



April 23, 2024, Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 23rd day of April 2024. 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. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
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.

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.

2024-04-102 Moved by B. Schmidt that Tracy Hemsing be nominated for Chair. Seconded by B. Deschamps.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were placed, Mr. 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.

2024-04-103 Moved by J. Ketchmark that David Peltzer be nominated for Vice-Chair. Seconded by B. Schroeder.

Mr. Peltzer accepted the nomination. Mr. Hemsing called for nominations a second and third time. As no further nominations were placed, Mr. Peltzer was elected Vice-Chair.

2.0 Appointments

2.01 Committee of the Whole

All Directors are included on the Committee of the Whole.

2.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive

T. Hemsing 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

J. Ketchmark will act as JSSC Representative.

2.06 Scholarship Selection Committee

R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Helsing, and I. Friesen are included on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

2.07 Newell Regional Tourism Association

B. Schmidt will continue as NRTA Representative.

3.0 Calendar of Tentative Meeting Dates

A calendar of tentative Board Meeting dates for the upcoming year was provided for Directors. By default, Board Meetings are usually scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of the month, but rescheduled or additional meetings added as needed from time to time.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 20.0 Aquatic Invasive Species

2024-04-104 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 March 4, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-04-105 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 April 2, 2024, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the April 2, 2024, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

[rescinded by motion 2024-05-144]

~~**2024-04-106 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the April 2, 2024, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the March 4th or April 2nd meetings.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Aggie Days

B. Schroeder and I. Friesen worked at the AIDA booth for Aggie Days at the Calgary Stampede Grounds on Sunday, April 14th. A busy day of general public attendance, the AIDA booth offered agricultural related activities for children and opportunities to discuss various aspects of irrigated agriculture with adults.

4.02 IQubed

An IQubed Conference was held April 18th & 19th in Brooks, bringing entrepreneurs, Ag producers, investors, and community leaders together. D. Peltzer attended on the 18th, and T. Hensing on the 19th. Presentations were heard on irrigation and the SMRID expansion project, Ag research, Ag tourism, and farm succession, as well as energy, housing, labour, economy, and innovation matters.

4.03 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

D. Peltzer attended a recent CVRS meeting and noted that the campground is being managed quite well and that he had earlier brought back some matters of discussion to Mr. Friesen. This year, 90 applications for seasonal sites were received, with 18 not being drawn.

4.04 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Schroeder attended a recent JSSC meeting informing that the committee would like to hear information from the EID concerning the AIS Prevention Program at their May 14th meeting.

[9:48 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 2nd Quarter Investment Report – March 31, 2024

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2024, was \$15.5 million or 15.5% less than the book value at September 30, 2023.

2nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$8,600,000	\$4,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000



2024-04-107 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2024

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

2024-04-108 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to March 31, 2024

The financial statements to March 31, 2024, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$24.4 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$14.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$9.6 million.

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

2024-04-109 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:16 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

All projects are complete and ready for the 2024 irrigation season. Final cleanup remains on most of the projects, which is the current priority. The charts below show each of the project’s individual estimates and expenditures at this time. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$950,000	\$1,376,000
Bow Slope Spillway	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$169,000	\$258,000
Springhill Canal Liner	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$2,777,000	\$2,146,000
PIPELINE			
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$15,890,000	\$17,286,000
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$16,179,000	\$16,693,000
02-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$159,000	\$144,000



IRP PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
PIPELINE			
01-A One Tree Pipeline	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$6,500,000	\$6,828,000

[10:24 a.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report and Reservoir Status

The snowpack for the Bow Basin continues to be below average, comparable to last year in most ranges. Although resulting flows were pushing ice through the District’s system, diversion began 2 weeks earlier than last year, on April 3rd, as soon as gates could be opened at the dam. Priority is filling reservoirs and as of April 16th, 260,481 acre-feet of water is in storage for the upcoming season. It is anticipated to be at or near full on all reservoirs by the beginning of May.

