 Transfer – Marvin & Loretta Berg

The landowners are requesting to transfer 4 acres from SE 06 and 1 acre from SW 30-22-16 W4M to SE 30-22-16 W4M to continue wheel irrigation outside the pivot area.

2023-03-071 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 4 acres from SE 06-22-16 W4M, and
- 1 acre from SW 30-22-16 W4M;

to SE 30-22-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Marvin & Loretta Berg. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.4 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Marvin & Loretta Berg to Abe & Mary Berg

For the 2023 season, Marvin & Loretta Berg are requesting to transfer a total of 8 irrigation acres to Abe & Mary Berg in SE 29-22-16 W4M to continue wheel irrigation outside the pivot area.

2023-03-072 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 8 irrigation acres from Marvin & Loretta Berg:

- 3 acres from SW 30-22-16 W4M, and
- 5 acres from SE 31-22-16 W4M;

to Abe & Mary Berg in SE 29-22-16 W4M. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:27 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine, D. Buell, and B. Doerksen entered.]

7.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

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

7.02.1 2022 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2022 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 708 individuals received hunting permission by phone or email, which is by far the highest number on record and represents approx. 1/2 of all hunters utilizing EID lands; while delayed in 2022, it is anticipated that the automated Hunting Access Authorization system via the redesigned District website will be operational in 2023
 - 7 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands, which is below average
 - day use around Lake Newell Reservoir, Rolling Hills Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir was lower than normal and random camping was minimal
 - semi-regular off-highway vehicle (OHV) use continued in the Eyremore Grazing lease
 - highest use areas for hunting continue to be Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) GAs, then Newell GA (Scandia Ranch) Patricia GA (Princess)
 - the EID pays for approx. 25 hours/month of County Peace Officers (CPO) time to patrol EID lands and enforce EID access rules; this is very beneficial to the EID as a marked enforcement presence is more effective at ensuring public compliance with access rules; they focus their patrolling for the EID:
 - in the spring and summer at EID campgrounds and around reservoirs maintaining traffic enforcement and providing significant assistance and an official presence to educate, issue warnings and respond as backup with the AIS Prevention Program; and at locations with ongoing OHV problems
 - during the hunting season in Rosemary (south block), Patricia (south of Dinosaur Provincial Park), and Duchess (Sandhills) GAs, and Finnegan Field
 - during the winter, on lands with late elk seasons, and on reservoirs with high ice fishing activity
 - on 2 private grazing leases in the 12 Mile Coulee area and 1 in the Tillebrook area experiencing groups of trespassers
 - provincial staffing cuts resulted in Conservation Officers shifting to Cypress Hills Provincial Park and a significant reduction in time spent patrolling EID lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park and Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

- Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, and patrol the entire EID
- central and eastern portions of the EID also see RCMP surveillance
- 2022 saw minimal public access problems, with 13 warnings/non-compliance information tickets issued, mostly for failure to participate in the EID AIS Prevention Program and a few for random camping or campfires; CPOs inspected 5 watercraft and found 18 violations; the number of hunters was down noticeably but their compliance with EID access rules was better than average
- Research Access:
 - Bear Tracks Environmental Services, the Calgary Zoo, Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Royal Tyrrell Museum, the University of Manitoba, and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service conducted research on EID lands in 2022; focus of activities included:
 - a Ferruginous Hawk survey, a Burrowing Owl research and population enhancement program, a remote sensing wetland mapping project, an investigation site for Hadrosaur remains, an effect of shallow gas and oil development on prairie birds project, and a duck banding program
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 25,688 ac ft of water was conveyed for DU projects, approx. 82% of their license
- Wildlife:
 - the Fisheries & Wildlife Management Information System data has been filtered down to relevant species and locations on EID lands; ground truthing and input to the GIS system will follow

7.02.2 2022 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary

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

- 2022 PHD Program:
 - 6,861 trees & shrubs were planted on 5 new sites; 2 sites received 2,100 m of fencing materials to prevent livestock access
 - 1,431 replacements were planted on four 2021 sites to replace winter kill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 9 sites
 - seedling survival was about 64%, long term average is 74%; watering issues at the largest planting site again affected the overall average
 - 5 summer students were hired, which worked well due to other administrator duties
 - moderate weed growth later in summer kept summer students occupied and they were unable to conduct any drive-by inspections of previous sites
 - snowpack in the EID in January and February 2022 was insufficient to complete any winter upland gamebird surveys
 - sharp-tailed grouse lek surveys indicated below the 20-year average but not unexpected given the cyclical nature of their populations and the early season counts
 - time and budget constraints prevented the completion of any spring Pheasant crowing count transects or upland gamebird brood survey transects
 - 2022 was another good year for Pheasants and Partridge owing to a lack of spring rains and high grasshopper population
- 2023 PHD Program:
 - 4 new planting sites have been selected for 2023, near Brooks, Duchess and Tilley
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides will be hired for the full May – August PHD season

- prairie drought conditions have seen continued increased seedling prices and decreased availability; 8,655 seedlings (bare root/soil plug) were ordered (approximately 6,155 going to new habitat) and approximately 2,500 for 2022 replacements; 75 rolls of mulch and 25 boxes of landscape staples were ordered, and 2.6 km of fencing materials will be provided
- 2023 Budget:
 - \$141,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies, of which the EID provides \$115,000 of core funding; the balance being applied for through various grant applications
- Partnership:
 - the County of Newell has expressed interest in increasing shelterbelt uptake in the County as a long term soil erosion prevention strategy
 - starting in 2023, the County will be lending staff support as needed to plant, mulch and maintain sites
 - in 2024 it is planned for the County to continue to assist with labour but also provide financial support to see an increased number of yearly planting sites
- Advertising:
 - word of mouth, District website, and District newsletters have generated enough interest for the program to run at capacity until at least 2025; advertising in 2023 will take place to secure additional sites
- Long Term Plans:
 - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options will be investigated for seedlings
 - as time and IS staffing permit, statistics will be collected, and mapping overlays generated to potentially establish PHD sites and Ring-neck Pheasant numbers
 - new displays will be created, and additional fundraising opportunities explored

It was requested that photos of long term PHD sites be shown to the Board at a later date.

[10:47 a.m. D. Buell exited the meeting.]

7.03 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

7.03.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2022 Statistics

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. All boaters wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District's major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District's website. It has been found that approximately 95% of recreational users are compliant with this program. This year 2 summer students, rather than 1, will be assisting Ms. Doerksen to increase monitoring, education, and enforcement of the AIS program at the District's major reservoirs.

AIS PREVENTION PROGRAM – Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total	High Risk	Disallowed Entry
Crawling Valley Reservoir	2022	1,229	34	5	1,254	25	5
	2021	1,257	23	2	1,270	13	4

	2020	1,366	28	1	1,382	16	8
	2019	912	28	1	932	20	0
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2022	189	1	0	190	1	0
	2021	305	4	0	308	3	0
	2020	394	10	0	398	4	0
	2019	123	2	1	125	2	0
Lake Newell Reservoir	2022	906	29	4	915	9	0
	2021	1,582	70	2	1,610	28	4
	2020	1,675	80	0	1,706	31	7
	2019	739	43	9	773	34	4
Rolling Hills Reservoir	2022	949	24	2	963	14	2
	2021	941	29	1	958	17	4
	2020	827	19	0	840	13	0
	2019	515	20	9	536	21	0
EID Office	2022	15	0	0	15	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2020	37	1	0	37	0	0
	2019	172	7	0	177	5	0
Other	2022	7	0	0	7	0	0
	2021	20	0	0	20	0	0
	2020	5	0	0	5	0	0
	2019	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 Totals		3,295	88	11	3,344	49	7
2021 Totals		4,105	126	5	4,166	61	12
2020 Totals		4,304	138	1	4,368	64	15
2019 Totals		2,461	100	20	2,543	82	4

In 2022 the EID registered 3,344 watercraft (sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and other non-motorized watercraft) for entrance into its reservoirs. Out of province watercraft came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Montana, Washington, California, and Texas.

[10:54 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

7.04 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

7.04.1 Brooks Motocross Club – Lease Agreement

The Brooks Motocross Club has leased land from the EID in SW 29-13-14 W4M, across from the Silver Sage Community Corral, since 1993. The current 3 year lease of 132 acres is soon to expire, and the Club wishes to renew for another term. This arrangement is working well to minimize motorcycle activity on District lands in support of the District's Access Policy which prohibits off-highway-vehicle use.

2023-03-073 Moved by R. Owen that the Brooks Motocross Club be offered a 3 year lease on the current lands at a rental rate of \$1,500 per year. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04.2 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2023 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review of the prior year's campground and marina rates were presented, along with suggested opening and closing dates. Once again, 35 campsites will be assigned for seasonal use, 18 of which will be reserved for the water user portion of the draw. There were no increases to last year's rates.

2023-03-074 Moved by D. Peltzer that the 2023 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,**
 - **\$3,200/season, plus GST, for all seasonal sites,**
 - **35 seasonal sites available, distributed throughout the campground,**
 - **18 of the seasonal sites being reserved for Water Users,**
 - **\$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 D. Jacobson. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-03-075 Moved by R. Hiebert that the 2023 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday, May 15th and close at noon Sunday, October 1st. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:00 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

7.05 Grazing

7.05.1 Results of Tender – PGL #7237

In follow up to the January meeting, Private Grazing Lease #7237 was combined with #7281 in NE 05-18-14 W4M and tendered out as an annual PGL that renews automatically, due to the potential for commercial development. The tender was for the right to hold the lease and included the standard restrictions of minimum bid, 640 acre limitation, and Community Grazing Lease deduction.

PGL #7237 Annual 153 acres 22 AUM			
Bidder	Amount	GST	Total
Danny Christman	\$1,275.00	\$63.75	\$1,338.75
Wayne Andruschak	\$1,100.00	\$55.00	\$1,155.00

2023-03-076 Moved by R. Hiebert that as high bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, an annual agreement for PGL #7237 be awarded to Danny Christman. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.05.2 Set Turn-Out Dates

Carryover grass heading into the 2023 grazing season is good throughout the District and there is the likelihood of some runoff this spring. It was advised that any staggered entries must occur beyond the approved dates, and that grazing associations that turn out early on regrass/tame pasture will also be reminded to schedule the round-up dates for these groups of cattle earlier than cattle that went out on native pasture. These practices ensure fair and equal access to EID pastures.

2023-03-077 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 1st and for native pasture be May 13th. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-03-078 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.05.3 Direction for PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023 - Revisited

[11:04 a.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting. D. Peltzer assumed the Chair.]

[11:20 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.]

7.05.4 Finalize Direction for Renewal – PGL #7110

[11:38 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; B. Kroschel re-entered.]

6.0 Operations cont'd**6.03 Water Delivery and Operations Policy**

[11:44 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Gagley and S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering**8.01 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update**

[12:05 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break.]

[12:52 p.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

8.02 Request for Remedial Reclamation – David Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M

[12:59 p.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[1:17 p.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

[1:20 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

9.0 Annual General Meeting

[2:09 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

10.0 EIDNet Report**10.01 Fibre Project Update**

2023-03-079 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

7.05.3 Direction for PGLs Expiring December 31, 2023 – Revisited

Direction set at the January 24th meeting for private grazing leases expiring December 31, 2023, motion 2023-01-025, was reconfirmed.

7.05.4 Finalize Direction for Renewal – PGL #7110

A motion in regard to the direction for Private Grazing Lease #7110 was made in the reconvened portion of the meeting.

6.0 Operations cont'd

6.03 Water Delivery and Operations Policy

A motion regarding the Water Delivery and Operations Policy was made in the reconvened portion of the meeting.

9.0 Annual General Meeting cont'd

It was directed that the following presentations be added to the AGM agenda:

- Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Water Program – Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation
- 4-H Thank You – David Peltzer

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

10.0 EIDNet Report cont'd

10.02 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Design work for Snake Lake, Tilley, and Cassils legs of the fibre project continues to be worked on.

[2:15 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

7.0 Lands cont'd

7.05.4 Finalize Direction for Renewal – PGL #7110 cont'd

In review continued from the February 28th meeting, direction was confirmed for Private Grazing Lease #7110, bordering J Reservoir to the north and east, and for District land surrounding an associated parcel in the Tilley Swing Field.

2023-03-080 Moved by B. Schroeder that:

- **PGL #7110 retain its existing boundaries and be renewed as per motion 2023-01-025, with a clause added to the agreement that the Lessor reserves the right to remove a portion or portions of the Lands upon giving notice, reducing the annual rent, and constructing any new required fences; and**

- a fence be constructed along the parcel lines of SE 16-16-11 W4M in the Tilley Swing Field at the District's cost.

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Operations cont'd

6.03 Water Delivery and Operations Policy cont'd

In follow up to Corporate Planning, a penalty was proposed for irrigators that do not communicate their irrigation needs to their Water Operator prior to taking water. It was consensus to add the following statement to clause 3.2 of the policy:

- *"Irrigators that choose to not communicate their irrigation needs prior to taking water shall be subject to a penalty equivalent to 48 hours of usage charged against the affected parcel."*

Furthermore, language throughout the policy was clarified and aligned with the IDA and current bylaws.

2023-03-081 Moved by D. Jacobson that the Water Delivery and Operations Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.02 Request for Remedial Reclamation – David Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M cont'd

[2:18 pm. D. Peltzer exited the meeting.]

[2:26 p.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

2023-03-082 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-03-083 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The direction set at the February 28, 2023 meeting was upheld.

11.0 Request for Funding – "Know Your Food" Educational Trailer

An email was received from Ag for Life requesting operational funding for the "Know Your Food" educational trailer. The program's purpose is to educate Albertans about where their food comes from, the importance of agriculture to this province, to increase consumer confidence, and showcase careers. The program provides a platform for ag and ag business and includes commodity specific and irrigated agriculture information. In 2020, the EID and a few other irrigation districts contributed startup funding.

2023-03-084 Moved by D. Jacobson that the District contributes \$10,000 for the operations of the Ag for Life "Know Your Food" mobile unit. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



12.0 Upcoming Events

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| 12.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 7 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 12.02 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 8 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 12.03 | AIDA Board of Directors Meeting | - Friday, March 31 st , 10:00 a.m., Lethbridge |
| 12.04 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> | - Tuesday, April 11 th |
| 12.05 | Aggie Days | - April 19 – 23 (one day of), Calgary Stampede |
| 12.06 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 12.07 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, May 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**April 25, 2023, Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 25th day of April 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 9:00 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**1.0 Elections****1.01 Election of Chairman**

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

2023-04-085 Moved by B. Schmidt that T. Hemsing be nominated for Chair.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were made, T. Hemsing was elected Chair.

1.02 Election of Vice-Chairman

T. Hemsing assumed the chair; likewise congratulated Directors and called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

2023-04-086 Moved by R. Owen that D. Peltzer be nominated for Vice-Chair.**2023-04-087 Moved by R. Hiebert that B. Schmidt be nominated for Vice-Chair.**

Mr. Peltzer and Mr. Schmidt accepted the nomination. Mr. Hemsing called for nominations a second and third time; no further nominations were made. A ballot vote was conducted, resulting in D. Peltzer being 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 will continue as AIDA Representative; B. Schmidt will act as Alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

D. Peltzer will continue as PCF Representative.

2.04 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

D. Peltzer will continue as CVRS Representative.

2.05 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schroeder will continue as JSSC Representative.

2.06 Scholarship Selection Committee

R. Hiebert *[tentatively]*, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.07 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt will continue as NRTA Representative.

2.08 Economic Recovery Taskforce Pathway Committee

T. Hemsing will continue as ERTPC Representative.

2023-04-088 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

EIDNet Report was moved from 10.0 to 7.0 on the agenda.

2023-04-089 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-04-090 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) Board of Directors Meeting

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board of Directors Meeting March 31st in Lethbridge. Through a revised bylaw, the chair and vice chair positions were increased from 3 years maximum to 5 years to allow current and future officers to serve in these capacities with more continuity. Some minor revisions were also approved for other bylaws. The Aetna Irrigation District and the Leavitt Irrigation District amalgamated as the Southwest Irrigation District, bringing the number of irrigation districts in Alberta to 11, as the TID has already amalgamated with the SMRID. Alex Ostrop and Margo Redelback, AIDA Chair and Executive Director respectively, met with Ministers and staff in Ottawa and are planning a return visit in the fall. A meeting with the provincial opposition critics has also been requested.

4.02 Aggie Days

T. Hemsing, B. Doerksen, D. Buell, and B. Kroschel worked the AIDA booth for Aggie Days at the Calgary Stampede Grounds on Sunday, April 23rd. Being a Sunday, a mixed crowd of adults and families was experienced, compared to the school groups hosted during the week. 1,000 EID bags and a large number of promotional rulers were handed out. Although smaller this year, the AIDA booth grants the opportunity to discuss irrigated agriculture with over 1,000 people each day and continues to be a positive PR experience. Updated and renewed student activities and information are being planned.

4.03 Meeting with MP Martin Shields

Recently, MP Martin Shields met with T. Hemsing and I. Friesen at the EID office to discuss matters that may impact irrigated agriculture.

4.04 Meeting re International Federation of Ag Journalists (IFAJ) Congress

T. Hemsing attended a meeting at the County regarding the IFAJ Congress and the tour being planned for this area on June 27th. One representative from the EID will be invited to participate in the tour.

5.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

In follow up to the March meeting, the Irrigation Acres Bylaw was brought back for 3rd reading proposing 3,000 acres total and 1,200 acres maximum off river; this is a 50% increase from the Irrigation Acres Bylaw currently in place. The Bylaw also proposed that the District have access to available carry forward acres to develop new irrigation lease parcels.

The proposal to increase the overall number of new parcel irrigation acres available each year was again examined by the Board. Discussion matters included the increase intensity, the current capital asset charge, and the information presented for the 2021 plebiscite concerning the expansion limit change. Further discussion of the bylaw was held under the Irrigation Development item during the in camera portion of the meeting.

[9:49 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2023

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2023, was \$3,695,581 or 3.56% more than the book value at September 30, 2022.

2 nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$6,090,000	\$4,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	\$6,100,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2023-04-091 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2023

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

2023-04-092 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Financial Statements to March 31, 2023

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

- YTD revenues total about \$23.36 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$15.27 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$8.08 million.

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

2023-04-093 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:06 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

7.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

7.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Giganet continues to be popular, particularly in Rosemary. Design work for the fibre project continues to be worked on and installation of fibre conduit for the Snake Lake, Tilley, and Cassils legs has begun. Installation will occur on the irrigated parcels first and then move to the grassland areas.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to March 31, 2023	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	37
Residential Accounts	1,588
Business Accounts	183
EID Automation	5
Total	1,813

[10:12 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Short break. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

The 2022/2023 Capital Construction Program has been halted for the irrigation season. Due to circumstances beyond the EID's control, the Secondary C North Branch pipeline will not be completed for this water season. Just under 4 km of 1500 mm (60") pipe remains to be installed as well as the tie-in to the existing pipeline. All the infrastructure needed to provide irrigation water to users is still in place and will be utilized for one more season. In fall of this year, it is planned to complete the pipeline and make the final tie-in to the existing Sec C pipeline. A number of questions were answered by Mr. Gagley and Mr. Friesen.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- 30% complete, frost became an issue	\$1,826,000	\$612,000
PIPELINE			
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 90% complete, material supply issue	\$15,890,000	\$11,616,000

IRP PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
02 Bow Slope	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$3,223,000	\$3,357,000

9.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

9.01 Snowpack Report

Even with the recent snowfall in the mountains, the snowpack levels for the Bow River basin continue to be average to below average. Diversion began on April 17th, with priority going to refilling reservoirs in anticipation of the upcoming water season. There have been no requests for

water prior to the May 5th water delivery date. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kroschel and Mr. Friesen.

[10:29 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Elliott entered.]

10.0 Equipment

R. Elliott presented the following Equipment Report.

10.01 Purchase of Gravel Truck & Pup

A quote for the purchase of a replacement gravel truck and pup trailer was presented along with an explanation of brand preference. It is being proposed to purchase the unit at this time to ensure delivery by the spring of 2024.

2023-04-094 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of a 2023 Mack truck, Bibeau box, pup, and accessories for \$381,800. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Sale of Gravel Truck & Pup

Invitations for bids on the purchase of a 2018 Kenworth gravel truck and 2018 Renn tandem pup were sent to auction houses, with results received as follows:

SALE OF GRAVEL TRUCK & PUP			
Bidder	2018 Kenworth Truck	2018 Renn Tandem Pup	Total
Ritchie Bros	-	-	\$162,000
Team Auctions	\$125,658	\$23,162	\$148,820
Cal-West Equipment Sales	\$126,600	\$12,600	\$139,200
Century Auctions	-	-	\$129,500
Michener Allen	-	-	\$85,600

2023-04-095 Moved by R. Owen that the District sell the 2018 Kenworth gravel truck and 2018 Renn tandem pup for \$162,000 + GST to Ritchie Bros. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03 Purchase of Mini Excavator

As current prices have exceeded the District's budgeted amount from last fall, the following quotes were presented for the purchase of a mini excavator:

PURCHASE OF MINI EXCAVATOR		
Budget Amount	\$96,000	- included in the 2022/2023 Budget for a mini excavator
Kubota	\$115,000	- includes angle blade, delivery in May
Hitachi	\$110,000	- does not include angle blade

2023-04-096 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the purchase of a Kubota mini excavator for \$115,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:34 a.m. R. Elliott exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.01.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2023

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to March 31, 2023					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2023	308,890	3,110	0	122	312,122
March 31, 2023	309,632	3,087	0	122	312,841
Net increase	742	< 23 >	0	0	719
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)					747
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 23 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to March 31, 2023		
	2 nd Quarter [Jan-Feb-Mar]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$1,109,496	\$7,519,296
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$57,750
Annual Agreements	\$0	0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0	\$53,000
Totals	\$1,109,496	\$7,630,046

11.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$20,612 >
To be Completed	< \$45,740 >
Require Approval	< \$18,467 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through March (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$104,100 >
April (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$51,216 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$759,865

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$124,712.

