



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

- o 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:
 - o \$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:
 - o the County of Newell has expressed interest in increasing shelterbelt uptake in the County as a long term soil erosion prevention strategy
 - o starting in 2023, the County will be lending staff support as needed to plant, mulch and maintain sites
 - o 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:
 - o 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:
 - o as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options will be investigated for seedlings
 - o as time and IS staffing permit, statistics will be collected, and mapping overlays generated to potentially establish PHD sites and Ring-neck Pheasant numbers
 - o 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