7.02 Drought Plan Guidelines – Review Current Operating Stage

Pursuant to the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 (2024), each operating month, and particularly in June, the stage of the Drought Plan Guidelines is to be confirmed or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board.

I. Friesen advised that with a snowpack similar to last year, uncertainty of the onset and momentum of spring melt, local soil moisture conditions, and the Provincial Government facilitated water sharing agreements, a lower maximum allotment of water per acre should be considered at this time. He added that a lower maximum would also promote conservation at the start, both with irrigators and in the conveyance system, and that an average of 15”/irrigation acre was sufficient last year, given the conditions. Additionally, Stage 3 of the Drought Plan Guidelines provides for the ability to transfer up to 6” of additional water. Discussion ensued and a number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2024-04-110 Moved by B. Schroeder that the District move to Stage 3 of the Drought Plan as prescribed by the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 (2024), effective Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and that the total amount of water available to irrigators for the 2024 irrigation season be limited to 15” per acre. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Optimism exists that the maximum amount could be increased as diversion and storage is monitored in response to weather conditions, usage, and demand. District staff, the website, and the draft newsletter will be updated. Admin suggested that the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw and the 2024 irrigation season be reviewed at the 2025 Corporate Planning sessions.

[10:54 a.m. – 11:02 a.m. Short break.]



2024-04-111 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:02 a.m. Arno Doerksen, Tim Doerksen, Lorin Doerksen, and Barry Doerksen entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Doerksen Presentation

[12:03 p.m. – 12:34 p.m. Doerksen’s exited the meeting. Lunch break.]

2024-04-112 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

11:00 a.m. Doerksen Presentation cont’d

A letter from the Board will be forwarded to Lorin Doerksen informing of the Board’s decision.

[1:25 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

8.0 Equipment

I. Friesen and R. Gagley presented the following Equipment Report.

8.01 Sale of Excavators – Results of Bids

I. Friesen advised that invitations for bids on the purchase of the following excavators were sent to auction houses and advertised locally, with results received as follows:

SALE OF 2018 HITACHI ZX250LC – 5N 250 EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Century Services	\$127,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$121,350 + GST
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd	\$107,888 + GST
Ross Owen	\$107,099 + GST
Team Auctions	\$101,000 + GST

SALE OF 2018 HITACHI ZX350LC – 5N 350 EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Century Services	\$126,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$115,400 + GST
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd	\$107,888 + GST
Team Auctions	\$85,000 + GST

SALE OF 2019 DEERE 350 GLC EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Romer Environmental	\$220,000 + GST
Second Chance Excavating	\$172,598 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$138,800 + GST
Century Services	\$133,000 + GST
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd	\$125,888 + GST
Team Auctions	\$115,000 + GST

SALE OF 2015 BOBCAT F50T4 50 COMPACT EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd	\$40,188 + GST
Century Services	\$38,500 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$38,050 + GST
A-1 Irrigation – Bill Anderson	\$37,575 + GST
Team Auctions	\$27,500 + GST

SALE OF 2011 GRADALL XL4200 III EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Team Auctions	\$91,000 + GST
Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	\$81,300 + GST
Century Services	\$49,500 + GST
Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd	\$32,888 + GST

- 2024-04-113 Moved by D. Peltzer that as highest bid, the District sell the:**
- **2018 Hitachi 250 Excavator for \$127,000 + GST to Century Servies,**
 - **2018 Hitachi 350 Excavator for \$126,000 + GST to Century Services,**
 - **2019 Deere 350 Excavator to Romer Environmental for \$220,000 + GST,**
 - **2015 Bobcat Compact Excavator to Michener Allen Auctioneering Ltd for \$40,188 + GST,**
 - and**
 - **2011 Gradall Excavator to Team Auctions for \$91,000 + GST.**
- Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.02 Purchase of Trucks & Trailers

R. Gagley advised that the following quotes were received for the purchase of semi trucks and Super B trailers. This purchase is scheduled as part of the 2024/2025 capital purchase budget, but approval is being requested now to ensure delivery in the spring of 2025. These trucks and trailers will enable hauling material to the Snake Lake Reservoir Project to be more efficient, and potentially purchasing more units will enable the majority of the work to be performed in-house. At this time it is being recommended to purchase 2 Western Star trucks and 2 Super B trailers. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.