11.01.2.2 Yard Cleanup – Chromka Farms (1987) Inc (Robert Chromka) – NE 13-17-13 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal and yard cleanup in NE 13-17-16 W4M to accommodate a corner arm pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$27,910.

2023-04-097 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chromka Farms (1987) Inc for the tree removal and yard cleanup to accommodate a corner arm pivot in NE 13-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$27,910; of which the Landowner's share is \$13,955 + GST. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.3 Tree Removal – Grant Ellefson – NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M to allow a pivot to travel full circle. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$3,400.

2023-04-098 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Grant Ellefson for the tree removal to accommodate a pivot in NE 18 & SE 19-17-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$3,400; of which the Landowner's share is \$1,700 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.4 Tree Removal – Ray & Shontele Torkelson – SE 28-20-13 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal in SE 28-20-13 W4M to accommodate a corner arm pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$5,624.

2023-04-099 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ray & Shontele Torkelson for the tree removal to accommodate a corner arm pivot in SE 28-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$5,624; of which the Landowner's share is \$2,812 + GST. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.5 Panel & Corner Arm – Daryl & Beverly Bunney – NE 33-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 143 acres
- Installing: panel and corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 143 acres (119 pivot, 18 corner arm, 6 outside pivot area)
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-100 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daryl & Beverly Bunney for the panel and corner arm upgrades in NE 33-20-14 W4M purchased for \$89,197. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,900 (119 acres x \$100/acre) + \$12,600 (18 acres x \$700/acre) – \$3,000 (6 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$21,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.6 Pivot Replacement – Charles & Wynona Hansen – SE 25-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (7 acres added for 1982 General Assessment)
- Installing: pivot replacement
- Assessment remains the same at 152 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-101 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Charles & Wynona Hansen for the pivot replacement upgrade in SE 25-19-14 W4M purchased for \$221,730. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$15,200 (152 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.7 Corner Arm – Kent Sereda – SW 03-15-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$10,870 (motion 2022-02-079)
- Current Assessment: 122 acres
- Converting: 11 flood acres to pivot; 22 acres needed to infill pivot wedge
- New Assessment: 144 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-04-102 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kent Sereda for the conversion of 11 acres flood to pivot corner arm in SW 03-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available to the Landowner is \$12,200 - \$10,870 (previous grant) = \$1,330; with the payable amount being \$1,100 (11 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$21,736 (22 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in February 2022 for 11 acres. All 11 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-04-103 Moved by R. Hiebert that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2022 to 11 acres in SW 03-15-13 W4M be returned to Sereda Farms Ltd (Kent Sereda and Ron Sereda) for flood to pivot efficiencies; 11 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,500. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.8 Corner Arm – Kent Sereda – SE 04-15-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$5,870 (motion 2022-02-080)
- Previous Assessment: 138 acres
- Current Assessment: 143 acres (5 acres added in the 1995 General Assessment)
- Installing: 9 flood acres to corner arm; 7 acres needed
- New Assessment: 150 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: application and proof of purchase were received on or before September 30, 2022

2023-04-104 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kent Sereda for the conversion of 9 acres flood to corner arm upgrade in SE 04-15-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$6,300 (9 acres x \$700/acre). The capital

assets charge is \$6,916 (7 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in February 2022 for 9 acres. All 9 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-04-105 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2022 to 9 acres in SE 04-15-13 W4M be returned to Kent Sereda for flood to pivot efficiencies; 9 acres x \$500/acre = \$4,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:43 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

11.01.2.9 Increase – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – SE 15-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 115 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (15 acres added for 1987 General Assessment, 9 added for 1995 GA, 6 transferred out for 2003 GA)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 8 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2024

2023-04-106 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for 8 efficiency acres in SE 15-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,904 (8 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:44 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

11.01.3 Alternate Parcel Transfers

11.01.3.1 Terry Edge, 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) & Hutterian Brethren of Lathom to Hutterian Brethren of Lathom

For the 2023 season, Terry Edge, 1717866 Alberta Inc, and the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom are requesting to transfer a total of 113 irrigation acres to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom for a pivot project in NW 22-19-17 W4M. The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom applied for irrigation development for this parcel; however, the application did not rate in the top 800 acres approved for irrigation. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-107 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of:

- 19 irrigation acres from NW 04-20-17 W4M and S ½ 09-20-17 W4M, lands owned by Terry Edge;
- 17 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717866 Alberta Inc; and
- 77 irrigation acres from Sec 13, Sec 14, Sec 22, & Sec 23-20-17 W4M, SW 22-19-17 W4M, and Sec 19-19-16 W4M, all lands owned by Hutterian Brethren of Lathom;

to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom in NW 22-19-17 W4M. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.3.2 1717866 Alberta Inc (Reid Johnson) to Rod & Kimberly Johnson

For the 2023 season, 1717866 Alberta Inc is requesting to transfer 14 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-108 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 14 irrigation acres from 1717866 Alberta Inc in NW 10-19-14 4M to Rod & Kimberley Johnson in NW 27-19-14 W4M. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.3.3 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson) to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc (Rod Johnson and Greg Johnson)

For the 2023 season, 1717866 Alberta Inc is requesting to transfer 8 irrigation acres from SW 15-19-14 W4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M to increase the pivot coverage area. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2023-04-109 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2023 alternate parcel transfer of 8 irrigation acres from 1717866 Alberta Inc in SW 15-19-14 4M to Snake Lake Land & Cattle Inc in NW 02-20-17 W4M. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:49 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

11.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

11.02.1 2022 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

During 2022, the Partners in Habitat Development program continued to work exclusively within the EID. The full Annual Report was received as information; a summary can be seen in last month's minutes.

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.03.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Report

The 2023 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary was presented with yearly totals data back to 2016; the current and last 5 years are as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Mid-Year Summary						
Year	New Wells	Twin Wells	Pipeline	Seismic	Abandonment Notifications	Reclaimed Certificates
2023 Mid-Year	16	33	84.07 ac (14 miles)	0	9	52
2022	27	37	204.596 ac (34 miles)	1 permit (175.44 miles)	222	39
2021	16	26	46.42 ac (7.78 miles)	0 permits	374	39
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
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A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

11.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.04.1 Report on GAC Meeting

The spring Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 17, 2023. Regular spring management topics were addressed such as pasture conditions, listings, entry dates, water projects, fireguards, fencing, crossing highways, as well as current and potential irrigated pasture. Additional matters included Swing Field Lease Rider and extra rider wages, DU projects, and a presentation from a representative of the Foothills Forage and Grazing Association. Regarding the pasturing of bulls, the following motion was approved by GAC representatives:

GAC 23-03 R. Schmidt moved to recommend to the EID Board of Directors that any association is permitted to pasture bulls on EID land prior to spring turnout dates (April/May) and is to be charged out to the association at 2.0 times the AUM rate for the grass. Seconded by G. Andrew. Carried Unanimously

Currently, associations are permitted to pasture bulls on lands leased by Community Grazing Association during breeding season for 2 months in the June – August timeframe at 1.5 times the AUM rate. During the post breeding season, August – Round-Up, bulls are charged 2.0 times the AUM rate. The request is for an approximate 2 week period after an Association has sent their bulls to a feedlot for testing and prior to the spring Turn-Out dates. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Through discussion, concerns were raised about extra allotments without deductions, inequity between associations and members, and putting cattle on early grass. The current arrangement of a PGL for use as a bull pasture was also discussed.

2023-04-110 Moved by R. Hiebert that recommendation GAC 23-03 requesting that grazing associations be permitted to pasture bulls on EID lands prior to spring turn-out dates be denied. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The reasoning for denying this request will be relayed back to the GAC at the fall meeting.

2023-04-111 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.04.2 JBS Update

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.03.2 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica

[11:50 a.m. – 12:18 p.m. Lunch break.]

12.0 Irrigation Development



[12:52 p.m. – 12:58 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Gagley re-entered.]

13.0 Information from 1184989 Alberta Ltd (Barry Fleming)

[1:40 p.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting.]

14.0 Kinbrook Connection Pathway Update

2023-04-112 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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12.0 Irrigation Development

In anticipation of sufficient carry forward acres being available and the 3 parcels of EID land receiving approval for development as irrigated farm leases, staff are to order the required pipe and tracer wire over the summer period. Quotes for pivot infrastructure are to be brought to the Board for approval in fall. If approval is not received for the irrigation development, the District will hold the materials and equipment for the following year.

Discussion did not result in 3rd reading of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw being approved. It was directed that the Bylaw be brought back to the May Board Meeting. The proposed bylaw for 3rd reading is to revert to the current 2,000 available acres per year yet maintain the new provisions for the EID to develop new irrigation lease parcels using available carry forward acres.

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and the Irrigation Acres Bylaw are to be addressed in tandem in the fall, with revisions to be approved by bylaw readings immediately following the irrigation development application approvals in November.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.03.2 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica cont'd

Marie Gazdarica is requesting to purchase a narrow strip of land running the full length along the east quarter section boundaries of NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M, consisting of approximately 8 acres. This parcel of land is part of a road plan that is no longer needed by the District and can be sold as per policy.

2023-04-113 Moved by B. Schroeder that the District sell a narrow strip of land along the east quarter section boundaries of NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M, consisting of approximately 8 acres, to Marie Gazdarica for \$8,500/acre + GST inclusive of any capital assets required, subject to the lands being consolidated into the respective quarter sections, and all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Kinbrook Connection Pathway Update cont'd

I. Friesen presented the engineered plan from the County for Stage 2 of the Kinbrook Connection Pathway, reviewing project features and matters particular to the District. Last June the EID approved the sale of a 7 meter strip of land for Stage 1 of the project; this stretch has since been fenced by the District. For the EID, Stage 2 would involve an easement agreement and installing a fence on the inland side of the pathway. Approximately 100 acres will be unusable for grazing once fenced off. The District has already widened the dike in the Redelback subdivision to accommodate the alignment in this location and has installed alternate water access for cattle off the Scott pipeline. District informational signage is also being planned. A number of further questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen regarding fencing, path liability, existing unauthorized trails, and the proposed bridge over the Main Bantry Canal.

2023-04-114 Moved by D. Peltzer that for the Kinbrook Connection Pathway, the District:

- **grant approval to the pathway alignment as proposed in the tender agreement accepted by the County of Newell, and**
- **install inland side fencing along the pathway sections continuing through EID lands.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.0 Annual General Meeting**15.01 Review of the March 7, 2023 AGM**

Opportunity was given to Directors to give comment in general or discuss any matters arising from the March 7th Annual General Meeting. Regarding a question which was raised at the AGM about earmarking water rate revenues, this matter will be addressed during budget discussions in the fall.

15.02 Review of the March 7, 2023 AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given the opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 7, 2023, Annual General Meeting. Board consensus was obtained to post the draft AGM minutes to the website as presented.

16.0 Newsletter – Draft

A draft spring newsletter was provided to Directors. The newsletter will be revised as required and then mailed and posted to the website within a week's time.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, May 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.02 | LNID 100 th Anniversary | - Friday, June 16 th , 11:30 a.m., Coyote Flats Pioneer Village
<i>[T. Hemsing attending]</i> |
| 17.03 | Inter Fed of Ag Journalists Congress | - Tuesday, June 27 th (Brooks Newell Region Tour) |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, June 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |



R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager

**May 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of May 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 12.0 EIDNet Accounts for Community Halls

2023-05-115 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 25, 2023, Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings**

The minutes of the April 25, 2023, Organizational and Regular Directors Meetings were accepted as presented.

2023-05-116 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the April 25, 2023, Organizational and Regular Directors Meetings be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

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

D. Peltzer attended the CVRS Annual Meeting on April 25th and advised that the campground is staying vigilant with the AIS prevention program.

5.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

Over the last several months, the Irrigation Acres Bylaw has been reviewed and the proposal to increase the number of acres which can be approved in any calendar year has been given thorough

discussion. 1st reading of the proposed bylaw was approved in February, a revised proposed bylaw received 2nd reading in March, and further discussion was held in April. Through further review at the this meeting, it was requested that 3rd reading of the proposed bylaw be read as presented in March. 3rd and final reading increases the total number of irrigation acres available per year to 3,000 (2,000 old bylaw), including 1,200 for off river (800 old bylaw). As was presented in 1st and 2nd readings, the bylaw expressly authorizes the EID to develop EID lands with carry forward acres and gives priority to the EID to carry forward acres. This bylaw and the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw will be reviewed annually in November, after the approval of irrigation development applications.

- 2023-05-117 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #965 (2023), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to establish the rules and procedures governing an application for an increase in Irrigation Acres and to an application to transfer Irrigation Acres, be amended by changing the number of acres which can be approved in any calendar year to:**
- 1,200 acres for off-river,
 - 3,000 acres in total, and
- be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing**
OPPOSED – R. Owen, B. Schroeder

[9:21 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2023

The financial statements to April 30, 2023, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$27.18 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$17.85 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$9.32 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin. In follow up to the Annual Report Book and AGM, it was requested by a Director that the Continuity of Fund Balances Note #10 (page 26) have, if possible, a corresponding notation explaining that the end of year total does not represent cash on hand.

- 2023-05-118 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.02 Appointment of Auditor

An engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants was presented which engages Bevan and Partners for purposes of conducting the upcoming annual audit of the District's 2023 financial statements.

- 2023-05-119 Moved by D. Peltzer that the engagement letter, dated May 11, 2023, from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2023 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:37 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Snake Lake Fencing

In follow up to a landowner enquiry concerning fencing near the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion lands, photos of right-of-way parcels and a review of standard practices were provided to Directors. It was confirmed that the District will, as is standard practice, endeavour to remain within its property but will be responsible for the repair of any fences that may incur damage from the construction of the reservoir expansion. It was further noted that as the existing fences are beyond the ROW and on the adjacent landowner's property, the landowner is responsible for any ongoing maintenance. R. Gagley will respond to the adjacent landowner.

7.02 Rolling Hills Canal

R. Summach presented the Rolling Hills Canal synopsis, advising that most of the canal in this 1.9 km reach is not lined or armoured and is in fill, up to 5 m at the highest elevation. Due to this, the canal is prone to seepage into the adjacent borrow pits. The project is located approximately 10.5 km SE of Rolling Hills and there are 3 pivots pumping directly from this section of the canal. It is being proposed to line, armour, and restore the freeboard of the canal. This will stop seepage, increase the canal's durability, and restore its capacity. The project is estimated to cost \$1,581,000 and it is recommended to be funded under the AIM program. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

~~2023-05-120 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Rolling Hills Canal rehabilitation project to line, armour, and fence 1.9 km of canal for an estimated \$1,581,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY~~

[rescinded by motion 2024-08-198]

7.03 West Bantry – Phase 3

J. Kabut presented the West Bantry – Reach 3 synopsis, located approximately 10 km SE of Brooks, slated for the 2023/2024 construction year. The full length of the canal is approximately 9 km, serves 21,798 acres, and has been badly damaged by cattle access. Phase 1 and 2 have been completed, with the 3.1 km Phase 3 remaining. It is being proposed to rehabilitate the 410 cfs canal by trimming the side slopes, rebuilding sections of banks, and fencing off both sides to prevent any cattle access. The project is estimated to cost \$898,000 and it is recommended to be funded under the Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

~~2023-05-121 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the West Bantry – Reach 3 rehabilitation project to trim, rebuild, and fence 3.1 km of canal for an estimated \$898,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY~~

[rescinded by motion 2024-08-201]

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack for the Bow Basin continues to be below average compared to previous years. The warmer weather has brought on a sharp decrease in the snowpack with all the ranges trending downwards. I. Friesen noted that Bow River districts continue to manage their requirements in collaboration and advised of operational levels for Ghost and TransAlta mountain reservoirs.

8.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The system was largely up and running the week of May 5th, with the usual leaks being fixed on the systems as they arose. Most reservoirs are near their upper end of operating levels (FSL). To this point, irrigation demand has been relatively low, allowing the reservoirs to be refilled to near FSL. Compared to last year at this time, approximately 23,000 ac-ft less has been diverted and approximately 22,000 ac-ft more is in storage. Questions were answered concerning Rolling Hills Reservoir levels.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	May 2023	May 2022
Water Diverted to Date	78,287 ac-ft (3.02")	101,458 ac-ft (3.92")
Water Applied to Land to Date	2.88"	-
Range of Parcels Irrigating	1 – 300	1 – 600
Parcels Using Over 12"	0	2
Parcels Using Over 16"	-	-
Parcels Using Over 20"	-	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	272,847 ac-ft	250,265 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

[10:03 a.m. R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. McLean entered.]

9.0 Equipment

R. McLean presented the following Equipment Report.

9.01 Quotes for the Purchase of 250 and 350 Excavators

For the annual partial fleet renewal, it is being proposed to purchase one 250 excavator and one 350 excavator for the upcoming construction season, for anticipated delivery in fall; quotes presented included a Weldco bucket. Mr. McLean responded to a number of questions.

PURCHASE OF 250 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2023 John Deere 250P	\$394,502.09
Wajax Equipment	2023 Hitachi ZX250LC-6	\$412,677.09
Finning Canada	2023 Cat 326	\$452,203.09

PURCHASE OF 350 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2023 John Deere 350P	\$481,786.04
Wajax Equipment	2023 Hitachi ZX350LC-6	\$487,846.04
Finning Canada	2023 Cat 336	\$547,493.04

- 2023-05-122 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the purchase of a:**
- **2023 John Deere 250P Excavator for \$394,502.09, and**
 - **2023 John Deere 350P Excavator for \$481,786.04,**
- from Brandt Tractor Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[10:06 a.m. R. McLean exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The District's 48 seasonal automation sites have now been reactivated. Conduit installation to Tilley for the fibre project has been completed and it is anticipated that conduit for the Bantry leg will be complete by the end of May, with the Cassils portion to commence thereafter.

[10:09 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Short break. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

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 Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.2 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$20,612 >
To be Completed	< \$64,207 >
Require Approval	< \$21,072 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through April (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$155,316 >
May (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$23,500 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$715,293

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$204,017.

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

11.01.3 Land Leveling – Marie Gazdarica – NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for land leveling on 2 parcels in NE & SE 32-16-12 W4M to accommodate 2 pivots. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$2,760.

2023-05-123 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Marie Gazdarica for land leveling to accommodate pivots in NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$2,760; of which the Landowner's share is \$1,380 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.4 Land Leveling – M Lazy S Land Co Ltd (Mark Tatem, Scott Tatem, Colin Tatem) – SE 30-16-30

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for land leveling of an old ditch through the center of SE 30-16-12 W4M to accommodate a pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$700.

2023-05-124 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for M Lazy S Land Co Ltd for land leveling to accommodate a pivot in SE 30-16-30 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$700; of which the Landowner's share is \$350 + GST. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:18 a.m. B. Schmidt declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

11.01.5 Land Leveling – Brian & Gayle Schmidt – SE 23-19-14 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for land leveling of an old ditch in SE 23-19-14 W4M to accommodate a corner arm pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$31,880.

2023-05-125 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brian & Gayle Schmidt for land leveling to accommodate a corner arm pivot in SE 23-19-14 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 project is estimated to cost \$31,880; of which the Landowner's share is \$16,880 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:19 a.m. B. Schmidt rejoined the meeting.]

11.01.6 Tree Removal – Takeda Feeding Co Ltd (Nancy Takeda) – SE 25-18-15 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for the removal of trees in SE 25-18-15 W4M to accommodate a corner arm. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$8,684. In addition, the landowner will pay the full amount for any hauling of removed trees to a different location.