SEMI TRUCK AND SUPER B SIDE DUMP TRAILER - Quotes			
Make & Dealer	Base Price	Auto Greaser, Wet Kit & Toolbox	Total
Mack Truck Nortrux, Red Deer	\$250,000 <i>[39,700 kg payload]</i>	\$35,750	\$285,750
Super B Side Dump Trailer Commercial Truck, Calgary	\$217,898	-	\$217,898
Total for Mack Truck and Super B (work ready)			= \$503,648
Western Star Dunlop Truck Centres, Lethbridge	\$252,700 <i>[40,107 kg payload]</i>	\$30,100	\$282,800
Super B Side Dump Trailer Dunlop Truck Centres, Lethbridge	\$210,540	-	\$210,540
Total for Western Star Truck and Super B (work ready)			= \$493,340

2024-04-114 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the purchase of:

- 2 Western Star semi trucks for \$282,800 each and
- 2 Super B side dump trailers for \$210,540 each,

all from Dunlop Truck Centres in Lethbridge, for a total of \$986,680. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:30 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Work continues on the next fibre phase, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to March 31, 2024	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	30
Residential Accounts	1,526
Business Accounts	269
EID Automation	5
Total	1,830

9.02 Bassano Fibre Project Update

Directors were informed that since the fibre installation leg to the Bassano tower was not approved under the Universal Broadband Funding (UBF), construction of this portion has been delayed until after the completion of the portion of the UBF funded project. However, fibre to the Snake Lake tower was completed earlier than initially planned to enable increasing the bandwidth capabilities from Snake Lake to Bassano, and thus increasing available speeds in Bassano, on an interim basis. It is anticipated that the portion of the UBF fibre funded project will be complete by December 2025 and the EID funded extension of fibre to Bassano will occur in the 2025-2026 budget year.

10.0 Request from County of Newell Fire Services

A letter was received from the County of Newell Regional Fire Chief requesting free internet service for all rural fire departments to support its emergency, training, and educational systems. A short discussion was held, and it was agreed to offer the same arrangements as was offered to rural community halls. If it is desired to secure plans at higher speeds above the Regular Plan, it will be required that the fire departments cover the costs above the base plan, as well as for any additional/optional equipment.

2024-04-115 Moved by R. Hiebert that for all fire departments within the County of Newell requesting EIDNet internet service, the District pays the basic installation fee and the monthly equivalent of an irrigator Premium 9 Mbps residential plan. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:37 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Request from Scandia Community Centre Board

A letter was received from the Scandia Community Centre Board requesting assistance with the demolition of the Quonset portion of their facility. A short discussion was held. As with past in-kind work, hauling material is not included, but the District will tear down and load material, and will level the site.

2024-04-116 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District assist in demolition of the Quonset portion of the Scandia Community Hall and with leveling the site for replacement; subject to the Scandia Community Centre Board obtaining all regulatory permits and approvals required to perform the work. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:44 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting.]

12.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

In follow up to the March 4th Meeting and in consideration for 2nd reading, Mr. Koochin presented the draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw that contained the following additional revisions:

- Provisions for applications proposing the construction of on-farm water storage facilities, with the District providing a 2 year completion deadline, but requiring an engineering report to be submitted with the application and the landowner obtaining all regulatory permits and approvals within the 2 year deadline, if the project is conditionally approved by the Board;
- "Efficiency of Water Storage Infrastructure" was added as another category to the rating system for applications, with weighting of 0-12; and
- developments proposing rotational irrigation to have 5 points deducted in the rating system.

2024-04-117 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-04-118 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2024-04-119 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board read and approve Bylaw #974 (2024) the second time this 23rd day of April 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Additional revisions to the bylaw regarding landowner reservoirs and spill water are to be inserted and brought back to the May meeting for 3rd and final reading.

13.0 Lands

13.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

13.01.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2024

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to March 31, 2024					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
December 31, 2023	312,556	3,016	0	153	315,725
March 31, 2024	313,715	2,995	0	201	316,911
Net increase	1,159	< 21 >	0	48	1,186
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)					1,138
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					21
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to March 31, 2024		
	2nd Quarter [Jan-Feb-Mar]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$2,560,090	\$15,478,585
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$7,644	\$80,794
Annual Agreements	\$0	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$45,600	\$115,950
Totals	\$2,613,334	\$15,675,329

13.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

13.01.2.1 Drain Infill – Chad Sewall – SE 18-20-13 W4M

Chad & Susan Sewall are requesting a drain to be infilled in SE 18-20-13 W4M to accommodate the installation of a pivot. Currently, a drain transects the east and west portions of the parcel. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$11,000.

2024-04-120 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad Sewall in SE 18-20-13 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 \$11,000; of which the landowner's share is \$5,500 + GST. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.2 Flood to Pivot – 714296 AB Ltd (Martin & Shawna Wiebe) – NW 31-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres
- Current Assessment: 148 acres (10 acres transferred in from various parcels)
- Converting: 12 flood acres to corner arm; 4 acres needed
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: application was submitted prior to Capital Assets rate change

2024-04-121 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 714296 AB Ltd for the conversion of 12 acres flood to corner arm in NW 31-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,200 (12 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,952 (4 acres x \$988/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:16 p.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

13.01.2.3 Flood to Pivot – Kokay Farms Ltd (David & Kathlyn Peltzer) – NE 22-21-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 131 acres flood
- Converting: 131 flood acres to pivot; 1 acre needed
- New Assessment: 153 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2024-04-122 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Kokay Farms Ltd for the conversion of 131 acres flood to pivot in NE 22-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,100 (131 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$1,500 (1 acre x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:17 p.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

13.01.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Shawn Lelek – Pt NE & SE 02-22-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 155 acres flood
- Converting: 107 flood acres to wiper pivot; 48 acre flood field remains in NE
- Assessment remains the same at 155 acres (107 wiper pivot, 48 acres flood)

2024-04-123 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Shawn Lelek for the conversion of 107 acres flood to pivot in Pt NE & Pt SE 02-22-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,700 (107 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-04-124 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt NE & Pt SE 02-22-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Shawn Lelek. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.5 Wheels/Flood to Pivot – James & Sharon Neely – NW 30-21-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 83 acres (45 acres pivot to south, 38 acres wheels & flood)
- Converting: 38 acres wheels & flood acres to linear pivot; 2 acres needed
- New Assessment: 85 acres, all under pivot (40 linear, 45 pivot to south)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: subject to landowner obtaining County of Newell approval to farm the road allowance

2024-04-125 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for James & Sharon Neely for the conversion of 38 acres flood and wheels to pivot in NW 30-21-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$3,800 (38 acres x \$100/acre); subject to the landowner obtaining County approval to farm the road allowance. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.6 Increase – 1742044 AB Ltd (Grada & Jan Drost) – SW 26-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 88 acres
- Current Assessment: 128 acres (40 acres added in 1979)
- Proposal: flood to corner arm pivot; 25 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $128 \times 1.4 = 51$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 153 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2025

2024-04-126 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1742044 AB Ltd for 25 efficiency acres in SW 26-14-14 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$37,500 (25 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.7 Increase – Rodney Henrickson – NW 31-21-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 108 acres pivot
- Proposal: add end gun; 24 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 132 acres pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2025

2024-04-127 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Rodney Henrickson for 24 infill acres in NW 31-21-12 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$36,000 (24 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.8 Increase – Cliff Sewall – NE 22-18-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 81 irrigation acres and 10 terminable acres
- Proposal: flood to wiper pivot; 10 terminable acres to be converted and 22 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $81 \times 1.4 = 32$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 113 acres wiper pivot

- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2025

2024-04-128 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Clif Sewall for 22 efficiency acres in NE 22-18-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$33,000 (22 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-04-129 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application for Cliff Sewall to convert 10 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NE 22-18-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,500 (10 terminable acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.9 Transfer – Pedro & Eva Wiebe – NW 30-16-15 W4M to SW 31-16-15 W4M

The landowners are requesting to transfer 30 irrigation acres from NW 30-16-15 W4M to SW 31-16-15 W4M to extend the rotation of a wiper pivot from 40 acres to 70 acres.

2024-04-130 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the transfer of 30 irrigation acres from NW 30-16-15 W4M to SW 31-16-15 W4M; all lands being owned by Pedro & Eva Wiebe. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.01.2.10 Increase – Pedro & Eva Wiebe – NW 30-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 104 acres flood and wheels
- Current Assessment: 74 acres (30 acres transferred to SW 31-16-15 W4M, motion 2024-04-130)
- Proposal: install pivot; 36 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $104 \times 1.4 = 42$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 110 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2025; 30 acres of the project do not qualify as infill as they were originally transferred off the parcel to benefit a new irrigation development (New Acre rate applies)

2024-04-131 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Pedro & Eva Wiebe for 36 efficiency acres in NW 30-16-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,000 (6 acres x \$1,500/acre) + \$108,000 (30 acres x \$3,600/acre) = \$117,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:24 p.m. – 2:29 p.m. Short Break. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek and N. Fontaine entered.]

13.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

13.02.1 Results of Tender – PGL #7169

In follow up to the March 4th Meeting, PGL #7169 was put up for tender with no minimum bid, no community grazing lease deduction, and no 640 acre or 1 lease limitation. The following bids were received:



PGL #7169 5 Year 741 acres 120 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Stewart McKellar	\$12,857.14	\$107.14	\$642.86	\$13,500.00
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$12,810.00	\$106.75	\$640.50	\$13,450.50
Luke Kropf	\$12,600.00	\$105.00	\$630.00	\$13,230.00
Martin Cattle Co Inc	\$11,000.00	\$91.67	\$550.00	\$11,550.00
Ron & Michelle Gietz	\$8,105.00	\$67.54	\$405.25	\$8,510.25
Robert McKnight	\$7,240.00	\$60.33	\$362.00	\$7,602.00
Chad Galbraith	\$2,500.00	\$20.83	\$125.00	\$2,625.00
Kyle Christman	\$2,400.00	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$2,520.00

2024-04-132 Moved by R. Hiebert that as high bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, Private Grazing Lease #7169 be awarded to Stewart McKellar. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.2 Letter from Blaine Johnson

A letter to the Board of Directors was received from Blaine Johnson concerning pasture recovery and the AUM grazing rate. Additional information will be brought back to the Board at a later meeting for continued discussion.

13.02.3 Report on Grazing Advisory Committee Meeting

13.02.3.1 Draft GAC Minutes

A GAC Meeting was held April 11th, with the draft minutes subsequently provided to Directors. Regular spring management topics were addressed such as late entry dates, pasture conditions, listings, extra riding rate for swing fields, water allocation for DU projects, solar project updates, Rock Lake Reservoir pivots, waterline projects, fireguards, fencing, crossing highways, and compensation for cattle hit on roads within leases.

13.02.3.2 Review Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

At the December 19, 2023, Directors Meeting, the maximum number of cattle per member was 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. Taking into account some spring moisture, the delayed entry dates, and the understanding that cattle may need to be brought home earlier, the GAC made the following motion:

GAC 24-04 Moved by Tracy Hall that the GAC recommends to EID Board of Directors to maintain the 65 head maximum listing for a June 1st entry date on native grass and May 15th on regrass for the 2024 season. Seconded by Lee Beasley. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was advised that requests to send cattle to the swing fields have increased. Through discussion the following motion was made.