2023-05-126 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Takeda Feeding Co Ltd for tree removal to accommodate a corner arm in SE 25-18-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$8,684; of which the Landowner's share is \$4,342 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

11.01.7 Flood to Pivot – Tyler Charlton – Pt W ½ 20-19-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres
- Current Assessment: 140 acres (6 acres transferred out for General Assessment); (102 large wiper pivot, 38 flood)
- Converting: 33 acres flood to 2 wiper pivots; keeping 5 acres outside pivot areas
- Assessment remains the same at 140 acres (135 wiper pivots, 5 acres outside)
- Pivot areas have reached their maximum grant funding
- Note: as the landowner has moved the center point of the large pivot, a previous encroachment agreement can now be canceled

2023-05-127 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Tyler Charlton for the conversion of 33 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt W ½ 20-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$3,300 (33 acres x \$100/acre) - \$2,500 (5 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$800. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.8 Wheels to Pivot – DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Shannon Martin) – SW 03-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 77 acres
- Current Assessment: 115 acres (20 acres transferred in and 18 acres purchased); (24 acres north pivot, 91 acres wheels)
- Converting: 91 acres wheels to wiper pivot (73 acres eligible for grant)
- Assessment remains the same at 115 acres (24 acres north pivot, 91 south wiper pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-05-128 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc for the conversion of 73 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SW 03-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,300 (73 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In February 2020 a Farm Improvement grant for an upgrade in Pt Sec 03-21-15 W4M applied a deduction to the 5 acres remaining outside pivot and wheel areas (motion 2020-02-055). With the above pivot conversion, these acres are now eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-05-129 Moved by R. Hiebert that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2020 to 5 acres in SW 03-21-15 W4M be returned to DLM Feeders for pivot efficiencies; 5 acres x \$500/acre = \$2,500. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (*receipt submitted prior to October 1, 2022*)

11.01.9 Flood to Pivot with C/A – Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert – S ½ 01-18-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 173 acres (129 irrigation, 44 terminable)
- Converting: 129 acres flood and wheels to pivot and 44 terminable acres to irrigation acres; 35 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 208 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-05-130 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Jeffrey & Sheryl Van Wert for the conversion of 129 acres flood and wheels to corner arm pivot and wiper pivot in S ½ 01-18-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,900 (129 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge to convert 44 terminable acres to irrigation acres is \$15,400 (44 acres x \$350/acre). The capital assets charge for 35 additional acres is \$33,250 (35 acres x \$950/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:25 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

11.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.02.1 Results of Tender – PGL #7123

In follow up to the January meeting, Private Grazing Lease #7123 in N ½ 23-14-13 W4M was first offered to the past leaseholder and when declined, was then tendered out. Due to the potential for irrigation development, the tender was for the right to hold the lease for 1 year and included the standard eligibility requirements but no minimum bid, 640 acre limitation, or Community Grazing deduction.

PGL #7123 1 Year 313 acres 60 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$5,123.00	\$85.38	\$256.15	\$5,379.15
Nelson Weaver	\$4,567.00	\$76.12	\$228.35	\$4,795.35
Lynne Marquess	\$4,500.00	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$4,725.00
Luke Kropf	\$3,855.50	\$64.26	\$189.00	\$4,044.50

2023-05-131 Moved by B. Schmidt that as high bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, a 1 Year agreement for PGL #7123 be awarded to Stewart & Lenita Musgrove. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-05-132 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.2 JBS Update

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

11.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey Campbell) – Pt SE 18-20-15 W4M

[10:38 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

12.0 EIDNet Accounts for Community Halls

[10:46 a.m. R. Moen re-entered the meeting.]



[10:58 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

13.0 Occupational Health & Safety Update

2023-05-133 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

11.03 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.03.1 Request to Purchase Land – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey Campbell) – Pt SE 18-20-15 W4M cont'd

66 Ranch Ltd is requesting to purchase approximately 5.4 acres of EID land located in Pt SE 18-20-15 W4M that is the old Springhill Canal right-of-way. The acquisition of this land will allow 66 Ranch Ltd to install a wiper pivot and convert existing acres from flood to pivot. This request falls within the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy.

2023-05-134 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District sell approximately 5.4 acres of old ROW in Pt SE 18-20-15 W4M to 66 Ranch Ltd for \$1.00 as per clause 2.05 of the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy; subject to the lands being consolidated into the adjoining parcel, and all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees, and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 EIDNet Accounts for Community Halls cont'd

A Director conveyed that he was approached by a couple of community hall reps enquiring if the EID would support the halls with internet service, citing use with monitoring the buildings' utility systems and with wifi availability for users. After discussion, the following motion was carried.

2023-05-135 Moved by D. Peltzer that for local community halls requesting EIDNet internet service, the District pays the basic installation fee and the monthly equivalent of a water user Regular Residential Plan. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Halls that wish to secure plans at higher speeds above the Regular Plan will be required to cover the costs above the base plan, as well as for any additional/optional equipment.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | LNID 100 th Anniversary | - Friday, June 16 th , 11:30 a.m., Coyote Flats Pioneer Village
[attending: T. Hemsing, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen] |
| 14.02 | International Federation of Ag Journalists Congress | - June 27 th – July 3 rd , Olds [D. Peltzer rep] |
| | Brooks Newell Region Tour | - Tuesday, June 27 th [D. Peltzer rep] |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Wednesday, June 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |



14.04 2023 AIDA Inter-District Tour

- Thursday, July 6th, hosted by Bow River Irrigation District
[attending: T. Hemsing, B. Schroeder, R. Hiebert]

14.05 Regular Board Meeting

- Tuesday, July 25th, 9:00 a.m.

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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Chairman

A blue ink signature, appearing to be 'J. Peltzer', is written over a horizontal line.

General Manager

**June 13, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 13th day of June 2023. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Brent Kroschel	Operations Manager
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]	Mr. Mark Porter	Information Services Supervisor
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date – Update

2023-06-136 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:29 p.m. – 2:34 p.m. Short break.]

2023-06-137 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

During the in camera portion of the meeting, a review of the data to date concerning the District's current and projected water supply for this year's irrigation season confirms:

- a below average snowpack which feeds the Bow Basin;
- the snowmelt concluding 1 month earlier than average;
- nearly no precipitation in the upper Bow Basin from the end of May to mid-June;
- river levels for the District having dropped approximately 6-8 weeks earlier than average, to the point of only supplying river acres, while passing the required minimum flows for downstream; and
- weather conditions being unusually hot and dry which have increased irrigation demand and evaporation.

Operationally, this has resulted in the river flow only supporting off-river acres and reservoirs only supporting under-reservoir acres. Reservoir levels are dropping and at this point, there is no diversion water available to refill or maintain reservoir levels. Management confirmed, given current and projected conditions, that only about 8 – 9 more inches could be supplied to irrigation acres overall. As may be authorized through Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959 (2022), it was recommended to set a total of 12" per acre for irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season.

Through discussion, it was supported to promptly mail out a notice to all irrigators and acreage owners outlining the water supply situation and the immediate restriction. Additional information

would be provided regarding the Bylaw's Drought Plan and moving to Stage 3, which includes the ability for irrigators to transfer any amount of unused irrigation water between parcels, as permitted within the Bylaw. Transfer application forms will be posted on the District's website. As well in the notice, irrigators will be encouraged to sign up for IRMA (*Irrigation Recording and Management App*) to enable them to view their real time water usage, to contact their Water Operator or Divisional Superintendent if they have any concerns on their systems' flow rates so that they may be checked, and to be sure to accurately communicate water order start-ups and shut-downs with their Water Operator. Rotational use and coordinating their water orders with neighbouring landowners, when possible, will also be advised to increase delivery system efficiencies.

Irrigators who pump from drains, whether for irrigation acres, terminable acres, or annual agreement acres, will continue to be held to the same limits and requirements as other irrigators; as will irrigators who pump from reservoirs, in which case they will also have to adjust their pumping locations as reservoir levels decrease.

Pursuant to the Irrigation Districts Act, terminable agreement acres and annual agreement acres, are not guaranteed a water supply and will not be intentionally supplied water to their delivery points by the District, resulting in some drains going dry. However, if water is available in the drain, irrigators will be permitted to use it, under the same limitations and requirements as other irrigators. Furthermore, it was requested that information regarding terminable acres that could be converted to irrigation acres be examined at a future meeting.

Mr. Friesen will be advising municipalities and other license holders of the immediate water use limitations. These users and acreage owners will be encouraged to evaluate areas where water use can be conserved or eliminated and to carry out these measures directly. It was also noted that Ducks Unlimited projects are no longer being supplied.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date – Update cont'd.

Upon reconvening, the following motion was carried.

- 2023-06-138 Moved by R. Owen that Stage 3 of the Drought Plan as prescribed by the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959 (2022) be imposed effective Tuesday, June 13, 2023, and that the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be limited to 12" per acre. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Through additional discussion considering the capacity of Crawling Valley Reservoir in relation to the number of acres it supports, a concession was made to the overall 12" limitation via the following motion. It was also clarified that because of the same factors, this reservoir is the last to be filled in the District, and the first to be shorted.

- 2023-06-139 Moved by R. Hiebert that an exception to motion 2023-06-138 be made for any acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir:**
- **limiting irrigation to 16" per acre for the entire 2023 irrigation season,**



- **subject to no volumes of water being available for transfer from acres which have already reached 12" of use.**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Irrigators and the public will be kept informed of the status of the ongoing situation.

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager

**June 21, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 21st day of June 2023. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Chair	[Division 7]
Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager	
Mr. Brent Kroschel	Operations Manager	
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant	

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]

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

1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

In response to recent increased flows in the Bow River, a Special Board Meeting was called to discuss the opportunity of increasing the maximum water limit, under Stage 3 of the Drought Plan authorized through Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959 (2022). Mr. Friesen advised that recent precipitation in the mountains, flows not being captured in Ghost Reservoir, cooler local weather, some pockets of notable precipitation, and a reduction in irrigation demand have enabled the District to resume diversions to reservoirs while supplying all current water orders and downstream requirements. It is anticipated that Lake Newell Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir will be near full in approximately a week's time. As it is projected to see increased river flows maintained temporarily, it would be advantageous for irrigators to be granted an extra inch of water while it is available from the river and to enable irrigators to make timely on-farm decisions. A number of questions were responded to by management and discussion was held.

2023-06-140 Moved by R. Hiebert that due to recent favourable river conditions the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:

- a maximum of 13" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir, and
 - a maximum of 17" per acre for all acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir;
- effective June 21, 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Operations will have a text message supplied by Mr. Kroschel for circulation to irrigators. Information will be added to the website and irrigators and the public will be kept informed of the status of the ongoing situation. This matter will continue to be monitored by management and will be reviewed again with the Board at next week's meeting.



D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

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Chairman

A blue ink signature, appearing to be "J. Peltzer", is written above a horizontal line.

General Manager

**June 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of June 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 8:05 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2023-06-141 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 May 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the May 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-06-142 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the May 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 June 13, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the June 13, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-06-143 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the June 13, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.03 June 21, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the June 21, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-06-144 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA Executive Committee Meeting

T. Hemsing attended a recent Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive Meeting, advising that all districts can now send representatives, regardless of district size. Matters discussed included possible Fisheries & Oceans Canada funding for AIS detection, Magnacide H application standards, water quality sampling, IRP funding, and the AIDA budget (\$20,000 profit was gained from the last conference of which \$5,000 was donated to the "Know Your Food" educational trailer). The South Saskatchewan River Operation Model (SSROM) is about 50% complete, with preliminary working groups having met to discuss preferred models; I. Friesen will continue to attend. Upcoming events include the Inter-District tour in the BRID July 6th, MLA Meeting November 6th, and the conference slated for February 2024.

4.02 LNID 100th Anniversary

T. Hemsing, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, and I. Friesen attended Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District's 100th anniversary celebration on June 16th near Picture Butte. The milestone was celebrated, and information was also shared of their present state of operations.

4.03 International Federation of Ag Journalists Congress – Brooks Newell Region Tour

T. Hemsing and D. Peltzer attended the IFAG Congress banquet in Brooks on June 26th. A two-day southern Alberta tour kicked off the start of the congress for 200 – 300 international delegates, with day 2 showcasing irrigation and agriculture in the Brooks & Newell region. The congress will continue until July 3rd in the Olds area. T. Hemsing and I. Friesen will attend the Olds banquet after today's meeting as sponsor reps. It was suggested that Craig Lester be invited to give a post-presentation to the Board at a later date.

[8:32 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to May 31, 2023

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

- YTD revenues total about \$31.78 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$21.47 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$10.3 million.

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

2023-06-145 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:44 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 01 & 02 One Tree Pipelines and G North Bantry Pipeline Extension

R. Summach presented an updated cost estimate for the 01 & 02 One Tree Pipelines and G North Bantry Pipeline Extension project. First approved in May 2022, the project was then delayed a year and has since incurred increased costs in materials and construction. In review, these systems are located north of the One Tree Reservoir and the extension and rehab projects will tie into 10 existing pipelines, are designed to convert open canals to closed gravity pipelines, and will eliminate 7 screen cleaners, 7 check structures, and the need to treat the canal for aquatic weeds. The new pipelines, including drain-outs, will total 24.5 km; with the rehab pipelines consisting of 60" and 54" pipe, and the extension pipeline being 24" pipe. Most parcels in the service area are irrigated, leaving limited room for expansion. However, of the 9,021 irrigation acres, about ¼ are still flood and would be eligible for grants. The project is now estimated to cost \$22,679,000. In response to questions, Engineering confirmed that approximately half of the pipe has been received and they are confident in this project being completed within its estimated timeframe.

2023-06-146 Moved by R. Owen that motion 2022-05-170 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 01 One Tree, 02 One Tree, and G North Bantry rehabilitation project under the updated estimated cost of \$22,679,000; the west pipeline to be funded under the IRP program and the east pipeline and G North Bantry extension to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A number of questions were also responded to concerning the Springhill Canal, with Mr. Gagley giving a review of the matter and advising that the mitigation work will be brought to the Board for approval.

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of June 27th, recent river flows have allowed the District to rebuild most of the reservoirs, with several at or near FSL. However, in the last couple of days river flows are starting to decrease, diversion is dropping and is likely to keep trending down based on upstream levels. Water users have applied 4.9" of water so far, the areas below Lake Newell Reservoir are at 5", the river supported areas are at 4.9", and the areas below Crawling Valley Reservoir are at 4.4".

At this time, Lake Newell Reservoir, Rolling Hills Reservoir, and Tilley B Reservoir have approximately 11" of water per acre available, taking into consideration reservoir evaporation loss. River supported areas, including those under Snake Lake Reservoir, are estimated to have approximately 10" of water per acre available based on a September 1st target, reservoir supplementation, and diversion projection. However, neither estimations include drawdown from municipalities, evaporation in the canals, operational and farmer spills, farmyards, and acreages.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	June 2023	June 2022
Water Diverted to Date	217,834 ac-ft (8.35")	215,121 ac-ft (8.32")
Water Applied to Land to Date	4.1"	3.48"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	346 – 896	10 – 834
Parcels Using Over 12"	14	30

Parcels Using Over 16"	6	2
Parcels Using Over 20"	1	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	277,212 ac-ft	272,656 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

7.02 Drought Plan Stage 3 – Update

I. Friesen displayed graphs of river flows and diversions as compared to a similar hot dry irrigation season in 2001. Due to this year's below average snowpack, early snowmelt, and dry upper basin, graphs showed large volumes of water that were unavailable this spring, yet captured in 2001 and typically accessible. This has resulted in weaker flows to refill reservoirs and meet ongoing irrigation demand, while still meeting downstream requirements. Supply and demand trajectories estimated severe deficits if drought conditions continued. However, because of recent rainfall on the west end of the Bow River system the District was now able to increase reservoir storage levels. A thorough discussion was held, with Mr. Friesen and Mr. Kroschel answering a number of questions.

2023-06-147 Moved by R. Hiebert that due to reservoir storage levels being increased the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:

- a maximum of 15" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; and
 - a maximum of 18" per acre for all acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir;
- effective June 28, 2023; and that this restriction be reviewed with the Board within the next 2 weeks. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Directors were appreciative of the daily updates received by Mr. Friesen and requested that this decision be reviewed by the Board in the next week or two. Admin reminded that, as of yesterday, reservoirs are dropping and river supplied areas, including those under Snake Lake Reservoir, could see shortages and rotations if river flows continue to drop.

[9:36 a.m. – 9:42 a.m. R. Gagley, R. Summach, 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. Conduit has been installed to Bantry, Tilley, and Cassils. Fibre installation is to start in July, with the Snake Lake Reservoir leg scheduled to begin in August. This year's fibre project remains under budget as a result of crossing more EID land than first planned and using in-house construction crews.

[9:54 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

9.0 Funding Information – County of Newell Fire Services

This matter was tabled until additional information can be received.

[10:06 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.01.1 Request for Sponsorship – Foothills Grazing and Forage Association Field Day

The Foothills Forage and Grazing Association will be hosting a field day in Gem on August 16th to showcase the Gem cross-fencing project and bring in Mike Roberts as guest speaker. As grazing associations may be eligible for recently announced provincial government grants for improvements to cross fence pastures, it was advised that all EID grazing associations will be encouraged to send representatives to this field day. It was recommended that some sponsorship of the event be considered.

2023-06-148 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board provide \$500 in event lunch sponsorship to the Foothills Grazing and Forage Association for the Field Day in Gem on August 16, 2023. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In response to questions, it was reviewed that associations are responsible for labour costs to install new fences, as well as maintenance. The District covers the cost of materials and then recoups this cost through the AUM grazing rate. All fences installed on EID pasture lands become the property of the EID.

10.01.2 Grazing Season Update

Pastures had good average growth earlier throughout the District; however, this has been slowed by the below normal precipitation. Presently, pastures are in general good condition, with an adequate supply of old grass. In August, conditions will be reviewed and a round-up date set. Timely rains may enable a normal grazing season. Cattle placements totaled 17,434 head, which is up 1,007 from 2022, and is mainly due to increasing the maximum listing to 75 head. 375 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim Pivots irrigated pasture and 367 pairs will be rotated on 3 of the 4 JBS watered pastures east of Hwy #36. JBS has also under seeded the wiper pivot in NW 02-20-15 W4M, just west of Hwy #36, to permanent pasture.

Spring runoff filled most of the dugouts in the south but did not top off dugouts in the north, yet overall, the water supply was significantly improved. Due to some of the water systems being over 20 years old, maintenance has increased in the number of hydrants, valves, and pumps needing to be replaced. The Rosemary waterline project (4.8 km) has been completed and construction of the south Tilley Swing Field / Rolling Hills waterline project has begun.

The first pass of spraying fireguards has been completed. Some areas have seen significant reductions in Downy Brome since the control program was initiated. One grass fire occurred in Bassano from a malfunctioning flare stack, which resulted in 100 acres being burned.

Approximately 15 km (9.5 miles) of new barbed wire fence has been constructed and it is estimated that another 8-16 km (5-10 miles) will be installed this summer/fall. Costs for materials (\$5,750/mile) and labour (\$2,750/mile) have increased significantly over the past few years.

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

[10:44 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.02.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$20,612 >
To be Completed	< \$64,207 >
Require Approval	< \$21,072 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through May (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$178,816 >
June (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$75,375 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$639,918

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$259,119.

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

10.02.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Loren Calpas – NW 12-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 158 acres
- Current Assessment: 156 acres (2 acres removed for general assessment in 1995)
- Converting: 141 acres flood to pivot (135 main pivot, 6 corner pivot); keeping 15 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 156 acres (135 main pivot, 6 corner pivot, 15 acres outside)

2023-06-149 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Loren Calpas for the conversion of 141 acres flood to pivot in NW 12-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$14,100 (141 acres x \$100/acre) - \$7,500 (15 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$6,600. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Marie Gazdarica – NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 269 acres flood
- Converting: 236 acres flood to wiper pivot; 26 acre separate flood field; keeping 7 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 269 acres (269 wiper pivot, 26 flood field, 7 acres outside)

2023-06-150 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Marie Gazdarica for the conversion of 236 acres flood to wiper pivot in NE 29 & SE 32-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$23,600 (236 acres x \$100/acre) - \$3,500 (7

acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$20,100. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Will & Shauna Henrickson – SE 11-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 75 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 79 acres (4 acres added for general assessment prior to 1999)
- Converting: 79 acres flood to wiper pivot; 4 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 83 acres wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-06-151 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Will & Shauna Henrickson for the conversion of 79 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 11-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$7,900 (79 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,952 (4 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

10.02.1.5 Pivot Replacement – 459 Ranches Ltd (Inge Ellefson) – SW 17-20-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$12,700 (motion 2008-02-023)
- Previous Assessment: 117 acres
- Current Assessment: 127 acres (10 acres transferred in from NW 30-19-13 W4M)
- Installing: pivot replacement; 3 additional acres needed
- New Assessment: 130 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-06-152 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 459 Ranches Ltd for the pivot replacement upgrade in SW 17-20-13 W4M purchased for \$103,795. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,700 (127 acres x \$100/acre) - \$2,925 (previous grant) = \$9,775. The capital assets charge is \$2,964 (3 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.6 Flood to Pivot, Pivot Replacement, Corner Arm – Alan & Laura Dyck – N ½ 32-20-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 256 acres
- Current Assessment: 271 acres (15 acres added for general assessment)
- Conversion: 96 acres flood to pivot
- Installing: replacement pivot with corner arm; 15 acre separate field; keeping 3 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 271 acres (175 corner arm pivot, 78 wiper pivot, 15 acre separate field; 3 acres outside)
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-06-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Alan & Laura Dyck for the conversion of 96 acres flood to pivot, and pivot replacement upgrade purchased for \$212,835; in N ½ 32-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,600 (96 acres x \$100/acre) flood to pivot + \$5,400 (54 acres x \$100/acre) pivot

replacement + \$17,500 (25 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$31,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.7 Transfer – Marvin & Loretta Berg and Marvin Berg to Abe & Mary Berg

The landowners are requesting the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from SW 30-22-16 W4M and 5 irrigation acres from SE 31-22-16 W4M to SW 29-22-16 W4M to continue wheel irrigation outside the pivot. Previously approved as an alternate transfer, the landowners are now requesting a permanent transfer. Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2023-06-154 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the transfer of:

- **3 irrigation acres from SW 30-22-16 W4M, and**
- **6 irrigation acres from SE 29-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Marvin & Loretta Berg; to SW 29-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Abe & Mary Berg. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02.1.8 Transfer – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott Tateson) to Tateson Ranching Ltd

The landowner is requesting the transfer of 18 irrigation acres from NW 20-16-12 W4M to NW 18-16-12 W4M to accommodate a corner arm in place. The landowner will continue to be responsible for accessing water from the Bantry Reservoir and is aware of the fluctuating levels. Some background was given to Directors.