2024-04-133 Moved by R. Hiebert that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2024 grazing season be decreased to 60 for full members, 40 for 2nd year members, and 20 for 1st year members. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.02.3.3 Review/Set Turn-Out Dates

At the March 4, 2024, Directors Meeting, the turn-out date for regrass/tame pasture and irrigated pastures was set at May 15th, pending ideal conditions. This date was to be reassessed and the native pasture date set in April.

2024-04-134 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Dates:

- for regrass/tame and irrigated pastures be confirmed for May 15th, and
 - for native pasture be set for June 1st,
- with flexibility given to Associations to adjust 2 days pre or post Turn-Out Date. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.02.3.4 Grazing Policy – Adjust/Confirm Late Entry Ratios

In follow up to the December 19, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting and opinions gathered at grazing association annual meetings, late entry ratios were rediscussed at the GAC Meeting, resulting in the following motion:

GAC 24-03 *Moved by Leonard Retzlaff to uphold GAC Motion 23-06. Seconded by Greg Andrew. CARRIED In Favour – 15 Opposed – 3*

A short discussion was held by Directors.

2024-04-135 Moved by D. Peltzer that the late entry ratios under 2.7(d) of the Policy Governing Eligibility and Operation of Pastures on EID Lands be adjusted from:

- 1.20 to 1.25 for June 15th entry cattle, and
- 1.87 to 1.95 for August 1st entry cattle.

Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The revised Grazing Policy can be found on the EID website.

13.02.3.5 Review of Compensation for Cattle Hit on Roads Within Grazing Pastures

Compensation is available for cattle hit on roads in community grazing pastures where cattle are at large and if no one claims responsibility. The compensation is administered through the EID and budgeted in the AUM rate. Claims typically range from \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year. If the responsible party is found, they are invoiced directly, at market value.

GAC 24-06 *Moved by Greg Andrew that a recommendation be made to the EID Board of Directors to increase compensation for cattle hit on roads to \$2,500/cow and \$1,800/calf. Seconded by Scott Metcalf. CARRIED.*

2024-04-136 Moved by B. Deschamps that the compensation for cattle hit and killed on roads within Community Grazing Pastures where no one claims responsibility, be increased to \$2,500/cow and \$1,800/calf. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:13 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

13.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access



13.03.1 2023 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

During 2023, the Partners in Habitat Development program continued and also received some funding and labour partnership from the County of Newell. The full Annual Report was received as information; a summary can be seen in the March 4th minutes.

13.04 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

13.04.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Report

The 2024 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary was presented with yearly totals dating 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
2024 Mid-Year	8	8	113 ac (19 miles)	1 permit (77.9 miles)	12	44
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

13.04.2 Request to Present to the Board – Silver Sage Ag Society

A letter was received from the Silver Sage Ag Society requesting to present to the Board. This request was granted and the SSAS will be invited to present at an upcoming meeting.

13.04.3 Request to Purchase Land – County of Newell

The County of Newell is requesting to purchase a small parcel of land located in the NE 13-20-13 W4M within the Hamlet of Patricia for a roadway alignment correction. The area required is approximately 0.25 of an acre.

2024-04-137 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District sell to the County of Newell an approximate 0.25 acre parcel of land within the Hamlet of Patricia for a roadway alignment correction, for \$2,500/acre; subject to 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 J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-04-138 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.04.4 Sale of District Owned Lands – Policy Discussion

13.04.5 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update



13.04.6 Lake Newell Resort Pathway

[3:47 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; J. Thompson entered.]

14.0 Safety Program Update

[3:55 p.m. J. Thompson exited the meeting.]