[11:01 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

The request to transfer irrigation acres from a parcel with no delivery issues to a parcel where the landowner has not resolved delivery issues, was questioned. Further review of the matter and the reservoir was given.

2023-06-155 Moved by R. Hiebert 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 B. Schmidt. [no vote]

2023-06-156 Moved by R. Hiebert that this matter be tabled to the August Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Full information on this matter will be provided to Directors for discussion at the August Board Meeting.

10.02.2 Terminable Acres

In follow up to the June 13, 2023, Special Directors Meeting, maps of parcels containing 40 or more terminable acres, or a mix of 40 or more irrigation and terminable acres were presented for review. Individual parcels were examined and staff gave background to water supply and terminable to irrigation acre conversion potential. One of the parcels in the mixed irrigation and terminable category will also be discussed at the August Board Meeting, due to its similar nature.

[12:04 p.m. S. Connauton, R. Gagley, and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]



11.0 Upcoming Events

- 11.01 Interna. Fed. of Ag Journalists Congress - Wednesday, June 28th, 4:00 p.m., Olds
- Welcome Reception *[attending: T. Hemsing, I. Friesen]*
- 11.02 2023 AIDA Inter-District Tour - Thursday, July 6th, hosted by Bow River Irrigation District
[attending: T. Hemsing, R. Owen, B. Schroeder, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, B. Kroschel]
- 11.03 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 25th, 9:00 a.m.
- 11.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

July 7, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 7th day of July 2023. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Brent Kroschel	Operations Manager
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
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 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

A Special Board Meeting was called to review the imposed irrigation restrictions. I. Friesen and B. Kroschel advised that, since last week's update, the District has received adequate river flows to meet off-river acre demand and supplement reservoirs. Current river flows are a result of Calgary area precipitation and the assistance of the Bow River Irrigation District passing more water downstream to the EID than is required. It was projected that Lake Newell Reservoir could support an additional inch to the acres it supports, and that the river could currently support an additional inch to off-river acres. It was also estimated that less than 1,000 terminable acres had been shut off since June 13th. A short discussion followed.

2023-07-157 Moved by J. Ketchmark that due to recent favourable river conditions and storage levels:

- **the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:**
 - **a maximum of 16" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir, and**
 - **a maximum of 19" per acre for all acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; and**
 - **terminable acre parcels that were previously not permitted to irrigate this season, are now, subject to any future water shortages, allowed to irrigate;**
- effective July 7, 2023. Seconded by S. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was advised that terminable acre parcels will again be the first to be shut off if a shortage occurs. Likewise, it was reiterated by the Board that irrigators with terminable acres be encouraged to convert to irrigation acres, where the District has deemed possible.



It was confirmed that, even though the maximum irrigation limit for acres supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir has now been raised to 19", the District as a whole will remain under Stage 3 of the Drought Plan within Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959. Irrigators will continue to be permitted to transfer any amount of unused irrigation water between parcels, as permitted within the Bylaw. Application forms and additional information are posted on the website.

A text message will be circulated to irrigators and an update added to the website regarding the status of the ongoing situation. This matter will continue to be monitored by management, information shared daily with Directors, and the restrictions reviewed by the Board as required.

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager

**July 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 19th day of July 2023. Those in attendance were:

Present in the boardroom:

Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. Brent Kroschel	Operations Manager
Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant

Connected via conference call:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]
Mr. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]
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 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

A Special Board Meeting was called to consider an increase to the maximum water limit, in response to a week of forecasted high temperatures. I. Friesen and B. Kroschel advised of total water usage over the entire District at this stage of the growing season and that it appears it will likely fall below 16" by end of season, which would allow for an increase at this point to compensate for the hot weather. If reservoirs are depleted more than anticipated, ending the irrigation season earlier than normal in order to replenish water storage for next season may be considered. Through discussion of Director areas, crop maturities, and those already planning their water needs for fall irrigation and vegetable harvests, the following motion was made:

2023-07-158 Moved by R. Hiebert that the total amount of water available to irrigators for the entire 2023 irrigation season be amended to:

- a maximum of 18" per acre for all acres not supported by Crawling Valley Reservoir; and
 - a maximum of 21" per acre for all acres support by Crawling Valley Reservoir;
- effective July 19, 2023. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The District remains under Stage 3 of the Drought Plan within Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #959. Irrigators will continue to be permitted to transfer any amount of unused irrigation water between parcels, as permitted within the Bylaw. Application forms and additional information are posted on the website. Irrigating of terminable acre parcels will continue to be permitted, although these parcels will be the first to be shut off if a shortage occurs. Irrigators and all other users are encouraged to continue to manage their water needs wisely.

A text message will be circulated to irrigators and an update added to the website regarding the present status. Mr. Friesen will contact the County of Newell, City of Brooks, and Newell Regional



Services Corp. to provide an update. This matter will continue to be monitored by management, information shared daily with Directors, and the restrictions reviewed by the Board as required.

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager

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

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of July 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- 9.0 Joint Drainage Program

2023-07-159 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 4.01, page 69, AIDA Executive Committee Meeting: replace "\$20,000 profit was gained from the last conference and donated to the "Know Your Food" educational trailer." with "\$20,000 profit was gained from the last conference of which \$5,000 was donated to the "Know Your Food" educational trailer."

2023-07-160 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the June 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 July 7, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the July 7, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-07-161 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the July 7, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.03 July 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the July 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-07-162 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the July 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 International Federation of Ag Journalists Congress**

EID representatives T. Hemsing and I. Friesen joined reps from the Newell region and other areas for the IFAJ Congress banquet held in Olds on June 28th. The evening, which proceeded 2 days of southeastern Alberta tours including parts of the EID, launched the showcase on agriculture event. An excellent presentation was given on the Newell region by the City of Brooks promoting the Newell area and irrigation. Topics in the following days for IFAJ participants related to agricultural innovation and sustainability, and indigenous agriculture and reconciliation. 200 – 300 ag journalists from around the globe participated in the event and opportunities were given to reps for one-on-one discussions with the participants.

4.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Inter-District Tour – Bow River Irrigation District

T. Hemsing, R. Owen, B. Schroeder, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, and B. Kroschel attended this year's AIDA Inter-District Tour on July 6th in the BRID. Site visits featured a weed removal system, pipeline project, pump site, and several structure and dam sites. An optional proposed Eyremore dam site concluded the tour.

5.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park

Through discussion of an enquiry into using the group camping area at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, it was advised by Admin that a license agreement previously provided by the EID for use of the land which is owned by the EID has yet to be finalized and signed.

6.0 Kinbrook Connection Pathway Update

M. Koochin advised that the easement agreement for the Kinbrook pathway on District land has been signed. Construction of a portion of the pathway from Kinbrook Island Provincial Park to Bantry Bay is anticipated by the County to begin in August.

[9:22 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2023

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2023, was \$1.5 M or 1.4% less than the book value at September 30, 2022.

3rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$11,900,000	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$10,000,000

2023-07-163 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2023

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

2023-07-164 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Financial Statements to June 30, 2023

The financial statements to June 30, 2023, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$36.28 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$24.5 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.77 million.

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

2023-07-165 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:38 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Diversion has averaged around 1,500 cfs with most reservoirs dropping due to diversion not meeting demand on most days. There is a supply of approximately 42,000 less acre feet in storage compared to last year, with both Lake Newell Reservoir and Crawling Valley Reservoir already having receded to winter levels. This equates to 8.34"/acre remaining in storage, but this amount would also see losses from reservoir and canal evaporation, operational and farmer spill, and supplying municipalities, farmyards, and acreages. Most of the smaller reservoirs have not been used heavily, but likely will be soon. Irrigators have applied 9.12"/acre across the District, with higher usage in the south compared to the north.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	July 2023	July 2022
Water Diverted to Date	307,745 ac-ft (11.8")	300,479 ac-ft (11.62")
Water Applied to Land to Date	8.04"	6"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	690 – 998	108 - 971
Parcels Using Over 12"	210	121
Parcels Using Over 16"	25	8
Parcels Using Over 20"	2	1
Total Firm Live Storage*	237,694 ac-ft	278,989 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

8.02 Drought Plan Stage 3 – Update

Although demand has begun to drop it is still anticipated that usage may reach an average of 16"/acre across the District. Approximately 8.5"/acre remains in Lake Newell Reservoir without factoring other losses and conveyance. If usage reaches 16"/acre approximately 21,000 ac-ft more water would be needed in Newell. River supported areas, including those supplemented by Snake Lake Reservoir, could see approximately 7.5"/acre supplied by September 1st, or possibly 11"/acre supplied by October 1st, if river flows are available.

Through Stage 3 of the Drought Plan, requests from 7 irrigators have been facilitated to transfer water between parcels on their lands and it is anticipated that more will be received. The water shut down date will be set at the August Board Meeting at which point ending the irrigation season earlier than normal in order to replenish water storage for next season may be considered. Whether to allow fall irrigating will be discussed as well. Admin also recommended revisiting the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw at a later date.

[10:20 a.m. – 10:28 a.m. Short break; B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

9.0 Joint Drainage Program

The matter of fence line placement for the Joint Drainage Program will be a requested agenda item at the next Joint County/EID Meeting.

[10:44 a.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.01.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2023

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to June 30, 2023					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2023	309,632	3,087	0	122	312,841
June 30, 2023	310,600	3,043	0	125	313,768
Net increase	968	< 44 >	0	3	927
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 17 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					941
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					44
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to June 30, 2023		
	3 rd Quarter [Apr-May-Jun]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$1,384,301	\$8,903,597
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$15,400	\$73,150
Annual Agreements	\$0	0
5R Soil Agreements	\$6,900	\$59,900
Totals	\$1,406,601	\$9,036,647

10.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.01.2.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$20,612 >
To be Completed	< \$64,207 >
Require Approval	< \$21,072 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through June (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$254,191 >
July (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$40,256 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$599,662

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$296,749.

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

10.01.2.2 Pivot Replacement with C/A – Albert & Joanne Dovichak – SE 18-17-12 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$9,520 (motion 2014-12-261)
- Previous Assessment: 138 acres
- Current Assessment: 152 acres (14 acres added for general assessment in 1982)

- 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

2023-07-166 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Albert & Joanne Dovichak for the pivot replacement with corner arm upgrade in SE 18-17-12 W4M purchased for \$239,199. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$9,520 (previous grant) = \$15,280. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in February 2022 for 11 acres. All 11 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-07-167 Moved by R. Owen that the deduction of \$300/acre applied in December 2014 to 16 acres in SE 18-17-12 W4M be returned to Albert & Joanne Dovichak for flood to corner arm efficiencies; 16 acres x \$300/acre = \$15,280. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.3 Nozzles & Corner Arm – Earl & Colleen Skriver – NE 07-16-13 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$11,424 (motion 2015-05-120)
- Previous Assessment: 153 acres
- Current Assessment: 151 acres (2 acres removed for general assessment in 1995)
- Installing: nozzles and corner arm; 3 acres needed
- New Assessment: 154 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-07-168 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Earl & Colleen Skriver for the nozzles upgrade and corner arm in NE 07-16-13 W4M purchased for \$42,000. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,600 (136 acres x \$100/acre) nozzles + \$10,500 (15 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$11,424 (previous grant) = \$12,676. The capital assets charge is \$2,964. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction for a flood to pivot conversion was previously applied in May 2015 for 15 acres. All 15 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

2023-07-169 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in May 2015 to 15 acres in NE 07-16-13 W4M be returned to Earl & Colleen Skriver for flood to corner arm efficiencies; 15 acres x \$500/acre = \$7,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.01.2.4 Increase – Dustin Wiens – NE 11-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (4 acres returned for rural water use agreement)
- Proposal: add drop span & corner arm; 3 additional acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot

- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by July 31, 2024

2023-07-170 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Dustin Wiens for 3 infill acres in NE 11-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$2,964 (3 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:48 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; Craig Lester entered.]

11:00 a.m. Craig Lester – Nuffield Agricultural Study

Craig Lester, a 2023 recipient of a Nuffield Canada Scholarship, was invited to give a mid-tour presentation to the Board of his program experiences and findings to date. Mr. Lester's original study "Media's Role in Agriculture and the Effect it has on Consumer's Perception of the Industry" evolved into "Raising Agriculture and Food's Prominence in an Urban Social Ecosystem". The study began with a contemporary scholar's conference and encompassed 3 months of travel, visiting the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, New Zealand, and Australia. In looking at media and agricultural trends in general, different regions of the countries were explored, along with micro and large operations, rural and urban farms, products and shops, newspaper and radio media, and agri-tourism. One key finding which was echoed in his travels was the widening gap of consumer knowledge of where their food comes from. A number of Director questions were responded to. Mr. Lester will be available to present again at the end of his study which finishes in a year's time.

[11:44 a.m. – 12:19 p.m. Lunch break; Craig Lester exited the meeting; R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered.]

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.02.1 Pasture Condition Update

This season, the District has not received significant rainfall except for a few scattered showers. Pasture conditions have held up quite well although reserve grass is being utilized earlier this year and conditions in the south have deteriorated more than in the north. As the summer progresses, conditions will need to be monitored closely. Information from individual grazing associations will be presented at the August Board Meeting to help advise setting the round-up date.

2023-07-171 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2 JBS Update

10.02.3 Irrigated Pasture Development

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.03.1 Irrigation Development – Lease Agreements

[1:22 p.m. R. Volek and N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

11.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

[1:29 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. Short break; R. Moen exited the meeting.]

12.0 Commercial Update**13.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Parcels**

[2:28 p.m. B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

14.0 Reservoir Pumping

2023-07-172 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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10.02.2 JBS Update**10.02.3 Irrigated Pasture Development**

No additional irrigated pasture development will be pursued at this time, but the matter is to be revisited in fall.

10.03 Lands, Oil & Gas**10.03.1 Irrigation Development – Lease Agreements**

A draft irrigated lease agreement will be brought back to the Board for review, as per the following preliminary requirements:

- 5 year term
- no automatic renewal
- no residency requirement
- must own 100 acres of land within the EID of which at least 60 are irrigated or at least 80 are terminable
- crop management plan for specialty crops (seed canola, sugar beets, potatoes)
- land stewardship clause
- pivot maintenance clause
- consideration of limiting the number of parcel(s) per lessee

A motion was carried once reconvened regarding the ordering of pivots and pipe.

11.0 EIDNet Report

11.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Conduit has been installed to Bantry, Tilley, and Cassils towers. Fibre installation is to begin this month, with conduit construction in the region of Snake Lake Reservoir to begin in August.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2023	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	33
Residential Accounts	1,575
Business Accounts	205
EID Automation	54
Total	1,867

12.0 Commercial Update

13.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Parcels

The sale agreement for the parcels developed off the Rolling Hills Reservoir pressure system will be examined and this matter brought back to the Board in August for a decision. Also, a related operational matter will be looked into which was brought forward by a Director.

14.0 Reservoir Pumping

Engineering is to bring the associated part of the 5 year plan and soils back to the Board for discussion, as well as all the suggestions previously presented to the landowner.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.03.1 Irrigation Development – Lease Agreements

In anticipation of sufficient carry forward acres being available and the 3 parcels of EID land receiving approval for development as irrigated farm leases, direction for staff was confirmed through the following motion.

2023-07-173 Moved by J. Ketchmark that 3 pivots with corner arms and the required mainlines be purchased for the irrigation development parcels that are to be proposed this fall. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discretion was granted to staff regarding equipment brand preference.

[3:10 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]



15.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|------------------------|---|
| 15.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 22 nd , 8:00 a.m. |
| 15.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.03 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 5 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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Chairman

A blue ink signature, appearing to be 'A. Grieser', written over a horizontal line.

General Manager

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

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd 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 16th. 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 14th 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.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of August 14, 2023		
	August 2023	August 2022
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 14th 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 25th. 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 5th, while at the same time filling reservoirs for the 2024 irrigation season. After October 5th, 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 25th, 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 19th 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

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

*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 7th; 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 9th, 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

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.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Hiebert', is written above a horizontal line.

Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anthony...', is written above a horizontal line.

General Manager

**September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 19th day of September 2023. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	[8:58 a.m]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2]		Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corp Serv
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]			

[8:00 a.m. B. Kroschel, R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

1.0 Operations Update

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Update.

1.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of today's numbers, reservoir storage has dropped to 146,000 ac-ft and is currently 95,000 – 96,000 ac-ft below normal winter levels. It is expected that the deficit will reach 100,000 ac-ft in a week's time. Anticipating that river diversion averages 800 cfs, it is estimated that approximately 60 – 65 days will be needed to refill reservoirs to normal winter levels. 16.4" have been diverted and usage has risen to 13.6" per acre averaged across the District.

1.02 Drought Plan Stage 3 – Update

To date, through Stage 3 of the District's Drought Plan, there have been requests administered for 63 landowners to transfer volumes of water on more than 105 parcels.

[8:36 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

2023-09-205 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Expiring 15-Year Private Grazing Leases**2.01 Review of Individual Private Grazing Leases**

[8:58 a.m. R. Hiebert joined the meeting.]

[9:01 a.m. – 9:08 a.m. Short break.]

2.01.1 Leases Recommended for Auction**2.01.2 Leases with Irrigation Potential**

[10:48 a.m. – 10:53 a.m. Short break.]

2.01.3 Small Parcel Leases with Fencing Required

[11:51 a.m. – 12:19 p.m. Lunch break.]

2.01.4 Long Term Leases Converted to Annual Leases

2.01.5 Leases with Other Management Concerns

[1:17 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

[1:58 p.m. – 2:04 p.m. Short break.]

2.02 Bid Packages and Auction Process

2.03 Private Grazing Lease Fee Calculation – 5 Year Rate Review

2023-09-206 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

2.0 Expiring 15-Year Private Grazing Leases cont'd

The 15-year Private Grazing Leases that commenced in 2009 will be expiring December 31, 2023. These PGLs contain no renewal provisions. Board direction and corresponding lease agreements in 2008 provided that upon expiration of the leases at the end of 2023 the leases be rebid (tendered) without the lessee having a right to match the highest bid. Since January 2022 the matter has been discussed and reviewed by the Board. During this review process letters were forwarded to leaseholders, newsletters addressing the matter circulated, and a meeting with both grazers and non-grazers was held.

Motion 2023-01-025 was subsequently carried at the EID January 24, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting which approved issuance of Private Grazing Lease (PGL) agreements having terms of 15 years pursuant to an auction, except for leases with unique considerations. Highest auction bids which also satisfy all other eligibility requirements will allow the bidder to enter into a PGL. Lessees of newly issued PGLs will have no right of renewal upon expiry of the PGL. Current leaseholders do not have an automatic right to match the high bid; current leaseholders must participate and bid in the auction if interested in securing their current lease. Additional direction was given for a variety of other PGLs also expiring at the end of 2023.

2.01 Review of Individual Private Grazing Leases cont'd

Over the summer of 2023, administration met with current leaseholders to evaluate the leases, assess fences, identify any management issues, and flag leases that should perhaps be excluded from the auction due to unique considerations. Soils results have also permitted a few leases to be categorized for potential future irrigation development. For this Board meeting, all leases were categorized and reviewed individually to confirm or adjust the direction proposed by administration

for of each lease. Lengthy discussion occurred, and a number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2.01.1 Leases Recommended for Auction cont'd

18 PGLs were confirmed to have no unique considerations to prevent them from being included in the auction.

2023-09-207 Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Leases #7022, 7023, 7025, 7026, 7028, 7029, 7030, 7031, 7034, 7043, 7051, 7075, 7092, 7104, 7110, 7181, 7241, and 7282 be:

- **included in the auction for 15-year term agreements,**
- **with minimum bids being equal to the value of the improvements; and**
- **with the agreement to include additional provisions addressing conditions identified in the bid package related to the PGL parcel(s) which will need to be managed.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.01.2 Leases with Irrigation Potential cont'd

Soils testing has identified 5 PGLs with portions of parcels having potential irrigation development. The Board is unable to currently determine if and when irrigation development may occur. PGL leaseholders will hold no right or priority to any irrigation development but will be compensated for acres removed from the PGL during the term and any improvements on those acres. Compensation will be based upon the number of acres removed from the PGL in proportion to the initial acreage contained in the PGL and length of term remaining under the PGL.

2023-09-208 Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Leases #7039, 7054, 7055, 7067, and 7073 be:

- **included in the auction for 15-year term agreements,**
- **with minimum bids being equal to the value of improvements, and**
- **with the agreement to include clauses providing that:**
 - **the Lessor reserves the right to remove from time to time a portion or portions of the Lands upon providing 30 days notice, and accordingly reducing the annual rent in proportion to the amount of acreage removed, compensating for value of lost improvements, and constructing any new required fences at the District's cost; and**
 - **the new leaseholder will be paid compensation (being a prorated amount of the leaseholder's successful bid which exceeded the value of the improvements taking into account the number of acres removed from the PGL in proportion to the initial acreage contained in the PGL and length of term remaining under the PGL, and will have the option to either:**
 - **retain the modified lease for the remainder of the term, or**
 - **surrender the remaining lease lands back to the District in exchange for any remaining prorated compensation and payment for the improvements on the surrendered lands.**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In the same category of potential irrigation development, motion 2023-02-053 was carried in February for expiring PGL #7044 to be amalgamated with the adjacent long term PGL #7093, which expires in 2038. It was incorrectly noted to include the amalgamated PGL in the upcoming auction; therefore, it is now required to rescind the motion and approve a new motion.

2023-02-053 *Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7044 be amalgamated with PGL #7093 and renewed as per motion 2023-01-025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED*
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, D. Jacobson, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen

2023-09-209 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2023-02-053 be rescinded. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-210 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Private Grazing Lease #7044 be amalgamated with long term PGL #7093. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – D. Peltzer

2.01.3 Small Parcel Leases with Fencing Required cont'd

4 small PGLs border the current leaseholders deeded land. A significant cost for new fencing or maintenance of fences would be incurred if the parcels were to be isolated. In some instances, access is also an issue. All 4 PGLs also contain surface lease revenue for the District. Direction was given to amalgamate 1 PGL with a larger adjacent PGL; it will then be included in the auction for a 15 year agreement.

2023-09-211 Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7121 be amalgamated with adjacent PGL #7110. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-212 Moved by B. Schmidt that Private Grazing Leases #7038, 7090, and 7277 be:

- **excluded from the auction,**
- **with new 15-year term agreements to be offered to the current leaseholders for a fee of twice the annual rent based on 2023 fees subject to satisfying eligibility requirements.**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.01.4 Long Term Leases Converted to Annual Leases cont'd

At the February 28, 2023 meeting, a motion was carried to convert PGL #7187 into a 1 year grazing lease agreement, as the soils on the north portion of the lease passed for irrigation development and this parcel may have higher priority in being developed. Similarly, PGL #7061 has also passed for irrigation, but may be a lower priority for development due to a drain severing the parcel.

2023-09-213 Moved by R. Hiebert that Private Grazing Lease #7061 be:

- **excluded from the auction, and**
- **tendered out in January as an annual agreement; automatically renewing to the lessee upon satisfying eligibility requirements, until the parcel is to be developed for irrigation.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.01.5 Leases with Other Management Concerns cont'd

3 leases are identified as having unique management concerns. Motion 2023-02-056 approved separating PGL #7247 into 2 parcels: 1 parcel strictly as a PGL and the other parcel combining the irrigated portion with a grazing component, to be administered as an irrigated lease.

The other 2 PGLs have issues which include isolation, access, extreme terrain, potential fencing costs, fences situated off property lines, lease severance, and more than 1 adjacent landowner. Both parcels will require fencing to separate the EID lease from the adjacent landowner(s).

2023-09-214 Moved by B. Schroeder that Private Grazing Lease #7037 be:

- **included in the auction for a 15-year term agreement,**
- **with the minimum bid being equal to the value of the current improvements plus half of the estimated costs required to fence and isolate the parcel,**
- **with the agreement including a provision that the leaseholder and the District will adjust amongst themselves for the final costs of any additional fencing required on a 50/50 cost share basis.**

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-215 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Private Grazing Lease #7079 be:

- **split into 2 leases:**
 - **one PGL consisting of the portion north of the Dinosaur Provincial Park access road, and**
 - **the other PGL consisting of the 2 portions south of the Dinosaur Provincial Park access road; and**
- **be included in the auction for 15-year term agreements,**
- **with the minimum bids being equal to the value of the current improvements plus half of the estimated costs required to fence and isolate the parcel,**
- **with the agreement including a provision that the leaseholder and the District will adjust amongst themselves for the final costs of any additional fencing required on a 50/50 cost share basis.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 Bid Packages and Auction Process cont'd

The date for the upcoming long term Private Grazing Lease auction has been finalized for Thursday, November 16, 2023, 1:00 p.m., at the Heritage Inn, with bidding to commence at 1:30 p.m. All potential bidders must preregister at the EID Office to confirm eligibility and may do so from November 1st through to November 15th. Appointment of any proxy bidders during this time frame will be permitted. No deposit will be required. Bidders, or proxy bidders, must register at the auction venue on November 16, 2023 to receive their bid card. A random process will be used to select the order of PGLs to be bid upon. Each lease and any particular factors relating to the parcels will be summarized by the auctioneer prior to commencement of bidding. In most cases, the minimum bid for each lease will be equivalent to the value of improvements (fencing, corrals, etc.) with exceptions being disclosed. Full payment by successful bidders is due on or before December 15, 2023, and the new PGL agreements will be provided shortly after payment is received by the District. Since the current PGL agreements expire December 31, 2023 access onto the grazing leases to preview the parcels is not permitted unless the existing leaseholder grants permission.

Eligibility criteria for PGLs is based on the same criteria as is used for Community Grazing membership. Main eligibility requirements are that you must live in the District and own a minimum of 100 acres in the District, of which at least 60 are irrigation acres or at least 80 acres are under a terminable agreement. Corporate eligibility requirements and spousal limitations apply. Complete criteria can be reviewed in section 3.0 of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands. PGL agreements do not allow subletting. A leaseholder may only lease up to either

a maximum of 640 acres under more than one lease, or one lease if the one lease contains more than 640 acres. Irrigators that currently have a PGL(s) that is not included in this auction may bid at the auction, however if they are successful and exceed the limitation by acquiring a different PGL, they must turn back their other PGL(s) to the District. All bids are final and subject to final Board approval. Successful bidders may not turn back their newly acquired PGL(s) at any time during the auction process, or at any time prior to executing the applicable PGL agreement to be provided by the District following receipt of payment.

Bid packages will be given to bidders as they register at the EID Office and the information will also be posted on the EID website. Bid package information will include:

- detailed map
- total acres, carrying capacity and Community Grazing lease deduction
- identification of any parcels containing irrigation potential
- water availability
- fencing requirements, noting that any new fence(s) required will be at the cost of the new leaseholder, or where identified, at a cost-share arrangement between the new leaseholder and the adjacent landowner
- any other management concerns
- minimum bid
- projected annual rent for 2024
- sample form(s) of long term grazing agreement

Current leaseholders must participate in the bidding process if they are interested in securing their current PGL for another 15 year term. If the current leaseholder is the successful bidder, they are not required to pay the minimum bid for that PGL. Current leaseholders own the improvements and will be subsequently reimbursed if they are not the successful bidder.

PGL leaseholders hold no right or priority to any future irrigation leases that may be developed from parcels included in their PGL.

Letters will be sent to current leaseholders in September advising them of the status of their lease. A newsletter will be forwarded to all irrigators in October and which will include the above information. Ads will follow in the local newspapers and information will also be posted on the EID website.

2.03 Private Grazing Lease Fee Calculation – 5 Year Rate Review cont'd

The Private Grazing Lease fee calculation was developed to charge similar amounts for using EID pasture, whether through Private Leases or Community Associations. The calculation is used to determine annual rent for all long term PGLs and is now up for the 5 year review. Every PGL has been assessed and rated for AUM (Animal Unit Month) capacity. A short discussion followed.

2023-09-216 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Private Grazing Lease Convenience Factor of:

- **(\$4.00/acre for the 1st 160 acres) + (\$5.00 x remaining AUM over 26)**

be increased to:

- **(\$4.00/acre for the 1st 160 acres) + (\$6.00 x remaining AUM over 26)**

for years 2024 through 2028. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The Private Grazing Lease fee calculation for the years 2024 through 2028 is now as follows:

Convenience Factor

Carrying Capacity Factor

(\$4.00/acre for 1st 160 acres) + (\$6.00 x remaining AUM over 26) + (AUM Grazing Rate)(full AUM)
The AUM rate will be reviewed and set at the EID Budget Meeting in October. 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. Once set, the updated calculation will then be used to compute the annual rent for 2024 for all long term PGLs.

3.0 Upcoming Events

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| 3.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 3.02 | Special Board Meeting re Budget | - Monday, October 2 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 3.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 3.04 | PGL Agreement Auction | - Thursday, November 16 th , 1:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 3.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

[3:14 R. Volek exited the meeting.]

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**September 26, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of September 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2023-09-217 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 22, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-09-218 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

~~**2023-09-219 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~
[rescinded by motion 2023-09-239]

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Newell Regional Tourism Association Meeting**

B. Schmidt attended a recent NRTA meeting, advising that the south segment of the new pathway is complete from Kinbrook Island to Bantry Bay. As well, very positive feedback was received from

those in the community who were involved with the ag tour for the International Federation of Ag Journalists.

4.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting

T. Hemsing attended an AIDA Executive Meeting on September 7th. Some DFO (Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada) requirements as are applicable to irrigation districts were reviewed by the Committee and measures to continue lobbying government for the construction of reservoirs are being planned. The status of the LNID provincial rehab project was given to Directors, as well as a summary of reduced maximum water usages and early shut down dates of other major irrigation districts this season.

[9:19 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to August 31, 2023

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

- YTD revenues total about \$45.35 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$31.2 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$14.13 million.

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

2023-09-220 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:32 a.m. S. Barlow 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 been blown in for the Bantry, Tilley, and Cassils reaches, with splicing and termination work currently being done. Conduit installation for the Snake Lake Reservoir reach has been completed. New technology will begin to be tested this week that may greatly enhance the ability to provide higher internet speeds in rural areas and reach locations where trees or other obstructions have prevented clear sight lines to towers. A short discussion was held on pivot panel programs and it was requested that some additional information be brought back to the Board. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[9:52 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Engineering

6.01 Springhill Canal – Buried Liner

R. Summach presented the project synopsis for the portion of the Springhill Canal that runs along the west dam of the Rock Lake Reservoir. This segment has always had standing water along its west toe, with accumulation entering the EID drain that angles NW. A canal bank lift in 2021/2022 to enable a higher canal operating level, plus removal of vegetation for construction and loosely packed material on the backslope, has created the elements to notice the seepage that has mainly always existed. It is being proposed to line 1,825 m of canal, which will also increase the stability of the dam, and rehab 2.5 km of the drain to improve its flow which has been negatively impacting the adjacent landowner. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,770,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. A discussion will be held with the landowner on whether there is interest in relocating the drain which currently severs the parcel. The landowner would be responsible for 25% of the difference in project costs, with the maximum District contribution being \$50,000.

2023-09-221 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Springhill Canal rehabilitation project to line a 1,825 m section and rehab 2.5 km of drain for an estimated cost of \$2,770,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 Bow Slope Spillway – Concrete Pillow Repair

J. Kabut presented the Bow Slope Spillway synopsis. This project is located approximately 10 km SE of Scandia, just north of the Bow River in NW 26-14-15 W4M and is slated for the 2023/2024 construction year. This emergency spillway is only used when there is an excessive amount of water or debris coming down the Bow Slope Canal that exceeds the capacity or blocks the tail-out pipeline. The original spillway has completely failed and needs replacement. The proposal is to remove the debris, establish a stable base to place filter fabric, then place armour and riprap on top. It is recommended that this project be funded under the Capital Works program at an estimated cost of \$169,000.

2023-09-222 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Bow Slope Spillway rehabilitation project to replace the existing concrete pillow emergency spillway with filter fabric, armour, and rip rap for an estimated cost of \$169,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 02-H West Bantry Pipeline

J. Kabut also presented the 02-H West Bantry Pipeline project synopsis. This project is located approximately 8 km west of Tilley and is slated for the 2023/2024 construction year. The current system irrigates 120 acres, 100% of which are flood. The parcel has 2 deliveries; one in the NE fed by 02-H West Bantry and one in the SE fed by 03-H West Bantry. The landowner has chosen to install a pivot and has agreed to use the delivery in the SE; as per policy, the landowners are responsible for the mainline to the pivot. By converting from flood to pivot at the time of the project that reduces overall costs and increases water efficiencies makes the landowners eligible for a \$20,000 Infrastructure Cost-Savings grant. Additionally, eliminating the delivery in the NE enables the District to push in 700 m of canal, reducing District infrastructure and reducing the overall cost of construction and makes the landowners eligible for a second Infrastructure Cost-Savings grant.

2023-09-223 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 02-H West Bantry rehabilitation project to push in 700 m of canal for an estimated cost of \$159,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-224 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Herbert & Karyn Norden for converting from flood to pivot in NE 30-17-13 W4M at the time of the 02-H West Bantry rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowners is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-225 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Herbert & Karyn Norden for eliminating the NE delivery in NE 30-17-13 W4M at the time of the 02-H West Bantry rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowners is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.04 Tateson Reservoir Pumping – Update

In follow up to the August 22nd meeting, an update was given concerning the Tateson reservoir pumping matter and that the District offer to help re-excavate a channel to their pump site was accepted. It was also understood by the landowner that this excavation was unlikely to be a long term solution. It was directed that reservoir pumping in general be discussed during this winter's Corporate Planning sessions.

6.05 Rolling Hills Reservoir Irrigation Development Parcels

This matter was brought back from the August 22nd meeting and given additional discussion. Operations is to contact all landowners of parcels in the Rolling Hills Reservoir irrigation development system and request them to bring their cfs use down to the design limit (2.2 cfs for ¼ section pivots, 4.0 cfs for large pivots) within 3 years. Admin will be drafting an agreement to use for the addition of any corner arms that may be approved on that system. General policy will be developed for adding corner arms to systems and being required to stay within a limited cfs.

[10:52 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Short break.]

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of September 25th, reservoir storage has dropped to 138,209 ac-ft, which is approximately 104,000 ac-ft below normal winter levels. If diversion can return to 800 cfs, approximately 65 – 70 days will be required to refill reservoirs to winter levels. However, if diversion remains in the 600-700 cfs range, approximately 80 days would be needed. 16.9" have been diverted and usage has risen to 14.04"/acre averaged across the District.

7.02 Drought Plan Stage 3 – Update

In total, through Stage 3 of the District's Drought Plan, requests were administered for 69 landowners to transfer volumes of water on more than 124 parcels.

[11:18 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, R. Summach, B. Kroschel exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.01.1.1 Budget Report

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – MONTHLY REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$49,940 >
To be Completed	< \$55,951 >
Require Approval	< \$13,600 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through August (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$400,961 >
September (<i>approval required</i>)	< \$ 64,058 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$415,490

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$469,617.

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

9.01.1.2 Tree Removal & Ditch Infill – Harriet Armstrong – NE 06-24-15 W4M

The landowner has applied for a 50/50 cost-share for tree removal and ditch infill in NE 06-24-15 W4M to accommodate a full circle pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$27,200.

2023-09-226 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Harriet Armstrong for tree removal and ditch infill to accommodate a pivot in NE 06-24-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis, up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$27,200; of which the Landowner's share is \$13,600 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

9.01.1.3 Wheels to Pivot – Betty Pedersen and Derek Pedersen – S ½ 13-15-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 111 acres
- Current Assessment: 162 acres wheels (51 acres added for irrigation development in 2002)
- Converting: 111 acres wheels to corner arm pivot; 4 acres needed
- New Assessment: 166 acres (all under corner arm pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-09-227 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Betty Pedersen and Derek Pedersen for the conversion of 111 acres wheels to corner arm pivot in S ½ 13-15-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$11,100 (111 acres x

\$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,952. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upgrades (panels, nozzles, drag hoses, replacement pivots, pumps), Corner Irrigation (corner arm, subsurface), and Converting to a More Efficient Method of Irrigation (wheels, pivot, sub-surface) – Receipts submitted prior to October 1, 2022

9.01.1.4 Panel & Corner Arm – Anderson Crop Production (Erik Anderson) – NW 19-15-15 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$7,440 (motion 2010-03-055)
- Previous Assessment: 141 acres
- Current Assessment: 139 acres (2 acres removed for subdivision consent in 2013)
- Installing: panel and corner arm; 1 acre needed
- New Assessment: 140 acres corner arm wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-09-228 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Anderson Crop Production for the panel upgrade and addition of corner arm in NW 19-15-15 W4M purchased for \$110,670. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) panel acres + \$11,200 (16 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$7,440 (previous grant) = \$16,060. The capital assets charge is \$988. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.5 Panel, Pump & Corner Arm – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NE 16-15-15

- Previous Grant: \$7,327 (motion 2006-10-204)
- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Installing: panel, pump and corner arm; 1 acre needed
- New Assessment: 138 acres corner arm wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-09-229 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for S & K Farms Ltd for the panel & pump upgrade, and addition of corner arm in NE 16-15-15 W4M purchased for \$124,845. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,600 (126 acres x \$100/acre) panel acres + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$7,327 (previous grant) = \$12,973. The capital assets charge is \$988. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.6 Panel & corner Arm – W & H Neufeld Farms Ltd (Helen Neufeld) – SE 29-20-15 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$12,185 (motion 2018-02-115)
- Previous Assessment: 87 acres
- Current Assessment: 146 acres (59 acres added in 1988 assessment)
- Installing: panel and corner arm; 2 acres needed
- New Assessment: 148 acres corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

- 2023-09-230 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for W & H Neufeld Farms Ltd for the panel upgrade and addition of corner arm in SE 29-20-15 W4M purchased for \$88,546. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre) wheel to pivot + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$12,185 (previous grant) = \$9,015. The capital assets charge is \$1,976. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A grant deduction for a panel upgrade was previously applied in February 2018 for 11 acres. All 11 acres are eligible for a return of deduction.

- 2023-09-231 Moved by D. Peltzer that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in February 2018 to 11 acres in SE 29-20-15 W4M be returned to W & H Neufeld Farms Ltd for flood to corner arm efficiencies; 11 acres x \$500/acre = \$5,500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9.01.1.7 Panel & Corner Arm – Larry & Susan Wiens – NE 14-21-16 W4M

- Previous Grant: \$8,890 (motion 2013-12-243)
- Current Assessment: 147 acres
- Installing: panel and corner arm; keeping 14 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres, all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022;
a deduction of \$6,000 was paid in 2013 for acres outside the pivot area

- 2023-09-232 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Larry & Susan Wiens for the panel upgrade and addition of corner arm in NE 14-21-16 W4M purchased for \$106,934. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre) panel acres + \$7,000 (10 acres x \$700/acre) corner arm acres – \$8,890 (previous grant) – \$1,000 (2 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$9,410. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Increase in Irrigation Acres

9.01.1.8 Increase – John Genovese – E ½ 36-21-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 48 acres (27 irrigation, 21 terminable acres)
- Proposal: wheels to wiper pivot; 11 additional acres needed (efficiency & infill); conversion of 21 terminable acres to irrigation acres
- Efficiency Acres Gained: wheels to low pressure pivot; $48 \times 1.15 = 7$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 59 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils complete; irrigable unit registered; project must be completed by September 30, 2024

- 2023-09-233 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John Genovese for 7 efficiency acres and 4 infill acres in E ½ 36-21-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,868 (11 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2023-09-234 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the application for John Genovese to convert 21 terminable acres to irrigation acres in E ½ 36-21-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,644 (21 acres x \$364/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.1.9 Increase – Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph & Elizabeth Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – W ½ 07-21-16

- Previous Assessment: 31 acres
- Current Assessment: 72 acres (7 acres transferred in and 34 acres purchased for irrigation development in 2022)
- Proposal: extend pivot into SW 07-21-16 W4M; 19 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 91 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by September 30, 2024

2023-09-235 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd for 19 infill acres in W ½ 07-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,772 (19 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The registration of an irrigable unit is required as the wiper pivot in NW 07-21-16 W4M will now extend into SW 07.

2023-09-236 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ 07-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:33 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.02.1 Request for Land Trade – 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van Der Linde) – Update

At the January 24, 2023 meeting, motion 2023-01-024 was approved to trade E ½ of NW 22-18-15 W4M, owned by the EID, with W ½ of SW 22-18-15 W4M, owned by 2125538 Alberta Ltd. An update was given advising that further soil testing has been completed by 2125538 Alberta Ltd and the landowner has decided to not go through with the land trade due to the amount of non-irrigable soils found in E ½ of NW 22-18-15 W4M.

9.02.2 Utility Safety Partners (Alberta One Call)

As of September 12th, the EID is now registered with Alberta One Call, which operates as Utility Safety Partners. This partnership has formalized the ongoing process of receiving pipeline and fibre locates and is currently being handled in-house between the Lands, Operations, and EIDNet departments, with the plan to contract assistance if frequency of locates increases. A 75 m buffer has been registered for pipelines and a 30 m buffer for fibre.

2023-09-237 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



9.03 Grazing

9.03.1 JBS Update

9.03.2 PGL Auction Conditions

[12:06 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting.]

10.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area

[12:54 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

11.0 Commercial Updates

12.0 Draft Newsletter

2023-09-238 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

9.03 Grazing

9.03.1 JBS Update

Confirmation and direction were given to Admin.

9.03.2 PGL Auction Conditions

The various auction conditions for Private and Community Grazing were reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, it was suggested all winning bids should be subject to final Board approval. Two motions were made once reconvened.

10.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area

Confirmation and direction were given to Admin.

11.0 Commercial Update

The Board was informed construction of the Tilley Solar Project is to commence in October 2023.

12.0 Draft Newsletter

An updated draft newsletter will be brought to the October 2nd Budget Meeting for further review.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

2.0 Approval of Minutes cont'd

2.02 September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting cont'd

The motion to approve the September 19th minutes was rescinded so that an additional PGL auction qualifier could be added and amended minutes approved.

2023-09-239 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2023-09-219 be rescinded. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-09-240 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the September 19, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be:

- amended by replacing "All bids are final." with "All bids are final and subject to final Board approval." under 2.02 on page 110; and
- approved as amended.

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.01 | Special Board Meeting re Budget | - Monday, October 2 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 13.03 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 7 th , 10:00 a.m., Taber Heritage Inn |
| 13.04 | PGL Agreement Auction | - Thursday, November 16 th , 1:00 p.m., Brooks Heritage Inn |
| 13.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:12 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

**October 2, 2023, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 2nd day of October 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. Ryan Gagley	Engineering Manager
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 9:15 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2023-10-241 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-10-242 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2023/2024 Budget Discussion**2.01 Overview**

[9:33 a.m. B. Kroschel – Operations Manager and S. Dahl – Buildings & Grounds Superintendent entered the meeting.]

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

[9:55 a.m. B. Kroschel and S. Dahl exited the meeting; R. McLean – Equipment Superintendent, R. Elliott – Assistant Equipment Superintendent, and E. Palaschak – Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic, entered.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

[10:21 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Short break; R. McLean, R. Elliott, and E. Palaschak exited; N. Fontaine – Land Supervisor, R. Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, and S. Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands, entered.]

2.04 Lands

[11:04 a.m. N. Fontaine, R. Volek and S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Moen – Internet Services Supervisor and M. Porter – Information Services Supervisor, entered.]

2.05 EIDNet & Information Services

[11:50 a.m. R. Moen and M. Porter exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

[11:52 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

[11:53 a.m. – 12:32 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek re-entered the meeting.]

3.0 Draft Newsletter

[1:04 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

4.0 Corporate Planning**4.01 Topics for Discussion**

2023-10-243 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**2.0 2023/2024 Budget Discussion****2.01 Overview**

S. Barlow presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2023/2024, noting totals for revenue, investments, expenses, amortization, and anything of note when comparing this year's budgeted numbers versus last year's numbers. Major capital purchases, capital construction projects, and special projects were highlighted, and comment given to inflationary cost increases, a salary cost-of-living increase, and the total District cost/acre, which excludes Land and EIDNet departments, projected to reach \$30.06/acre. It was advised that repayment of the Federal Government's AIM funding will be higher this fiscal year due to the growth of the loan as project expenses are submitted, and capital assets income and water rate earnings on completed AIM projects are applied as payment. R. Gagley reviewed upcoming AIM, IRP, and Capital Works construction projects noting that AIM projects are over the preliminary project budgets, largely due to the 30% increase in pipe. Due to the program being based on preliminary numbers, the District is accountable for any project overruns or additional costs on project extensions. Mrs. Barlow and Admin welcomed comment and answered questions throughout the meeting.

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

Capital purchases and improvements of note were listed for Operations and Maintenance departments, including maintenance for Crawling Valley and Rolling Hills Reservoir campgrounds. It was advised that in addition to overall typical improvements and renovations, additional repairs and security cameras have been required in certain locations as vandalism has been an issue. Residential rent has been increased and Admin advised that a discussion on District residence inventory will be brought back to the Board at a later meeting. The District's fixed electricity rate

of 6¢/kWh has been re-signed at 11¢/kWh, and due to high power use, this summer spot pricing was also levied by the supplier.

2.03 Equipment & Shop

Equipment and Shop capital purchases were noted, including several heavy and light pieces of equipment. Cost recoveries from the Equipment department are set up to result in neither a profit, nor loss, point of balance. Due to inflationary factors, in 2023 it was required to raise the equipment rates from between 80-90% of road builder rates to 90%, to maintain this balance. The 90% rate will be continued for this next fiscal year. Fuel contracts, equipment sales, and fleet ½ ton trucks were also given discussion.

2.04 Lands

Community grazing waterline projects were budgeted for North Bantry, Gem, East Patricia, and West Scandia areas. Community grazing expenses are budgeted to recover through the AUM rate, projected at \$21.00/AUM for the 2024 grazing season and approved by motion later in the meeting.

Infrastructure for various District irrigation development has been included in the budget, with approvals for irrigated farm lease projects pending. Some current irrigated farm leases will be up for review of their 5 year rental rate.

The budget for the Farm Improvement Grant program was reduced from \$1,000,000 to \$150,000 as the window for completing improvements under the policy's concluded categories has closed. Approximately ½ of the 2023 FI Budget was used. Capital Assets charges for any new irrigation development on District owned lands will be applied as a District expense. The Capital Assets Bylaw is reviewed by the Board each November and upon confirmation, includes a 2% per year annual increase, effective December 1st.

The budget includes the continuance of a water rate for all assessed irrigation acres and acres subject to a terminable agreement. In 2023, a \$5.00 water rate was approved by bylaw. The 2024 Rate Bylaw is scheduled to be reviewed in January 2024.

Although new surface leases are currently offsetting reclamation certificates, it is anticipated that in a year or two, reclamation certificates will outpace any new leases. For 2024, rentals and right-of-entry projections are consistent with 2023, and no seismic activity on District lands is expected.

Miscellaneous leases will see slight increases. Solar project lease rental revenue will become due following construction commencement with no rental revenue currently anticipated for receipt in 2024.

PHD (Partners in Habitat Development) and AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) programs are budgeting for similar amounts to last year; however, an application has been submitted for a federal grant to cover a majority of the AIS Prevention Program expenses.

Crawling Valley and Rolling Hills Reservoir campgrounds are expected to have expenses and revenues similar to last year.

2.05 EIDNet & Information Services

Some of the expenses for the EIDNet Phase 2 fibre project were carried over to the 2024 budget as a portion of the project is yet to be completed and the department is waiting for bills to be submitted. A revised Phase 3 of the fibre project will cover Bow City, Rainier, and Scandia legs. Other major budget items include sector radios and antennas, and new components to the internet fire wall. Speeds for subscription categories will be re-evaluated this coming year, and in light of the new technology currently being tested.

A replacement primary backup server is being budgeted in addition to standard IS purchases. Aerial photos, scheduled for every 3 years, will be flown in 2024. This data is cost-shared with the County of Newell. Consulting services are also being budgeted to assist in efficiencies to IRMA (Irrigation Recording & Management App) and current GIS (Geographic Information System) related applications, as well as possible future advancements.

2.06 Administration

Besides a replacement of old office seating and general inflationary increases, the Administration department is budgeted to be similar to last year. 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 24th.

3.0 Draft Newsletter

A second draft newsletter was provided to Directors. The focus of the newsletter is a review of the 2023 irrigation season and the expiring private grazing leases going to auction November 16th. Consensus was obtained that during the term of the new 15 year PGL leases, the 640 acre or one lease restriction will continue to apply but will only extend to any future grazing permits or leases that are subject to that grazing restriction. The draft newsletter will be given some final editing, then mailed in mid-October, enabling a water delivery summary to be completed and the current reservoir levels to be reported.

4.0 Corporate Planning**4.01 Topics for Discussion**

A number of suggested topics, policies, and bylaws were presented to Directors for the upcoming Corporate Planning.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

2.0 2023/2024 Budget Discussion cont'd**2.04 Lands cont'd****2.04.1 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2024 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. Although several variables such as total head placed on community pastures, 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.

After all expenses and revenues are finalized, the 2023 grazing season should result in a tentative surplus of approximately \$67,000, largely due to slightly lower anticipated expenses and higher than budgeted number of cattle this season. The AUM rate for 2023 was \$18.00. 2024 expenses are projected to be approximately 3.25% higher than 2023; however, with projected AUMs to be lowered due to the current dry conditions, an approximate break-even point supports the rate to be increased to \$21.00/AUM.

2023-10-244 Moved by R. Hiebert that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2024 season be set at \$21.00/AUM. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 13.03 | PGL Agreement Auction | - Thursday, November 16 th , 1:00 p.m., Brooks Heritage Inn |
| 13.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

October 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of October 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 & Corp Serv <i>[online]</i>
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 9:05 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2023-10-245 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 26, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the September 26, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-10-246 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the September 26, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 October 2, 2023, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 2, 2023, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-10-247 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Minutes of the October 2, 2023, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting**

T. Hemsing attended a recent AIDA Executive Committee Meeting, where discussion topics included some DFO reporting requirements, Magnacide H regulations, government relations, AIS statistics, SSROM meetings, IRP funding, solar projects on irrigated land, and communication from Alberta

Environment & Protected Areas concerning the water shortage. Directors were advised of the upcoming AIDA Board of Directors Meeting on November 7th in Taber, the AIDA AGM & Conference February 5 – 7, 2024, in Lethbridge, and a meeting with Irrigation Council in the New Year.

[9:24 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 2023/2024 Budget – Further Review/Approval

S. Barlow highlighted 3 minor adjustments that had been made to the budget since the October 2nd Special Board Meeting. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow. The budget was then approved through the following motion. Rehabilitation projects, waterline projects, large purchases, and any special items of significance will be brought back to the Board for individual review and approval.

2023-10-248 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board of Directors approve the 2023/2024 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2023

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2023, was \$2,500 more than the book value at September 30, 2022.

4 th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	-	-
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$4,180,000	
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$8,000,000

2023-10-249 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2023

A variety of accounts were detailed, and questions answered by Admin. A Director requested that the cash flow forecast be brought back to the Board for another review.

2023-10-250 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2023

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. It is intended that the 2023 year-end

financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2024. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$48.06 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$32.48 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$15.58 million.

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

2023-10-251 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:01 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

7.01 2023/2024 Structures Program

J. Kabut presented the 2023/2024 Structure Program, advising that Operations has requested:

- 1 nose piece be replaced in a stilling pond inlet on 14 North Branch in SW 18-23-16 W4M,
- 1 nose piece be repaired in a pipeline inlet on 6 North Branch in SW 27-21-18 W4M, and
- 4 rock walls be added to existing settling ponds on:
 - D North Bantry – SW 01-19-14 W4M
 - 6 Rolling Hills – SW 22-15-14 W4M
 - 7 Rolling Hills – SW 15-15-14 W4M
 - 8 Rolling Hills – NW 10-15-14 W4M.

The estimated total cost of the above projects is \$594,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program.

In addition, Operations has requested that:

- a fixed weir structure be replaced on the One Tree Canal in NE 29-20-13 W4M,
- a rock weir be replaced by a concrete structure on the One Tree Canal in SE 02-20-14 W4M, and
- a rock weir be replaced by a concrete structure on Secondary B Springhill Canal in NW 03-21-16 W4M.

The estimated total cost of these projects is \$882,000; to be funded under the IRP program.

2023-10-252 Moved by R. Hiebert that the 2023/2024 Structure Program be approved, at an estimated cost of:

- **\$594,000 to be funded under the Capital Works Program, and**
- **\$882,000 to be funded under the IRP program.**

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Flood Claims

The framework of the District's policy regarding flood claims was reviewed, along with section 179 of the *Irrigation Districts Act*. Additional background was given, and a number of questions were responded to by Admin. The matter was discussed further during the in camera portion of the meeting.

9.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

9.01 Reservoir Status

As of October 24th, reservoir storage has increased 35,000 ac-ft, mainly in Lake Newell Reservoir, which is currently 68,000 ac-ft below winter levels. If diversion maintains the current average of 750 cfs, approximately 48 days are needed to refill reservoirs to winter levels. It will take around 38 days to refill Newell alone. If diversion and the weather can hold out to at least November 11th, the District will likely reach approximately 42,000 ac-ft below winter levels. It would then be attainable to reach winter levels in the spring by an average water delivery date of May 6th. Operations will be pushing through as much cold weather as possible, ideally reaching at or near winter levels in at least Newell and Snake Lake reservoirs this diversion season.

[10:25 a.m. R. Gagley, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

M. Koochin presented the following EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Moen.

10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Bantry, Tilley, and Cassils fibre projects are completed and the Snake Lake leg is nearing completion.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2023	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	30
Residential Accounts	1,568
Business Accounts	209
EID Automation	5
Total	1,812

11.0 Request for In Kind Work – Rolling Hills School

I. Friesen advised that Rolling Hills School is requesting in-kind work to install water infrastructure in support of a mixed farming operation model soon to be incorporated into the academic program. The water would be supplied through the school's existing delivery point and would be used for garden plots and livestock pens. Approximately 160 m of 2" poly pipe, with fittings, risers, and valves would be suitable to transform a portion of the school grounds for this farming model at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

2023-10-253 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District supply and install 160 m of water infrastructure for the Rolling Hills School at an estimated cost of \$8,000. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:31 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. N. Fontaine, S. Connauton, and B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands

12.01 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

12.01.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2023 Statistics

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. All boaters wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District's major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District's website. A number of questions were responded to by Ms. Doerksen.

AIS PREVENTION PROGRAM – Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total	High Risk	Disallowed Entry
Crawling Valley Reservoir	2023	1,281	39	0	1,299	18	3
	2022	1,229	34	5	1,254	25	5
	2021	1,257	23	2	1,270	13	4
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2023	110	0	0	110	0	0
	2022	189	1	0	190	1	0
	2021	305	4	0	308	3	0
Lake Newell Reservoir	2023	1,571	51	9	1,601	30	1
	2022	906	29	4	915	9	0
	2021	1,582	70	2	1,610	28	4
Rolling Hills Reservoir	2023	912	55	5	947	35	5
	2022	949	24	2	963	14	2
	2021	941	29	1	958	17	4
EID Office	2023	20	1	0	21	1	0
	2022	15	0	0	15	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2023	6	0	0	6	0	0
	2022	7	0	0	7	0	0
	2021	20	0	0	20	0	0
2023 Totals		3,900	146	14	3,984	84	9
2022 Totals		3,295	88	11	3,344	49	7
2021 Totals		4,105	126	5	4,166	61	12

In 2023, the EID registered 3,984 watercraft (sailboats, wakeboard boats, ski boats, fishing boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and other non-motorized watercraft) for entrance into its reservoirs. Out of province watercraft came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Yukon, Montana, Idaho, and Missouri.

[10:42 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

12.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

12.02.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2023

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2023					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2023	310,600	3,043	0	125	313,768
September 30, 2023	312,454	3,039	0	153	315,646
Net increase	1,854	< 4 >	0	28	1,878
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 0 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					1,850
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					4
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to September 30, 2023		
	4th Quarter [Jul-Aug-Sep]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$3,929,642	\$12,833,239
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$73,150
Annual Agreements	\$0	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$10,450	\$70,350
Totals	\$3,940,092	\$12,976,739

12.02.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

12.02.2.1 Budget Report – 2023 Fiscal Year Report

The Year End Farm Improvement Grant Budget Report was presented as follows.

FARM IMPROVEMENT GRANT BUDGET – YEAR END REPORT	
2023 Farm Improvement Grant Budget as of October 1, 2022	\$1,000,000
50/50 Cost-Shares	
Paid	< \$85,170 >
To be Completed (<i>approximate carryover from 2023</i>)	\$34,321
Require Approval	< \$0 >
Farm Improvement Grants	
October through September (<i>approved and paid</i>)	< \$465,019 >
Total Budget Remaining	\$449,811

*Total of grants paid to date within the 2023 fiscal year is \$550,189.

**Total purchase amount of acres bought from landowners is \$6,900.

12.02.2.2 Increase – Marvin & Loretta Berg – SE 31-22-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 132 acres flood (5 acres transferred to SW 22-17-16 W4M)
- Proposal: flood to pivot with corner arm; 15 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to low pressure pivot; $132 \times 1.40 = 53$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by October 31, 2024

2023-10-254 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Marvin & Loretta Berg for 15 efficiency acres in SE 31-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$14,820 (15 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.2.3 Increase – Cameron & Patricia Morris – NW 03-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 99 acres flood
- Proposal: flood to pivot; 31 additional acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: flood to low pressure pivot; $99 \times 1.40 = 40$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 130 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by October 31, 2024

2023-10-255 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cameron & Patricia Morris for 31 efficiency acres in NW 03-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$30,628 (31 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.2.4 Conversion of Term to Irr – 582525 AB Ltd (Eric Harbinson) – Sec 06-20-15 W4M & E ½ 01-20-16 W4M

The landowner is requesting to convert 2 pivots, totalling 256 acres under terminable agreement, to irrigation acres. Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver; however, a new delivery must be located off Springhill Canal and at the landowner's expense. Soils testing under the existing pivots is not required. An irrigable unit must be registered for the 2 pivots served by the 1 delivery.

2023-10-256 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application for 582525 AB Ltd to convert 256 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Sec 06-20-15 & E ½ 01-20-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$93,184 (256 acres x \$364/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-10-257 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 06-20-15 & E ½ 01-20-16 W4M, all lands being owned by 582525 AB Ltd. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

12.03.1 Irrigated Lease Rent Review – 10 Leases

10 Irrigated Leases are due for a 5 year rental rate review. These leases were originally leased in 2013, through an auction process, for a term of 20 years. The first year's rent was set at \$5,000 and the subsequent 4 years' rent was established by multiplying the irrigated acres by the price/acre

bid amount, plus GST. The lessee was responsible for supplying and installing the pivot, mainline, and power supply. Winning bids ranged from \$75/acre - \$157/acre. A rental rate review in 2018 saw rates set between \$132/acre - \$150/acre. After discussion, the following motion was carried.

- 2023-10-258 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 5 year rental rate for Irrigated Leases #8367, 8368, 8369, 8370, 8371, 8372, 8373, 8374, 8375, 8376:**
- **to be increased to \$225/acre on assessed acres;**
 - **plus water and taxes;**
- for the years 2024 through 2029. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2023-10-259 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:09 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

13.0 Irrigation Development

13.01 EID Irrigated Lease Applications

13.02 Rock Lake Pivots – East of Hwy #36

[11:24 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

12.0 Lands cont'd

12.04 Grazing

12.04.1 PGL Auction Conditions

[11:38 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

[11:40 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

8.0 Flood Claims cont'd

[12:12 p.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

- 2023-10-260 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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13.0 Irrigation Development

13.01 EID Irrigated Lease Applications

Direction was given to staff that EID irrigation development applications, which are supported by carry forward acres, are for reference to be rated using the Irrigation Acres Bylaw criteria but kept separate from the private landowner application lists. Review and approvals for all irrigation development applications will be held at the November regular meeting.

13.02 Rock Lake Pivots – East of Hwy #36

It was reviewed with Directors that irrigation acres for the 4 Rock Lake pivots east of Hwy #36, to be utilized as irrigated grazing for the Duchess Community Grazing Association, could be granted with the Board's discretion under Article 10 of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw. These acres would be in addition to the general irrigation development application acres approved for 2024.

12.0 Lands cont'd**12.04 Grazing****12.04.1 PGL Auction Conditions**

Direction was given to Admin that for the PGLs in question, fences will not be required to be built if the successful bidder also owns the adjacent lands.

8.0 Flood Claims cont'd

A recent matter was discussed in detail and follow up direction was given to Admin.

In a separate matter, a Director distributed a letter from a landowner to the Board and Admin.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**14.0 Upcoming Events**

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| 14.01 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 7 th , 10:00 a.m., Taber Heritage Inn
[T. Hemsing, I. Friesen attending] |
| 14.02 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Saturday, November 11 th , 10:00 a.m. at the JBS Centre,
11:00 a.m. at the Cenotaph [B. Schroeder laying wreath] |
| 14.03 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Thursday, November 16 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 14.04 | PGL Agreement Auction | - Thursday, November 16 th , 1:00 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 14.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 19 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.07 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. [tentative] |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:16 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

November 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of November 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] <i>[online]</i>		
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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 12.04 Rock Lake Pivots – East of Hwy #36

2023-11-261 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2023-11-262 Moved by B. Schroeder that the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Board Meeting**

T. Hemsing and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting in Taber on November 7th. Topics included updates from Irrigation Council, SSROM (South Saskatchewan River Operational Model) and AIS, budget approval, government relations, irrigation district DFO authorizations, reports from sector representatives, and a 2024 water supply discussion including a presentation by representatives of Alberta Environment & Protected Areas. The AIDA AGM & Conference will be held February 5 – 7, 2024, in Lethbridge.

5.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following AGM & 2024 Election Report.

5.01 AGM & 2024 Election**5.01.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates**

An election schedule for 2024 was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events to accommodate the audit, preparation of annual report, and election requirements.

2023-11-263 Moved by R. Owen that:

- the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 4, 2024;
- the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024;
- the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.;
- if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024; and
- an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.01.2 Electoral Divisions Bylaw

The Electoral Divisions Bylaw was revised to include the NE 36-20-19 W4M parcel, which has been officially added to the District.

2023-11-264 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #966 (2023), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**2023-11-265 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board read and approve Bylaw #966 (2023) the second time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****2023-11-266 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #966 (2023) this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****2023-11-267 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #966 (2023), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Provide for the Division of the District into Electoral Divisions, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****5.01.3 2024 Election Date Bylaw**

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in March 2024 for Division 3 (Patricia/Millicent) and Division 6 (Tilley). An election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

2023-11-268 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #967 (2023), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**2023-11-269 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board read and approve Bylaw #967 (2023) the second time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



2023-11-270 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #967 (2023) this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-11-271 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #967 (2023), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2024, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2024 Election Date Bylaw #967 is available for viewing on the District website.

[9:11 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2023

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should still be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$6.2 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$768,000 and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$5.47 million.

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

2023-11-272 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2023, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:21 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Gagley and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2024/25 to 2026/27

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2024/25 to 2026/27, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. The completed project was the 02 Bow Slope project. The continuing projects are 2 check structures on One Tree Drain, 1 check structure on 09-B Springhill, and the 01 One Tree Pipeline. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley. New projects were reviewed and outlined as follows:

IRP ANNUAL ROLLING 3-YEAR PLAN – 2024/25 to 2026/27		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2024/25	03 East Branch Pipeline	\$4,500,000
Proposed Year 2 2025/26	Snake Lake Canal	\$11,000,000
Proposed Year 3 2026/27	11 Bow Slope (upper)	\$750,000

2023-11-273 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2024/25 to 2026/27. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 Project Status

The construction season commenced on October 24th with the 01 One Tree pipeline project. Good headway has been made by that crew due to the mild weather. The other pipeline crew started up on the 20th and have been installing pipe on the Secondary C North Branch project. The earthworks crew completed the Bow Slope Spillway project and have begun work on the Springhill Canal liner project.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, construction to begin after the Springhill Canal Liner project, 30% complete
Bow Slope Spillway	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, 100% complete
Springhill Canal Liner	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, construction underway
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, construction underway
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, construction underway, 35% complete
02-H West Bantry (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
01-A One Tree Pipeline	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, construction underway, 35% complete

[9:28 a.m. R. Elliott entered the meeting.]

8.0 Operations

8.01 Reservoir Status

As of November 21st, reservoir storage was 21,000 ac-ft below typical winter levels. Lake Newell Reservoir was approximately 6,000 ac-ft below winter levels, Snake Lake Reservoir was approximately 2,500 ac-ft below, and Crawling Valley Reservoir was approximately 12,000 ac-ft below. Currently, the District is diverting into all 3 reservoirs, with Newell and Snake nearing their winter levels, enabling the focus to shift to filling Crawling Valley. It is anticipated that another 12-14 days of diversion is needed to have all the reservoirs, including Crawling Valley, at or near their

typical winter levels. It may be possible to continue diversion for another week or so, dependent on agreeable weather conditions.

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Quotes for the Purchase of a Quad Tractor & Scraper

R. Elliott presented the following quotes for the purchase of a replacement quad tractor and blade. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Elliott.

QUAD TRACTOR & SCRAPER - Quotes			
Make & Dealer	Tractor	Scraper	Total
Case Rocky Mountain Equipment, Taber	\$949,500	\$234,849	\$1,184,349
Johne Deere Brandt Tractor Ltd, Brooks	\$970,200	\$272,800 (4 tire) \$283,600 (2 tire)	\$1,243,000 \$1,253,800
New Holland Rocky Mountain Equipment, Brooks	\$1,350,000	-	\$1,350,000

2023-11-274 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the purchase of a:

- **Case/IH AFS Steiger 555 Scraper Quad Track CVT for \$949,500 and**
- **Ashland 2411E Scraper and Ag Adaptor for \$234,849**

for a total of \$1,184,349 from Rocky Mountain Equipment, Taber. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:36 a.m. R. Gagley, B. Kroschel, and R. Elliott exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The conduit installation for the Snake Lake reach of the fibre project is complete and the fibre is being blown in and should be complete by mid-December. The new technology that is being tested is demonstrating a significantly improved ability to reach customers that were not previously reachable via direct tower signals and is providing quality signals and at much higher internet speeds.

[9:42 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and S. Connauton entered.]

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 Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.1.1 Flood to Pivot with C/A – Marvin & Loretta Berg – SE 31-22-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 132 acres flood (5 acres transferred to SW 22-17-16 W4M)
- Converting: 132 acres flood to corner arm pivot; 15 acres needed)
- New Assessment: 147 acres (all under corner arm pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-11-275 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Marvin & Loretta Berg for the conversion of 132 acres flood to corner arm pivot in SE 31-22-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowners is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$14,820 (15 acres x \$988). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot with C/A – Kevin Mason – SE 32-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 52 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 55 acres flood (3 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Converting: 55 acres flood to corner arm pivot; 1 acre needed)
- New Assessment: 56 acres (all under corner arm pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: proof of purchase was submitted prior to October 1, 2022

2023-11-276 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kevin Mason for the conversion of 52 acres flood to corner arm pivot in SE 32-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,100 (41 acres x \$100/acre) + \$7,700 (11 acres x \$700/acre) = \$11,800. The capital assets charge is \$988 (1 acre x \$988). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.3 Increase – Gem Land & Cattle (Andrew & Charlene Walde) – Pt NE 25-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 90 acres
- Current Assessment: 83 acres pivot (15 acres sold back to the EID for a Farm Improvement and 8 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 4 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 87 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists, project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-277 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gem Land & Cattle for 4 infill acres in Pt NE 25-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,952 (4 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.4 Increase – James (Jr) Graham – NW 03-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 118 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot (20 acres added in 1989 and 4 acres transferred off in 2011)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 17 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot

- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-278 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for James (Jr) Graham for 17 infill acres in NW 03-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,796 (17 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.5 Increase – James Graham – SE 25-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 91 acres
- Current Assessment: 133 acres pivot (28 acres added in 1987, 9 acres added in 2009, 5 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 14 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-279 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for James Graham for 14 infill acres in SE 25-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$13,832 (14 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.6 Increase – Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – NE 26-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 146 acres
- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot (14 acres transferred off in 2005 and 5 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 15 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-280 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Graham Ventures Ltd for 15 infill acres in NE 26-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$14,820 (15 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.7 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SE 01-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 140 acres
- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot (8 acres transferred off for FI in 2006 and 5 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 14 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-281 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 14 infill acres in SE 01-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$13,832 (14 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.8 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – S 15-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 98 acres
- Current Assessment: 137 acres pivot (30 acres added in 1979 and 9 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 21 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 158 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-282 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 21 infill acres in S 15-17-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$20,748 (21 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.9 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – NW 19-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 110 acres
- Current Assessment: 130 acres pivot (12 acres added for general assessment in 1998, 3 acres added in 2008 irrigation development, and 5 acres added for GA in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 21 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-283 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 21 infill acres in NW 19-16-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$20,748 (21 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.10 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – SE 26-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 84 acres
- Current Assessment: 108 acres pivot (11 acres added in 1990, 8 acres added for general assessment in 2002, and 5 acres added for GA in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 25 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 133 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-284 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 25 infill acres in SE 26-16-16 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$24,700 (25 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.11 Increase – South Slope Feeders Ltd (Gordon Graham, James Graham, George Graham, John Graham, Joan Graham) – W 31-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres
- Current Assessment: 132 acres pivot (7 acres transferred off for general assessments in 2000 and 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 37 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 169 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-285 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for South Slope Feeders Ltd for 37 infill acres in W 31-16-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$36,556 (37 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.1.12 Increase – Krista Irwin and John & Katherine Irwin – NW 29 & SW 32-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres
- Current Assessment: 81 acres pivot (1 acre added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: wheels to wiper pivot; 19 acres needed (efficiency and infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: wheels to pivot; 81 acres x 1.15 = 12 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 100 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by November 30, 2024

2023-11-286 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Krista Irwin and John & Katherine Irwin for 12 efficiency acres and 7 infill acres in NW 29 & SW 32-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,772 (19 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Irrigation Applications for 2024

S. Connauton presented the 45 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2024. 31 applications were received for off-river acres and 14 for under reservoir support. Notwithstanding initial conditional approval from the Board, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2024, will not receive final approval. Through initial discussion and in review of the applications, a number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Connauton and Admin. Criteria and weighting for ranking applications, among other elements within the Irrigation Acres Bylaw, have been scheduled to be discussed at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2024
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled land or right-of-way land

- if infrastructure is crossing an undeveloped County R/A, proof of permission must be provided
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise
- the project area must meet soil classification requirements
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization
- capital asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure

The charges applicable to these applications are as per the current Capital Asset Charges Bylaw #962 (2022):

- \$364/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres
- \$988/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$2,392/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$2,392/acre for acres assessed to dry parcels (new acres)

[10:28 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. Short break.]

12.01 River Supported Areas

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,200 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres for 2024 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #965 (2023).

12.01.1 Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wilhelmus Van der Poel) – Sec 22, W 27, E 28-20-17 W4M

- Assessment: 393 acres (2 pivots)
- Proposal: increase 1 pivot, reconfigure the other pivot to wiper pivot, and install a new wiper pivot; 129 acres needed (87 infill, 42 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; County R/A approval required; project is pending land transfer

12.01.2 GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Pt NW 27 & Pt SW 34-21-18 W4M

- Assessment: 149 acres pivot (portion of $\frac{3}{4}$ section pivot)
- Proposal: install 49 acre corner wiper pivot; 45 acres needed (21 infill, 24 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; 4 acres are under existing assessment

12.01.3 Lazy MC Cattle Co Ltd (Clinton Morash) – Pt N 07-21-16 W4M

- Assessment: 57 acres flood
- Proposal: install 2 wiper pivots; 54 acres needed (23 efficiency, 27 infill, 4 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; subject to a 2.8 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement

12.01.4 Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M

- Assessment: 166 acres pivot
- Proposal: install 380 acre wiper pivot; 214 acres needed (50 infill, 164 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; last approval off Antelope Creek (system at capacity)

12.01.5 Sage Bluff Farms Ltd (Eldon & Sheila Konschuh) – Sec 10-21-18 W4M

- Assessment: 248 acres (2 pivots and 1 wiper pivot)
- Proposal: increase wiper pivot to full 59 acre pivot; 37 acres needed (37 new)

- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists; completion of previous application; calculation based on irrigable unit

12.01.6 2382599 Alberta Ltd (Alisha Armstrong) – Sec 07-21-18 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 2 quarter section pivots and 2 quarter section wiper pivots; 513 acres needed (513 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

12.01.7 Chizik Holdings Ltd (Ralph Chizik) – SE 34-20-18 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; easement required

12.01.8 Chizik Holdings Ltd (Ralph Chizik) – NE 34-20-18 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; easement required

12.01.9 Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Pt Sec 06-21-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 170 acre pivot; 170 acres needed (transfer 65 acres, 29 infill, 76 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; delivery must be off B Springhill

2023-11-287 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under River Support” irrigation applications for 2024:

- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wilhelmus Van der Poel) – Sec 22, W 27, E 28-20-17 W4M
- GWK Farms Ltd (Gail Kelly) – Pt NW 27 & Pt SW 34-21-18 W4M
- Lazy MC Cattle Co Ltd (Clinton Morash) – Pt N 07-21-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M
- Sage Bluff Farms Ltd (Eldon & Sheila Konschuh) – Sec 10-21-18 W4M
- 2382599 Alberta Ltd (Alisha Armstrong) – Sec 07-21-18 W4M
- Chizik Holdings Ltd (Ralph Chizik) – SE 34-20-18 W4M
- Chizik Holdings Ltd (Ralph Chizik) – NE 34-20-18 W4M
- Saddleridge Farming Co Ltd (Ralph Retzlaff and Leonard Retzlaff) – Pt Sec 06-21-16 W4M

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,200 off river New Parcel irrigation acres had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- E A Schaffer & Sons Farms Ltd (Brett Schaffer, Gerald Schaffer & Linda Andres) – S 17-21-18

- 21255358 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – W 22-18-15 W4M
- Brent & Shauna Deschamps and Lee Deschamps – SE 07-21-15 W4M
- Jose & Carla Rabadan – NE 06-21-18 W4M
- Douglass Farms Ltd (Stewart & Kim Douglass) – SE 21-21-18 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – W 22-17-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- Alberta Forage Farming Inc (Joelle Faulkner) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M
- Stewart Neely – NE 25-21-13 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 32-17-16 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Co Ltd (Bruce Takeda) – Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- Van Hall Cattle Co Ltd (Henry & Janice Van Hall) – NW 26-15-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SW 27-19-17 W4M
- Viktor & Marina Petker – E 22-20-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – E 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M
- Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert – NE 35-21-16 W4M
- Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – Sec 29-21-16 W4M
- Thomas Parker – SW 06-22-15 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – Sec 29-17-17 W4M
- Harley Tateson – Sec 32-14-15 W4M
- Duane Hale – NW 08-21-17 W4M
- Dave Reimer – NE 05-19-15 W4M

12.02 Reservoir Supported Areas

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,800 under reservoir New Parcel irrigation acres for 2024 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #965 (2023). It was noted that 385 carry forward acres from last year are available, with the District having priority to these acres for its own irrigation development.

12.02.1 Washada Holdings Ltd (Carson & Joanna Slorstad) – NE 06-24-15 W4M

- Assessment: 75 acres flood
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 61 acres needed (30 efficiency, 20 infill, 11 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; completion of previous application

12.02.2 Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – SE 11-14-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; delivery off 12 Mile

12.02.3 Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – NE 11-14-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; delivery off 12 Mile

12.02.4 Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – SE 02-14-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; delivery off 12 Mile

12.02.5 Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – NE 02-14-12 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; delivery off 12 Mile

12.02.6 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 31-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 133 acre pivot; 133 acres needed (133 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

12.02.7 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 31-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

12.02.8 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 36-15-14 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

12.02.9 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 36-15-14 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required

12.02.10 1883443 Alberta Ltd and GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray) – E 26 & W 25-18-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 67 acre and 216 acre pivots; 283 acres needed (283 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit required; County R/A approval required

12.02.11 Stadnicki Cattle 2000 Ltd (Joey Stadnicki) – NE 09-20-12 W4M

- Assessment: 13 acres pivot
- Proposal: install 40 acre wiper pivot; 40 acres needed (13 infill, 27 new)
- Notes: soils pass; irrigable unit exists

12.02.12 591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno Doerksen, Timothy Doerksen, Daniel Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, W 21 & SW 22-22-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 287 acre pivot, 276 acre wiper pivot, and 127 acre wiper pivot; 690 acres needed (690 new)
- Notes: approval to grant up to 153 acres; subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit required; delivery must be off North Branch Canal

12.02.13 Alfred & Nancy Klassen – NW 36-21-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 153 acre corner arm pivot; 153 acres needed (153 new)
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; delivery must be off NB Canal

2023-11-288 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under Reservoir Support” irrigation applications for 2024:

- **Washada Holdings Ltd (Carson & Joanna Slorstad) – NE 06-24-15 W4M**
- **Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – SE 11-14-12 W4M**
- **Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – NE 11-14-12 W4M**
- **Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – SE 02-14-12 W4M**
- **Dale Thacker Specialty Crops Ltd (Dale Thacker) – NE 02-14-12 W4M**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 31-15-13**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 31-15-13**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 36-15-14**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 36-15-14**
- **1883443 Alberta Ltd and GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray) – E 26 & W 25-18-13 W4M**
- **Stadnicki Cattle 2000 Ltd (Joey Stadnicki) – Pt NE 09-20-12 W4M**
- **591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno Doerksen, Timothy Doerksen, Daniel Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, Sec 21 & S 22-22-16 W4M (up to 153 acres)**
- **Alfred & Nancy Klassen – NW 36-21-17 W4M**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,800 under reservoir New Parcel irrigation acres located downstream of either Lake Newell Reservoir or Crawling Valley Reservoir had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95

The irrigation application denied is listed as follows:

- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray) – W 24-18-13**

[10:52 a.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

[10:58 a.m. Darren Bourget, Jamie Wuite, and Catherine Medynski entered the meeting.]

2023-11-289 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:00 a.m. Presentation from Darren Bourget, Alberta Environment & Protected Areas

2023-11-290 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:00 a.m. Presentation from Darren Bourget, Alberta Environment & Protected Areas cont’d

A short in camera session was held. Darren Bourget, Calgary Regulatory Assurance Compliance Manager – Alberta Environment & Protected Areas; Jamie Wuite, Executive Director, Natural Resource Management Branch – Agriculture & Irrigation; and Catherine Medynski, Bow Habitat Station Marketing Coordinator, Bow Habitat Station & Outreach Services – Alberta Environment &

Protected Areas, were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Bourget presented a Drought Risk and Management stakeholder overview, with key discussion topics on the importance of water in Alberta, the current situation, drought risk, and drought management. A thorough discussion was held, touching on user groups, watershed basins, river flows, reservoirs, long range forecast, drought impacts, and management tools, timeline, complications, and response.

[12:21 p.m. D. Bourget, J. Wuite, and C. Medynski exited the meeting.]

[12:21 p.m. – 12:52 p.m. Lunch break.]

[12:52 p.m. N. Fontaine and S. Connauton re-entered the meeting.]

12.0 Irrigation Applications for 2024 cont'd

12.03 Reservoir Carry Forward

In addition to the applications from irrigators for off river and under reservoir supported irrigation acres, this year there were 3 District applications submitted using the available 385 carry forward acres from 2022 and 2023. All 3 parcels are reservoir supported and are to be developed as 5 year term irrigated leases. It would be in the best interests of the District to develop these lands and make them available for lease, so any additional New Parcel Irrigation Acres required to proceed with these projects in excess of the available carry forward acres may be approved by the Board pursuant to Article 10 of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw 965 (2023). Although not part of the irrigator applications for reservoir supported acres, all 3 parcels rate well above the minimum rating cutoff in that category.

12.03.1 Eastern Irrigation District – SE 25-14-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 151 acre corner arm pivot; 151 acres needed (151 new)
- Notes: soils pass; delivery off 27 Rolling Hills Canal

12.03.2 Eastern Irrigation District – SW 27-14-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 151 acre corner arm pivot; 152 acres needed (152 new)
- Notes: soils pass; delivery off 06 Sec A Rolling Hills Pipeline

12.03.3 Eastern Irrigation District – SW 35-14-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 151 acre corner arm pivot; 151 acres needed (151 new)
- Notes: soils pass; delivery off 02-06 Sec A Rolling Hills Pipeline

2023-11-291 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the following “Reservoir Carry Forward” irrigation applications for 2024:

- **Eastern Irrigation District – SE 25-14-13 W4M;**
- **Eastern Irrigation District – SW 27-14-13 W4M; and**
- **Eastern Irrigation District – SW 35-14-13 W4M;**

using the available carry forward acres from 2022 and 2023, and additional 69 new irrigation acres. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.04 Rock Lake Pivots – East of Hwy #36

In follow up to the October 24th meeting, approval was requested for adding irrigation acres to the District's 4 Rock Lake Pivot lands east of Hwy #36, pursuant to Article 10 of Irrigation Acres Bylaw 965 (2023). Previously irrigated with TIW (treated industrial wastewater) and conveyed water under the JBS industrial license, these pivots will now have irrigation acres assessed to the parcels, will be District managed, and are to be irrigated from 01 Rock Lake Reservoir Pipeline. All 4 pivots will be utilized as grazing for the Duchess Community Grazing Association.

2023-11-292 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve adding new irrigation acres to:

- **SE 35-19-15 W4M – 134 acre pivot;**
- **NE 35-19-15 W4M – 135 acre pivot;**
- **SE 02 & Pt NE 02-20-15 W4M – 134 acre pivot; and**
- **Pt NE 02 & Pt /SE 11-20-15 W4M – 107 acre wiper pivot.**

Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

N. Fontaine advised that the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy is to be presented for review by the Board in November of each year. The current policy was discussed, along with presented examples of recent land sales throughout the District.

2023-11-293 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Sale of District Owned Land Policy:

- **clause 2.04(a) be amended to \$2,500/acre for acres without assessment, and**
- **clause 2.04(b) be amended to \$10,500/acre for acres with assessment, inclusive of capital assets costs.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

Likewise, it was requested that the Irrigation Acres Bylaw be reviewed in November of each year, in tandem with the Capital Assets Bylaw. M. Koochin presented the draft bylaw, which had been revised to state that applications for irrigation development will not be considered until after the capital asset bylaw has been reviewed and set for the upcoming year. A discussion on this administrative change and a general discussion on the pace of the rollout of irrigation acres followed. There were no revisions requested further to the draft that was presented.

2023-11-294 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #968 (2023), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**2023-11-295 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board read and approve Bylaw #968 (2023) the second time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[The following Lands items were discussed while technical difficulties affecting boardroom technology were being resolved.]

11.0 Lands cont'd

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.02.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (Oct 1, 2022 to Sep 30, 2023)

The Oil & Gas Year-End Summary was presented as follows:

OIL & GAS ACTIVITY REPORT – Year End Summary						
Year	New Wells	Twin Wells	Pipeline	Seismic	Abandonment Notifications	Reclaimed Certificates
2023	22	35	155.11 ac (26 miles)	0	16	58
2022	27	37	204.596 ac (34 miles)	1 permit (175.44 miles)	222	39
2021	16	26	46.42 ac (7.78 miles)	0 permits	374	39
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

Of the 16 well abandonment notifications received by the District, 8 were from Torxen, 5 from Cardinal, 2 from CNRL, and 1 from Blackspur.

The 58 reclamation certificates consist of 26 from Torxen, 18 from CNRL, 12 from Cardinal, and 2 from Cor4.

11.02.2 Irrigated Lease Auction

Pivots, corner arms, and mainlines have been installed on the SE 25, SW 27, & SW 35-14-13 W4M irrigation development parcels, as previously directed. Powerlines will be installed in January or February, with the remaining irrigation equipment setup to be completed prior to the 2024 irrigation season. The parcels will be auctioned at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at the EID Office. A newsletter with additional information will be sent to all irrigators in December, information posted on the website, ads run in January, and bid packages available January 2nd. The auction process and eligibility criteria were further discussed. It was confirmed by Directors that each irrigated lease parcel is to be auctioned individually, and to be eligible, bidders may only lease up to a maximum of 640 acres of all irrigated leases held with the District and cannot sublet the parcels. Additional terms and conditions will be contained in the form of a lease agreement.

[The review and readings of bylaws resumed following resolution of boardroom technology difficulties.]

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw imposes a charge on each irrigation acre added to a titled unit and shown on the assessment roll and sets the purchase price the District will pay for irrigation acres sold to the District by a landowner. It assigns a general assessment audit penalty percentage, outlines responsibilities for irrigation works, and contains an annual payment escalator. The bylaw is presented for review by the Board at least once per year. It is the practice to review the bylaw in November, after approving the submitted applications for new acres, so that any applicants

submitting applications for future approval will be aware of any adjustments to the charges which will apply. I. Friesen presented an examination of the difference between dry and irrigated land values in the District, examples of recent land transfers, an estimate of District infrastructure replacement costs, a comparison of charges from the other irrigation districts, and a District cash flow forecast. M. Koochin provided a draft bylaw with a revised annual payment escalator, that will make the charges subject to an annual increase of not less than 2% per year. This information was provided to the Board for initial review and discussion on November 16th. A continued discussion on increasing the charges was again held at this meeting.

2023-11-296 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #969 (2023), be introduced and further amended by increasing the:

- **conversion acres to \$750/acre;**
- **infill and efficiency acres up to the Infill Acre Cap to \$1,500/acre;**
- **infill and efficiency acres in excess of the Infill Acre Cap to \$3,600/acre;**
- **new parcel irrigation acres to \$3,600/acre, and**

**read the first time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark**

**2023-11-297 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #969 (2023) the second time this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark**

S. Connauton advised of a few applications for infill acres that had been received prior to the November meeting but admin did not have sufficient time in advance of this meeting to prepare materials for review by the Board. It was confirmed that Capital Assets Charges Bylaw 962 (2022) in effect at the time of receiving the applications is applicable to those applications. It was then decided to have third and final reading of Bylaw 969 (2023) at this meeting which would apply to future applications as they are received.

[2:58 a.m. – 3:04 p.m. Short break.]

2023-11-298 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #969 (2023) this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2023-11-299 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #969 (2023), being a bylaw 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 B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, R. Owen, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark**

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw can be found on the District's website under the Information tab.

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw cont'd

Since the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw received final approval, it was requested that Irrigation Acres Bylaw 968 (2023) also be given its third reading.

2023-11-300 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #968 (2023) this 28th day of November 2023. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-11-301 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #968 (2023), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to establish the rules and procedures governing an application for an increase in Irrigation Acres and to an application to transfer Irrigation Acres, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Irrigation Acres Bylaw can also be found on the District's website.

[3:09 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

11.0 Lands cont'd

11.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.03.1 Private Grazing Lease Auction – Approval of Bids

A public auction was held on November 16th for the right to acquire a non-renewable 15 year lease agreement for the following Private Grazing Leases that expire December 31, 2023. Below is a summary of the results of the auction.

PGL	Acres	AUM	Minimum Bid	Winning Bid	Successful Bidder
7022	318	53	\$8,925.00	\$8,925.00	Coal Creek Ranching Ltd (Ryan & Shannon Andrews)
7023	160	25	\$4,356.25	\$4,356.25	Coal Creek Ranching Ltd (Ryan & Shannon Andrews)
7025	2,185	332	\$59,298.13	\$115,600.00	Jordon Bandura
7026	1,804	275	\$58,713.75	\$62,500.00	1482622 Alberta Ltd (Carl Beasley)
7028	755	120	\$19,826.25	\$38,800.00	Ray Braun
7029	476	94	\$18,512.50	\$41,000.00	Collin Christman
7030	154	45	\$17,446.25	\$17,446.25	Speargrass Cattle Co Ltd (Murray & Robyn Jorgenson)
7031	214	31	\$27,277.50	\$27,277.50	Janet Henry
7034	611	127	\$27,370.00	\$36,000.00	Brad and Kelly Deschamps Livestock Ltd (B & K Deschamps)
7037	3,023	565	\$50,373.13	\$150,100.00	John Douglass & 358645 Alberta Ltd (Neil Douglass)
7039	320	60	\$13,600.00	\$13,600.00	Davidson Family Farm (Kyle & Desirae Davidson)

7043	160	28	\$8,218.75	\$16,200.00	Dick Dick
7051	1,132	160	\$50,256.25	\$50,256.25	Albert Henrickson
7054	477	90	\$22,737.50	\$22,737.50	Ty Hemsing
7055	1,450	213	\$34,186.88	\$71,000.00	Gene & Kelly Westwick
7067	707	135	\$17,212.50	(no bids)	-
7073	489	79	\$14,025.00	\$14,025.00	Cody & Tricia Milne
7075	343	75	\$19,412.50	\$19,412.50	Jeff Owen
7079	433	80	\$29,750.00	\$29,750.00	Darrell Owen
7092	160	28	\$12,962.50	\$12,962.50	Kevin Torkelson
7104	309	54	\$33,920.31	\$66,000.00	Adam Wolfer
7110	369	47	\$21,313.76	\$60,000.00	Don Wolfer
7181	616	105	\$27,625.00	\$31,000.00	Paul Klimuk
7241	61	25	\$5,397.50	(no bids)	-
7247	1,256	190	\$84,715.63	\$84,715.63	Will Henrickson
7282	2,464	350	\$62,018.13	\$161,000.00	Ty Henrickson
7301	110	20	\$7,437.50	\$7,437.50	Todd Irwin

2023-11-302 Moved by R. Hiebert that by attaining the highest bid, and by meeting eligibility requirements, the successful bids presented be approved by the District. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The two PGLs that did not receive bids at the auction will be brought back to the Board in January for direction.

11.03.2 2023 Grazing Season Summary

An extremely dry and warm spring, summer, and fall resulted in very poor new grass growth. In August it was determined that there was enough of the reserve grass supply throughout the District to keep cattle out on community pastures until October 7th, which is 1 week earlier than the usual round-up date. Total cattle placed was 17,434 head; up 1,007 from 2022. Total AUM was 81,719; down from 84,414 in 2022 due to the earlier round-up date.

375 cow/calf pairs were placed on pasture under the 2 Kitsim pivots. Pasture yields at the 4 Rock Lake pivots underperformed due to insufficient irrigation. Feed was provided by JBS to sustain the Duchess GA cattle allocated to those pastures until the point of fall grazing. As of 2024, these pivots will be fully managed by the EID and irrigated as per agenda item 12.04.

The south part of the District had good spring runoff to fill dugouts. The north experienced a slow melt which did not fill dugouts. Any dugouts that could be filled via waterlines were topped up. Due to early water supply issues, the normal allocation of water to Ducks Unlimited projects was not permitted. This impacted many of the grazing associations, but they were able to manage pasture use around this issue. It is hopeful to get water in these locations next year. The Rosemary waterline (4.8 km) was installed which will convey to 2 tanks and 1 dugout. The South Tilley Swing/Rolling Hills waterlines (20 km total) are complete and convey to 2 tanks and 13 dugouts. The new inlet and pumphouse for the 12 Mile pressure system will be completed in April 2024, enabling more capacity for future waterlines. Throughout the District, improvements were 5 new

dugouts, 2 dugout valves, 4 tire-tank replacements, and 2 new solar trailers. 18.75 miles (30 km) of new barbed wire fence was installed at a cost of \$5,750/mile for materials and \$2,750 for labour. Only 3 small fires occurred on District lands, totalling approximately 240 acres. With the increase in Roundup resistant kochia, Rush24 is being used on fireguards, which can also be mixed with a glyphosate for grass control. Some areas have seen significant reductions in Downy Brome since the control program was initiated.

11.03.3 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2024 Grazing Season

Last year, the maximum listing was increased from 70 to 75 head and the final number placed for 2023 was 17,434. Even with the hot, dry summer, these numbers were sustained by utilizing a significant amount of reserve grass. For 2024, it is anticipated that total membership may increase slightly. A maximum AUM of 77,500, or 15,500 cow/calf pairs over 5 months, was recommended for the 2024 grazing season and will be reassessed after a review of fall listings and spring conditions. Even if receiving normal or above normal precipitation this winter and next spring/summer, pastures should be managed to build up reserve grass and allow heavily grazed parcels to recover.

2023-11-303 Moved by R. Owen that the maximum number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 77,500 AUM for the 2024 grazing season. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-11-304 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03.4 Financing Agreements for Community Grazing Associations

[3:44 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

11.02.3 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update

16.0 Draft Newsletter

17.0 Commercial Updates

17.01 Brooks Solar Project Update

17.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

[4:04 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

18.0 Corporate Planning – Draft Agenda

2023-11-305 Moved by R. Owen that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

11.03.4 Financing Agreements for Community Grazing Associations

The EID will no longer entertain requests for loans from Community Grazing Associations. A motion was carried once reconvened.

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd**11.02.3 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update**

Further information regarding the group use area on District lands at the Kinbrook Island Provincial Park will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

16.0 Draft Newsletter

Final revisions will be made to the draft newsletter and mailed out to irrigators in December.

17.0 Commercial Updates**17.01 Brooks Solar Project Update**

The Board was informed that on November 6, 2023, the Alberta Utilities Commission determined that it was not in the public interest to approve construction and operation of the Brooks Solar Project on N ½ of Section 18-18-15 W4M. The negative environmental impacts relating to the loss of native grassland outweigh the beneficial impacts of constructing and operating the project on these lands.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.03.4 Financing Agreements for Community Grazing Associations

2023-11-306 Moved by R. Hiebert that Article 10.6 be removed from the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operations of Pastures on EID Lands. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing OPPOSED – D. Peltzer, R. Owen

[4:10 p.m. N. Fontaine re-entered the meeting.]

19.0 Request for Funding – SK PCAP Native Prairie Restoration Reclamation Workshop

A request was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) for sponsorship of their Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, to be held February 7 – 8, 2024 in Saskatoon, SK. This year's theme is "Building Bridges to Tomorrow: Restoration and Reclamation for the Future". This workshop has been attended by staff previously; a \$2,500 sponsorship will provide District PR and allow up to 2 complimentary registrations.

2023-11-307 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District give sponsorship of \$2,500 to the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan for their 10th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to be held February 7-8, 2024, in Saskatoon, SK. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

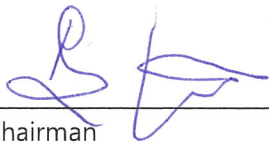


[4:14 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

20.0 Upcoming Events

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| 20.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 19 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.02 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, December 19 th , 12:30 p.m. |
| 20.03 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. |
| 20.04 | Corporate Planning | - Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. |
| | | - Friday, January 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. |
| 20.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m. |
| 20.06 | Irrigated Lease Auction | - Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 2:00 p.m., EID Office |
| 20.07 | AIDA AGM & Annual Conference | - February 5 – 7, 2024, Lethbridge |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:17 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

December 19, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 19th day of December 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 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2023-12-308 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 November 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 12.03.1: replace "delivery off West Bantry Pipeline" to "delivery off 27 Rolling Hills Canal".
- 12.03.2: replace "delivery off West Bantry Pipeline" to "delivery off 06 Sec A Rolling Hills Pipeline".
- 12.03.3: replace "delivery off West Bantry Pipeline" to "delivery off 02-06 Sec A Rolling Hills Pipeline".

2023-12-309 Moved by R. Hiebert that the minutes of the November 28, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Joint Municipal Supper & Meeting**

T. Hemsing and D. Peltzer attended a Joint Municipal Supper and Meeting in Rosemary on December 16th. Attendees were given the opportunity to present on various regional matters and to speak directly with Premier Smith. A high level summary of the EID's past year was provided by Mr. Hemsing. The concern of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) was raised by both Premier Smith and

MP Martin Shields. Water security topics such as infrastructure modernization, additional storage, and water license sharing were also discussed.

4.02 Crawling Valley Recreation Society Meeting

D. Peltzer attended a CVRS meeting on December 5th. A number of operational matters were discussed but overall, the campground had a good year.

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

5.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

5.01 Project Status

Pipeline installation averages have been up all season due to the mild temperatures. One crew is at the 01 One Tree project, a second crew is finishing the Secondary C North Branch project, and a third crew is starting the 02-H West Bantry project. As well, the earthworks crew is at the Springhill Canal Liner job, where approximately 30% of the project is complete. Pictures were provided and a number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley regarding these projects and the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- construction to begin after the Springhill Canal Liner project, 30% complete
Bow Slope Spillway	- 100% complete
Springhill Canal Liner	- construction underway, 30% complete
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- construction underway, 85% complete
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- construction underway, 25% complete
02-H West Bantry (AIM)	- construction underway, 40% complete

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
01-A One Tree Pipeline	- construction underway, 35% complete

5.02 Drain Relocation – Alvin Plett – SW 05-23-16 W4M

Alvin Plett is requesting a drain relocation in NW 05-23-16 W4M to accommodate the installation of a wiper pivot. Currently, a drain runs within the curved perimeter of the pivot area. As 2 of the 4 crossings are at an extreme angle causing the crossings to be much longer than desirable, it is being requested to relocate a portion of the drain to shorten 2 of the crossings. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$23,410.

2023-12-310 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Alvin Plett in NW 05-23-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000. The cost of the project is \$23,410; of which the landowner will pay \$11,705 + GST, plus culvert costs and any hauling of fill material. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:43 a.m. R. Gagley exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

6.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

6.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The Snake Lake reach of the fibre project went live as of December 7th. Work has commenced on the next phase, which is running fibre to the Bow City, Rainier, and Scandia towers. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[9:49 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

7.0 Lands

7.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

7.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

7.01.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Colin Christman – SE 26-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 51 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 81 acres flood (30 acres added for general assessment)
- Converting: 68 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 3 acres outside and a 10 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 81 acres (68 acres wiper pivot, 10 acres separate flood field, 3 acres outside)

2023-12-311 Moved by J. Kethmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Colin Christman for the conversion of 51 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 26-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,100 (51 acres x \$100/acre) – \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,600. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Daniel & Dionne Christman – SW 26-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 128 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 137 acres flood (9 acres added for general assessment in 1995)
- Converting: 122 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 15 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 137 acres (122 acres wiper pivot, 15 acres outside)

2023-12-312 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel & Dionne Christman for the conversion of 122 acres flood to wiper pivot in SW 26-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,200 (122 acres x \$100/acre) – \$7,500 (15 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,700. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.3 Wheels to Pivot – Allen & Donna Nielsen – SE 36-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 123 acres (91 acres pt sec pivot, 32 acres wheels), (4 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Current Assessment: 133 acres (10 acres added within the irrigable unit for irrigation development in 2023)
- Installing/Converting: quarter section pivot, 42 acres wheels to pivot (6 acres eligible)
- Assessment remains the same at 133 acres; all under quarter section pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2023-12-313 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Allen & Donna Nielsen for the conversion of 6 acres wheels to pivot in SE 36-16-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$600. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.4 Flood to Corner Arm – Ewald Rutschmann – SE 20-20-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 129 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 151 acres (121 acres pivot, 30 acres flood outside pivot area), (22 acres added for irrigation development in 1982)
- Converting: 22 acres flood to corner arm; 8 acre separate field
- Assessment remains the same at 151 acres (121 pivot, 22 corner arm, 8 acres separate field)

2023-12-314 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ewald Rutschmann for the conversion of 22 acres flood to corner arm in SE 20-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,200 (22 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.5 Increase – 1078828 Alberta Ltd (Lee & Shirley Pickett) – E ½ 21 & Pt SW 22-22-17 W4M

- Current Assessment: 268 acres (irrigation development in 2017)
- Proposal: add end gun to north pivot and add small wiper pivot; 52 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 320 acres, all under pivot (141 north pivot, 41 wiper pivot, 138 south pivot)
- Notes: application submitted prior to November 28, 2023; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by December 31, 2024

2023-12-315 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1078828 Alberta Ltd for 52 infill acres in E ½ 21-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$51,376 (52 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-12-316 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on E ½ 21 & Pt SW 22-22-17 W4M, all lands being owned by 1078828 Alberta Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.6 Increase – James & Sharon Neely – SE 31-21-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 61 acres
- Current Assessment: 71 acres (4 acres added in 2011 and 6 acres added in 2016 for general assessment)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 5 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 76 acres, all under pivot (71 large wiper pivot, 5 small wiper)
- Notes: application submitted prior to November 28, 2023; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by December 31, 2024

2023-12-317 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for James & Sharon Neely for 5 infill acres in SE 31-21-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,940 (5 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.7 Increase – Richard Torkelson – NW 04-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 68 acres
- Current Assessment: 77 acres (74 pivot, 3 outside pivot area), (9 acres added for general assessment in 1995)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 3 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 80 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: application submitted prior to November 28, 2023; soils meet requirements; subject to a 2.0 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; subject to receiving County approval if crossing road allowance; project must be completed by December 31, 2024

2023-12-318 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Richard Torkelson for 3 infill acres in NW 04-20-13 W4M; subject to entering into a 2.0 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement and County approval if crossing the road allowance. The capital assets charge is \$2,964 (3 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.01.1.8 Conversion of Term to Irr – Russel & Dorie Pickett – NW 13-22-17 W4M

The landowners' 130 acre pivot in NW 13-22-17 W4M is assessed at 28 irrigation acres and 102 acres under a terminable agreement. They are requesting to convert 102 acres under a terminable agreement to irrigation acres and require 5 additional acres for general assessment. Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver from the existing delivery. Soils retesting meets requirements. The application was submitted prior to November 28, 2023.

2023-12-319 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application for Russel & Dorie Pickett to convert 102 terminable acres to irrigation acres, and add 5 irrigation acres, in NW 13-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$37,128 (102 terminable acres x \$364/acre) + \$4,940 (5 irrigation acres x \$988/acre) = \$42,068. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:06 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

7.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

7.02.1 GAC Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

A GAC Meeting was held on December 12th, with the draft minutes being made available to Directors. The usual fall topics were addressed such as this year's grazing season and financials, next year's listings, the AUM rate, waterline projects, existing irrigated pasture, and other lease management matters. In addition, RALP (Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program) and late entry ratios were discussed. The following recommendation to the Board of Directors was made by GAC representatives:

GAC 23-06 *Moved by Daniel Doerksen to recommend to the EID Board of Directors to adjust the ratios for late entry dates to 1.25 and 1.95 for the June and August dates respectively. Seconded by Dan Plumer. CARRIED In Favour – 9 Opposed – 6*

This request was given discussion by Directors. The proposal to adjust late entry ratios is to be taken to the grazing association annual meetings in spring for a wider opinion and brought back to the Board.

It was also requested that more information and clarity be gathered regarding the RALP program.

7.02.2 2024 Cattle Listings and Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

With a tentative 65 head maximum per full member, total cattle numbers applied for the 2024 season are 15,122 or 2,312 head below last year. This total is lower than projected, mainly due to more than anticipated members dropping out. It is expected the total will decrease to approximately 15,000 head after adjustments are made.

2024 CATTLE NUMBERS SUMMARY – as of December 13, 2023					
Association	2023	2024	Difference	2023 Members	2024 Members
Bantry	585	465	- 120	10	8
Bassano	969	789	- 180	14	13
Duchess	1,241	1,030	- 211	19	17
Eyremore	1,966	1,768	- 198	27	29
Gem	2,637	2,391	- 246	39	39
Newell	2,198	1,932	- 266	33	32
Patricia	2,786	2,443	- 343	43	44
Rolling Hills	1,396	1,021	- 375	23	21
Rosemary	2,076	1,876	- 200	31	30
Tilley	1,580	1,407	- 173	26	26
Total	17,434	15,122	- 2,312	265	259
Members	9 new, 15 dropped out				

The GAC reviewed total listings for 2024 at their recent meeting. With low volumes of reserve grass, consensus was to evaluate pastures conditions in spring and further reduce the maximum number per member if required.

2023-12-320 Moved by D. Peltzer that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2024 grazing season be set at 65 for full members, 43 for 2nd year members, and 22 for 1st year members; pending a review of pasture conditions in the spring. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:03 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

7.03 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

7.03.1 Set Rates for Land Spraying, Seismic, & Dirt

It was recommended that the 2024 rates for land spraying, seismic and dirt fill be retained from 2023. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2023-12-321 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Oil & Gas rates for 2024 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; and**
- **Fill for Water Users - \$3.00/m³.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2023-12-322 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

9.0 Safety

6.0 EIDNet cont'd

6.02 Fibre Project Update

10.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

10.01 Draft AGM Agenda

10.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

2023-12-323 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

8.0 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground

Direction confirmed for Admin.

9.0 Safety

Regular Safety Program updates will be provided at the Board level, likely on a quarterly basis.

6.0 EIDNet Report cont'd

The Board was provided with an update on the fibre project.

10.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

10.01 Draft AGM Agenda

No additions were requested to the draft AGM agenda.

10.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

A few suggestions were offered for the Board and GM reports for the Annual Report Book. Drafts will be reviewed at Corporate Planning. A review of the final complete report book will be held at the January 23rd Board of Directors Meeting.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - Tuesday, December 19 th , 12:30 p.m., County Office
[attending: all Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley] |
| 11.02 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 21 st , 5:00 p.m. |
| 11.03 | Corporate Planning | - Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 11.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.05 | Irrigated Lease Auction | - Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 2:00 p.m., EID Office |

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Chairman

General Manager