15.0 Legal Updates

15.01 Occupational Health & Safety – WCB Updates

[4:17 p.m. M. Koochin, R. Gagley, and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[4:52 p.m. M. Koochin, R. Gagley, and W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

16.0 Commercial Updates

16.01 Rainier Solar Project – Update

16.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Adjacent Lands

17.0 Annual General Meeting

17.01 Review of the March 5, 2024 AGM

18.0 Newsletter – Draft

[5:06 p.m. B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

19.0 Scholarship Policy Review

20.0 Aquatic Invasive Species

[5:19 p.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

2024-04-139 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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13.0 Lands cont'd

13.04.4 Sale of District Owned Lands – Policy Discussion

The Sale of District Owned Lands Policy will be brought to the 2025 Corporate Planning sessions for further discussion.

13.04.5 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update

A motion was made once reconvened.



13.04.6 Lake Newell Resort Pathway

Direction was given to staff.

14.0 Safety Program Update

An update was provided to the Board.

15.0 Legal Updates

15.01 Occupational Health & Safety – WCB Updates

An update was provided to the Board.

16.0 Commercial Updates

16.01 Rainier Solar Project – Update

An update was provided to the Board.

16.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Adjacent Lands

A motion was made once reconvened.

17.0 Annual General Meeting

17.01 Review of the March 5, 2024 AGM

No matters were raised from the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

18.0 Newsletter – Draft

Final edits and proofing of the newsletter will take place, with a mailout date planned for the first week of May.

19.0 Scholarship Policy Review

Directors confirmed that applications for scholarships based on an accelerated program could now be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

20.0 Aquatic Invasive Species

The AIS Prevention Program strategy for a scheduled tournament at Crawling Valley was outlined for Directors.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

13.0 Lands cont'd

13.04 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

13.04.5 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update cont'd

In follow up to direction made at the November 28, 2023 Meeting, an offer to sell or lease the group use area on EID lands adjacent to Kinbrook Island Provincial Park was discussed with Government of Alberta (GOA) reps. In response, the GOA had the land appraised and has offered to purchase the approximate 23 acre parcel at \$2,200/acre. Admin recommended the sale of the

parcel, subject to the GOA committing to the removal of the Provincial Park designation on all EID lands surrounding Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and within Lake Newell Reservoir that was previously applied in error. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2024-04-140 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District sell to the Government of Alberta (GOA) an approximate 23 acre parcel of land encompassing the group camping area in Pt NE 18 & Pt NW 17-17-14 W4M, for \$2,200/acre; subject to all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees, and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the purchaser; and subject to the GOA committing to the removal of the Provincial park designation on all EID lands surrounding Kinbrook Island Provincial Park and within Lake Newell Reservoir that was previously applied in error by way of Order and Council. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.0 Commercial Updates cont'd

16.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Adjacent Lands

In follow up to the approval of the Snake Lake Reservoir Project at the February 2024 Meeting and further direction from the Board, it was reviewed that to support reservoir rim slope stability on lands adjacent to the west boundary of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion, the EID has offered to purchase the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom lands in SW 30, SE 30 & NW 30-19-16 W4M in exchange for 300 irrigation acres to be assessed on Hutterian Brethren of Lathom lands in N ½ 26-19-17 W4M. The purchased lands will directly support the construction, operation and maintenance of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project.

2024-04-141 Moved by R. Hiebert that in support of the construction, operation and maintenance of the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project, the Board has determined it is in the best interests of the District to waive the timeframes for receiving, reviewing and approving applications for new parcel irrigation acres, the ranking criteria for applications, and deadlines for completing projects as otherwise contained in the Irrigation Acres Bylaw and approves the issuance of 300 irrigation acres to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom on N ½ 26-19-17 W4M (being, 150 irrigation acres to each of NE and NW 26-19-17 W4M) in exchange for the lands owned by the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom and legally described within SW 30, SE 30 & NW 30-19-16 W4M. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-04-142 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & NE 26-19-17 W4M; all lands being owned by the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.0 Upcoming Events

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| 21.01 | AIDA AGM | - Friday, April 26 th , 9:00 a.m. (<i>online</i>) |
| 21.02 | Alan Harrold Retirement from LNID | - Friday, April 26 th , Lethbridge [<i>I. Friesen attending</i>] |
| 21.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, May 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 21.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |



R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager