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**January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of January 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. Ross Owen	Director	[Division 3]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4]		
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]	[apologies]	
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:

- 12.0 Tateson Reservoir Pumping

2024-01-001 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 December 19, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 7.01.1.8 replace "122" acres with "102" acres.

2024-01-002 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the December 19, 2023, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters raised.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

There were no reports on meetings or events.

[9:07 a.m. E. Chapman and S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

9:15 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2022/2023 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.

2024-01-003 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Independent Auditor's Report be accepted and that the District's audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2023, be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-01-004 Moved by R. Owen that the audit findings letter dated January 23, 2024, be accepted, executed, and returned to the auditor. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:05 – 10:12 a.m. Short break, E. Chapman exited the meeting, B. Kroschel entered.]

2024-01-005 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

5.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970

5.02 2024 Rate Bylaw #971

[11:11 a.m. R. Gagley entered the meeting.]

5.03 Other

2024-01-006 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up cont'd

5.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970 cont'd

The Maximum Water Bylaw governs the maximum amount of water that may be delivered by the District to each acre receiving water for irrigation purposes and for any other purpose. A focus of review was given to the Drought Plan Guidelines and the maximum amount of water allowable per acre. Preliminary revisions were discussed at Corporate Planning, and 2 options were presented at this meeting for further discussion. The 24"/acre maximum (average of 18"/acre across the District) was not lowered; however, to support efficiencies in water use it is now being proposed to begin each irrigation season with an 18"/acre maximum, and to increase or decrease this amount by entering a different stage of the plan, taking into account various factors including time of year, snowpack, precipitation, river and reservoir levels, and weather forecasts. Each operating month, the stage will be confirmed, or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board. The ability to transfer or purchase deliveries of water is provided in selected stages of the drought plan.



2024-01-007 Moved by R. Hiebert that Option B, with requested revisions, of Bylaw #970 (2024) be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of January 2024. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The revised bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2nd and possibly 3rd readings.

5.02 2024 Rate Bylaw #971 cont'd

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Rate Bylaw was presented with a proposed \$5.00/acre water rate, an Annual Agreement rate of \$30.00/acre, and a surcharge rate of \$60.00/acre for acres under a terminable agreement which have been identified as being eligible for conversion to irrigation acres but have not been converted at the request of the agreement holder. Directors requested that the pressure system surcharges be increased from \$10.00/acre to \$12.50/acre.

2024-01-008 Moved by D. Peltzer that the pressure system surcharge in Bylaw #971 (2024) be increased to \$12.50/acre and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of January 2024. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The revised bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2nd and possibly 3rd readings.

[11:27 a.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2023

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2023, was \$8.7M or 8.7% less than the book value at September 30, 2023.

1st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$11,200,000	\$5,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	\$7,000,000	\$6,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	\$100,000	\$150,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$4,200,000	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2024-01-009 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2023

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

2024-01-010 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Financial Statements to December 31, 2023

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

- YTD revenues total about \$12.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$7.5 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$5.3 million.

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

2024-01-011 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.04 2024 Fees Bylaw #972

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the 2024 Fees Bylaw was presented for review. The Bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, this year \$37.20/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. The presented bylaw now also contains current charges and hook-up fees for household purposes agreements and various rural water use agreements, and current charges and hook-up fees for other purposes agreements. The bylaw has also been revised to incorporate the Country Residential Subdivision Policy and Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy. Charges for water delivery to newly subdivided parcels are increased to \$5,100/acre foot, with a minimum of \$10,200 for 2 acre feet.

2024-01-012 Moved by R. Owen that Bylaw #972 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 23rd day of January 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2nd and possibly 3rd readings. Once approved, the 2 policies which have been incorporated into the bylaw will then be rescinded.

6.05 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.

2024-01-013 Moved by R. Owen that Remuneration Bylaw #956 (2022) be retained for 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:54 a.m. – 12:29 p.m. Lunch break; S. Barlow exited the meeting]

[12:29 p.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting and R. Summach entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

Construction work resumed January 2nd; however, a couple extreme cold days impacted progress. Crew 1 remains on the One Tree project and Crew 2 is finalizing the tie-ins at both ends of the Sec

C North Branch pipeline. When complete, Crew 2 will move to the One Tree project and assist Crew 1. The Earthworks Crew is currently on the Springhill Canal with roughly 3 weeks to finish, at which point they will move to the Lake Newell Feeder 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, 35% complete
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- construction underway, 90% 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

7.02 14-H West Bantry

R. Summach presented the 14-H West Bantry synopsis, advising that this project is located south of Tilley, beginning 2 km SE of the intersection of Hwy #875 and #535 and heading SW. It is being proposed to convert the open canal to a closed gravity pipeline. All the parcels in the service area of the pipeline are currently irrigated and as such, the potential for expansion is limited. The recommended alignment is significantly different than the canal alignment but sees an approximate \$290,000 savings by crossing SE 32 & Sec 30-16-13 W4M. The project is estimated to cost \$6,576,000 and it is being recommended to be funded under the AIM program. A thorough discussion was held and a number of questions were responded to by staff.

2024-01-014 ~~Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 14-H West Bantry rehabilitation project to install 8.1 km of closed gravity pipeline with laterals for an estimated cost of \$6,576,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY~~

[rescinded by motion 2024-08-200]

581 acres on this system are currently flood; of which the landowners of 2 parcels have indicated that they will be converting from flood pivot. By converting at the time of the project, which enables a reduction of overall costs for the project and increases water efficiencies, the landowners are eligible for Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants.

2024-01-015 **Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Peter & Barbara Nielson for converting from flood to pivot in SW 29-16-13 W4M at the time of the 14-H West Bantry rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowners is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2024-01-016 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Stanley & Beth Torkelson for converting from flood to pivot in SE 30-16-13 W4M at the time of the 14-H West Bantry rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowners is \$20,000. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[12:59 p.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

7.03 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

In follow up to Corporate Planning, under 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6 of the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy, the District/Landowner cost-share percentages will be adjusted from 75/25 to 50/50, with the maximum District contribution raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000. It was also recommended to raise the values under 8.3 for the payment to landowners for construction easements and permanent easements or ROW, based on the District's adjusted amount of \$10,500/irrigated acre as market value.

- 2024-01-017 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be approved as amended. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.04 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

It is also being proposed to amend the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy for clarity by confirming that a landowner may be eligible to receive grants concurrently under both 1.1 and 1.2 of the policy, if applicable. Clause 1.3 was deleted as there are no efficiencies or advantages gained by the District.

- 2024-01-018 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.05 Drainage Policy for County/EID Joint Projects

Lastly, it is being proposed to amend the Drainage Policy for County/EID Joint Projects to reflect a matching contribution by the EID, reduce the District/Landowner cost-share from 75/25 to 50/50 under 2.03 (f) for relocating a drain at the request of a landowner, and the delete section 3.0 as it is already covered under the Farm Improvement Policy.

- 2024-01-019 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Drainage Policy for County/EID Joint Projects be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Status of various snowpack pillows (Skoki, Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Little Elbow, Mount Odum, and Lost) that are monitored and feed the Bow River are currently tracking below the normal range. Snow pillows (Akamina, Flat Top, Many Glacier, Gardiner, South Racehorse, and Limestone) feeding other headwaters reflect the same scenario, excepting one. There is still some time for ranges to recover somewhat; however, levels are tracking much below last season and are trending towards a below average snowpack overall.

[1:24 p.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

9.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The newly constructed fibre project for the Snake Lake reach went live as of December 7th. Work has commenced on the next reach, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to December 31, 2023	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	30
Residential Accounts	1,539
Business Accounts	243
EID Automation	5
Total	1,817

[1:28 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen entered.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.01.1 Brooks & District Fish & Game Association Range Lease

The Brooks & District Fish & Game Association (BFGA) has been operating the rifle and archery range located on EID land in Sec 17-18-14 W4M since the early 1990s. The current lease has expired and the BFGA is wanting to renew the agreement. The lessee is responsible for utility costs, any increase in property taxes, and insurance.

2024-01-020 Moved by R. Owen that the Board offer a 5 year recreational lease to the Brooks & District Fish & Game Association for \$250/year plus any applicable taxes, effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

N. Fontaine presented the following Assessment, Water & Lands Report on behalf of S. Connauton.

10.02.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2023

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

EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2023					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
September 30, 2023	312,454	3,039	0	153	315,646
December 31, 2023	312,556	3,016	0	153	315,725
Net increase	102	< 23 >	0	0	79
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)					102
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					23
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to December 31, 2023		
	1 st Quarter [Oct-Nov-Dec]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$85,256	\$12,918,495
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$73,150
Annual Agreements	\$0	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0	\$70,350
Totals	\$85,256	\$13,061,995

10.02.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.02.2.1 Wheels to Pivot – John Genovese – SE 36-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 48 acres (27 irrigation, 21 terminable)
- Current Assessment: 60 acres (12 irrigation acres added for irrigation development)
- Converting: 60 acres wheels to wiper pivot, (27 acres eligible)
- Assessment remains the same at 60 acres; all under wiper pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2024-01-021 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for John Genovese for the conversion of 27 acres wheels to pivot in SE 36-21-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$2,700 (27 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.2 Increase – 1627169 Alberta Ltd (Danny & Dawn Van Hal) – NW 31-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (8 acres transferred off parcel for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2025

2024-01-022 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 1627169 Alberta Ltd for 11 infill acres in NW 31-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (11 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.3 Increase – Doug and Roxanne Dafoe – NE 20-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 21 acres
- Current Assessment: 38 acres (17 acres added as infill)
- Proposal: complete half wiper; 29 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 67 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2025

2024-01-023 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Douglas & Roxanne Dafoe for 29 infill acres in NE 20-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$43,500 (29 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.4 Increase – Doug and Roxanne Dafoe – SE 29-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 44 acres
- Current Assessment: 53 acres (9 acres added as infill)
- Proposal: add end gun; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 64 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2025

2024-01-024 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Douglas & Roxanne Dafoe for 11 infill acres in SE 29-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (11 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.5 Increase – George & Joan Niznik and John Niznik – W 28-18-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 167 acres flood and wheels
- Current Assessment: 171 acres (4 acres added for general assessment in 2004)
- Proposal: convert flood and wheels to wiper pivot; 32 acres needed (6 acres efficiencies, 26 acres infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: flood and wheels to pivot; $43 \times 1.15 = 6$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 203 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2025

2024-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for George & Joan Niznik and John Niznik for 6 efficiency acres and 26 infill acres in W ½ 28-18-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$48,000 (32 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff are to update the Board regarding landowners with term acres that could convert to irrigation acres.

10.03 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following request for funding.

10.03.1 Request for Funding – Alberta Invasive Species Council

A request for funding was received from the Alberta Invasive Species Council. The non-profit Council assists those working in the prevention of invasive species and the public, through resource support, education, and collaboration. Workshops, conferences, member portal, detection, mapping and monitoring, research support, outreach and advocacy, biocontrol, media outreach, and awareness campaigns are provided.

2024-01-026 Moved by R. Owen that \$5,000 be contributed to the Alberta Invasive Species Council in support of the association's operating costs. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:39 p.m. – 1:44 p.m. Short break, B. Doerksen exited the meeting and R. Volek entered.]

10.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.04.1 Grazing Waterline Projects for Approval

Waterline projects are being proposed for the Scandia West, Patricia East, Bantry North, and Gem areas of community pastures. These extensions will convey to existing dugouts and new water tanks. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2024 GRAZING WATERLINE PROJECTS				
Project Details	Scandia West	Patricia East	Bantry North	Gem
Total Length	4,500 m	5,000 m	6,000 m	10,750 m
New Water Tanks	3	3	4	3
Cost	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$125,000

2024-01-027 Moved by R. Owen that the Grazing Waterline Projects in Scandia West, Patricia East, Bantry North, and Gem community pastures be approved as presented, at a total estimated cost of \$400,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2 Direction for Renewal – Expired Private Grazing Leases

The following PGL's have expired and direction for renewal is being requested. With the exception of #7067 and #7241, all are short term leases that have potential for irrigation development or have other unique considerations. Maps and details of each lease were presented to Directors for discussion.

10.04.2.1 Annual Permit – PGL #7290, 7291

PGL #7290 located in Pt SW 36-16-14 W4M consisting of 12 acres and 2 AUM.

2024-01-028 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7290 be offered for sale as per policy to Ellis Kropf, as adjacent landowner; and if this is not accepted, to retain the PGL as an annual permit to be offered to Ellis Kropf for \$250/year. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PGL #7291 located in Pt NE 36-20-15 W4M consisting of 6 acres and 1 AUM.

- 2024-01-029 Moved by R. Hiebert that PGL #7291 continue as a grazing permit and be offered to Wayne Finnerty as adjacent landowner, for a flat fee of \$300/year. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.04.2.2 3 Year Term – PGL #7053

PGL #7053 located in NW 20-14-13 W4M and W ½ SE 20-14-13 W4M, consisting of 242 acres and 45 AUM.

- 2024-01-030 Moved by R. Hiebert that PGL #7053 be limited to NW 20-14-13 W4M (160 acres), be assigned a reduced carrying capacity of 30 AUM, and be tendered out for a 3 year term, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was requested that staff gather more information on preparing the W ½ of SE 20-14-13 W4M for sale, and the potential for moving the drain in NE 19 & NW 20-14-13 W4M under the County/EID Drainage Program.

10.04.2.3 Short Term – PGL #7048, 7078, 7083, 7102, 7123, 7167, 7214

PGL #7048 located in E ½ 35-14-13 W4M consisting of 305 acres and 55 AUM.

- 2024-01-031 Moved by B. Schmidt that PGL #7048 be tendered out for a 5 year term with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7078 located in W ½ 36-14-13 W4M consisting of 299 acres and 48 AUM.

- 2024-01-032 Moved by B. Schmidt that PGL #7078 be tendered out for a 5 year term with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7083 located in W ½ 06-24-15 W4M consisting of 320 acres and 53 AUM.

- 2024-01-033 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7083 be offered to Douglass Agro Ltd for a 1 year extension for \$5,150 + GST, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation; and if this is not accepted, that the PGL be tendered out for a 1 year term with no community grazing lease deduction or 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7102 located in Pt NW & SW 20, SW & SE 19, NW 18, Pt NE 18, Pt SW 18-14-12 W4M and SE 13-14-13 W4M, consisting of 1,211 acres and 232 AUM.

- 2024-01-034 Moved by B. Schroeder that PGL #7102 be tendered out for a 3 year term with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



PGL #7123 located in N ½ 23-14-13 W4M consisting of 313 acres and 60 AUM.

- 2024-01-035 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7123 be tendered out for a 3 year term with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7167 located in SW 21 & NW 16-14-13 W4M consisting of 314 acres and 70 AUM.

- 2024-01-036 Moved by R. Hiebert that PGL #7167 be offered to George Giesbrecht for a 1 year extension for \$4,150 + GST, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation; and if this is not accepted, that the PGL be tendered out for a 1 year term with no restrictions. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7214 located in SE 34 & NE 27-14-13 W4M consisting of 320 acres and 58 AUM.

- 2024-01-037 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7214 be assigned a reduced carrying capacity of 58 AUM and be tendered out for a 1 year term with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.04.2.4 Long Term – PGL #7067, 7241

The following PGL's did not receive bids at the November 2023 auction.

PGL #7067 located in Pt NW 20, N ½ 21, SW 21 & Pt NE 21-15-13 W4M consisting of 707 acres and 135 AUM.

- 2024-01-038 Moved by R. Owen that for PGL #7067 the District install a new fence on the west boundary of NW 20-15-13 W4M along Hwy #875 and that the lease be tendered out for a 15 year term, with a minimum bid of \$17,212.50, a community grazing deduction of 27 head, a standard PGL rent calculation, and a 640 acre or 1 lease limitation. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

PGL #7241 located in Pt SW 16-20-15 W4M consisting of 61 acres and 25 AUM.

- 2024-01-039 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7241 be assigned a reduced carrying capacity of 11 AUM and be tendered out for a 15 year term, with no minimum bid, a community grazing deduction of 2 head, a standard PGL rent calculation, and a 640 acre limitation. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.04.2.5 ROW Long Term Grazing Agreements

ROW grazing agreements signed with adjacent landowners in 2019 expired December 31, 2023. These agreements included, upon giving written notice, the option to renew for an additional 15 year period.

- 2024-01-040 Moved by B. Schmidt that PGL #7296, 7297, 7298, and 7299 be offered for renewal to the previous leaseholders for a 15 year term, to be fully expiring in 2038. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.04.3 Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) – Update

An update was given to Directors regarding the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program and a number of questions answered. R. Volek will communicate to Grazing Associations that if they are interested in submitting an application for the RALP program, the EID cannot be involved in the process but can complete some work that won't jeopardize the application such as plowing and/or surveying the projects.

[3:28 p.m. – 3:34 p.m. Short break, R. Volek exited the meeting, R. Gagley and B. Kroschel re-entered.]

2024-01-041 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Irrigation Development

[3:53 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

12.0 Tateson Reservoir Pumping

[4:14 p.m. R. Gagley and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book**14.0 Commercial Update**

2024-01-042 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**11.0 Irrigation Development**

As follow up to Corporate Planning and further discussion, the Irrigation Acres Bylaw will be revised so that soils testing is to be completed prior to submitting an application for irrigation development; and written consents from affected neighbouring landowners to grant easements permitting installation of any new infrastructure across their lands are to be submitted with the application. The revised Irrigation Acres Bylaw will be brought to the upcoming February and/or March Board Meeting(s).

12.0 Tateson Reservoir Pumping

As per standard practice, it is required that a construction agreement be signed prior to any District work being completed for a landowner, whether cost-shared or contracted. In follow up to motions approved at the August 22, 2023 meeting, it was directed that this proposed cost-share agreement indicate that it remains the landowner's responsibility and cost to access water from the reservoir, that the landowner's requested delivery point is the reservoir, and that the reservoir level will fluctuate. If this cost-share agreement is unacceptable to the landowner, contract work may be completed by the District, as is the case for any landowner.



13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

A few small revisions will be made to the draft Annual Report Book. I. Friesen will include additional information in his verbal report at the AGM.

14.0 Commercial Update

This matter is to be brought back to the February Board Meeting for confirmation of direction.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | Irrigated Lease Auction | - Tuesday, January 30 th , EID Office, 2:00 p.m. |
| 15.02 | AIDA 2024 Conference | - February 5 th – 7 th , Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
[attending: R. Hiebert, R. Owen, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder,
T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut,
B. Kroschel.] |
| 15.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 4 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 5 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 15.06 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 6 th , 5:00 p.m. |

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager



February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of February 2024. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1] <i>[apologies]</i>	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]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Ops
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4] <i>[online]</i>	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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 13.0 *[an additional item under Commercial Updates]*

The following item was deferred to the March 4th Meeting:

- 7.04 Reservoir Pumping – Duane Hale

2024-02-043 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-02-044 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Minutes of the January 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Tateson Reservoir Pumping

The Board was advised that Mr. Tateson has chosen not to enter into a cost-share agreement to re-excavate a channel to his pump site off Bantry #1 Reservoir. Rather, he opted to contract the EID to complete the work at his full cost pursuant to a construction agreement.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA 2024 Conference

Several Directors and staff attended the AIDA Conference in Lethbridge February 5th – 7th. Topic categories included water management awareness, implications of 2023, adapting to drought, responding to extreme drought, and on-farm drought response options. I. Friesen took part in a 2024 water management panel discussion and in the technical session, presented information on the Eyremore Reservoir on-stream storage option.

4.02 Drought Working Group

R. Gagley and B. Kroschel represented the EID at the Drought Working Group session in Calgary on February 9th. Reps from the Government of Alberta, irrigation districts and other major stakeholders reviewed water modelling data and the goal of securing formal water sharing agreements. For the Bow River, a ratio sharing plan was proposed by the BRID for the 3 irrigation districts. The plan is based on the number of assessed irrigation acres, reservoir evaporation area, and allocations for Ducks Unlimited projects, feedlots, industrial use, and municipal use for each district, with a comparative percentage assigned to each district for receiving water over the year. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not unlike the cooperative methods that have been in place for years between the districts. The draft one year sharing MOU will be brought to the boards for review and to be ratified.

[9:27 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2024

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

- YTD revenues total about \$15.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$10.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$5.7 million.

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

2024-02-045 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 with picker, deck and toolbox for an estimated \$160,000 through Enterprise. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-02-046 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2024 Rate Bylaw #971

The 2024 Rate Bylaw was presented at the January 23rd Board Meeting, revised as directed, and given 1st reading. The bylaw includes a \$5.00/acre water rate, an Annual Agreement rate of \$30.00/acre, a surcharge rate of \$60.00/acre for acres under a terminable agreement which have been identified as being eligible for conversion to irrigation acres but have not been converted at the request of the agreement holder, and a pressure system surcharge of \$12.50/acre.

2024-02-047 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #971 (2024) the second time this 27th day of February 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- 2024-02-048 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #971 (2024), 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 J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2024 Rate Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

5.03 2024 Fees Bylaw #972

The 2024 Fees Bylaw was presented at the January 23rd Board Meeting and given 1st reading. The bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, this year \$37.20/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. The bylaw now also contains current charges and hook-up fees for household purposes agreements and various rural water use agreements, and current charges and hook-up fees for other purposes agreements. Charges for water delivery to newly subdivided parcels are increased to \$5,100/acre foot, with a minimum of \$10,200 for 2 acre-feet.

- 2024-02-049 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board read and approve Bylaw #972 (2024) the second time this 27th day of February 2024. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2024-02-050 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #972 (2024), 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 J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2024 Fees Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

5.04 Country Residential Subdivision Policy

As the revised bylaw now incorporates concepts previously contained in the Country Residential Subdivision Policy, this policy may now be rescinded.

- 2024-02-051 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Country Residential Subdivision Policy be rescinded. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.05 Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy

As the revised bylaw now incorporates concepts previously contained in the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy, this policy may now be rescinded.

- 2024-02-052 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Other Purposes Water Agreements Policy be rescinded. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:47 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

6.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project

First presented to the Board in 2018, the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project has been given extensive consideration regarding its operational benefits to fully supply 50,000 irrigation acres downstream and thereby reducing off-river acres by 35%, its construction viability, and the project's overall feasibility. In 2020, the Government of Alberta (GOA) announced a historic investment to expand irrigation through Provincial funding grants and Federal financing, with the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project receiving approval as one of the off-stream storage projects eligible for the Alberta Irrigation Modernization (AIM) program. In light of this, the District included the project in its irrigation expansion modelling and 2021 plebiscite proposal.

In March 2022 the project footprint lands were secured by the District. Throughout 2022 and 2023, extensive boreholes, penetration tests, rock cores and laboratory analysis have been undertaken to analyze the physical, chemical, and geotechnical properties and to determine the existing ground conditions under the proposed dam berms and within the expanded reservoir.

A provincial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, and the District is awaiting government comment on its Terms of Reference (TOR) which outline the potential impacts of expanding the reservoir that must be addressed. It is estimated that once the final EIA is submitted, it will take at least a year to receive approval from the Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (EPA) Environmental Assessment Group, EPA Water Act Group, and the Natural Resources Conservation Board.

The Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project is located approximately 15 km southeast of Bassano and 32 km northwest of Brooks. The current reservoir is contained by 2 earth-fill dams: 1 along the east end, and 1 along the west end. The maximum storage at its present size is 14,900 acre-feet at full supply level (FSL). Outflow from the reservoir is through the East Dam Outlet Structure, located near the north end of the East Dam. Water is conveyed from the reservoir via the Snake Lake Canal to the Springhill Canal, which supports approximately 50,000 acres downstream.

It is being proposed to expand the size and capacity of Snake Lake Reservoir, which will help offset the direct use of water from the Bow River when it tends to run lower in the summer. Earthworks will include the construction of approximately 8 km of earthen berms, up to 20 m in height. Total storage in the expanded reservoir is estimated to be 70,000 acre-feet which would support the 50,000 acres downstream with 16.8 inches of water, excluding evaporation and operational spill. A new low-level outlet structure will be constructed at the north end of the expanded reservoir to deliver water into the Snake Lake Canal, which will have its capacity increased to 800 cfs under the IRP program to fully support the downstream acres.

It is recommended that the expansion be funded up to \$218 M under the AIM program and the remainder through the Capital Works program at an estimated cost of \$273 M (full contingency option).

2024-02-053 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project to expand the reservoir to approximately 70,000 acre-feet by constructing 8 km of earthen berms:

- **at an estimated full contingency project cost of \$273M, to be funded:**
 - **up to \$218M under the AIM program where a 30% grant from the Alberta Government and financing through the Canada Infrastructure Bank are available,**

- and the remainder to be funded through the Capital Works program.
Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:54 a.m. R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

Only 1 pipeline is left to complete. The One Tree Pipeline has approximately 25% remaining and is on schedule to be completed by April 15th, at which point it will be ready for the 2024 irrigation season. Final cleanup is still necessary on all projects and will continue into late spring. Work on the Lake Newell Feeder will continue until the end of March, and whether it is entirely complete or not, will be ready to run water into Lake Newell Reservoir come spring.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Lake Newell South Feeder (AIM)	- construction underway, 45% complete
Bow Slope Spillway	- 100% complete
Springhill Canal Liner	- 80% complete; drain rehab remains
PIPELINE	
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 100% complete; cleanup remains
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- construction underway, 75% complete
02-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 100% complete; cleanup remains

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
01-A One Tree Pipeline	- construction underway, 75% complete

7.02 03 East Branch

J. Kabut presented the 03 East Branch synopsis, advising that this project is located approximately 14 km southwest of Brooks and is slated for the 2024/2025 construction year as an IRP project. The proposed rehabilitation will consist of a closed gravity pipeline which will tie into an existing, full pressurized pipeline; enabling 2 lift pump stations and 1 full pressure pump station to be removed. Priming pressure only will be supplied to the existing deliveries and as a result, landowners will need to install their own pumps. The size of the main pipeline will be 36" and a portion of the existing pipeline will need to be twinned to provide priming pressure. This new system will supply 887 acres, of which 98% will be pivot. It is recommended that this project be funded under the IRP program at an estimated cost of \$3,102,000. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

2024-02-054 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at a cost of \$3,102,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2024-08-197]

Cliff Sewall will be installing a pivot in NE 22-18-16 W4M and has also agreed to eliminate his delivery to the north. By converting from flood to pivot at the time of the project and eliminating a delivery, which reduces overall costs for the District and increases water efficiencies, the landowner is eligible for two \$20,000 grants under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy.

2024-02-055 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Cliff Sewall for converting from flood to pivot in NE 22-18-16 W4M at the time of the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-02-056 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Cliff Sewall for eliminating the north delivery in NE 22-18-16 W4M at the time of the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 V Tilley

R. Summach presented the V Tilley synopsis, advising that this project is located 3 km south of Tilley, beginning at the intersection of Hwys #876 and #535. It is being proposed to install a 3.3 km closed gravity pipeline. Pivots will receive 3 cfs and the pipeline will have greater priming pressure than the existing canal. The total area served is 1,025 acres, 254 of which are flood, and the potential for expansion is limited. It is recommended that this project be funded under the AIM program at an estimated cost of \$2,660,000. A number of questions were responded to by staff.

~~**2024-02-057 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the V Tilley rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at a cost of \$2,660,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**~~ [rescinded by motion 2024-08-199]

[10:19 a.m. – 10:24 a.m. Short break; R. Summach & J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to be below normal ranges for this time of year and are below the previous year's levels in most ranges. If this trend continues, the 2024 snowpack will end below average.

9.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following draft bylaw.

9.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970

Maximum Water Bylaw #970 was presented at the January 23rd Board Meeting and given 1st reading. This bylaw governs the maximum amount of water that may be delivered by the District to each acre receiving water for irrigation purposes and for any other purpose. At Corporate Planning and the January 23rd Board Meeting, a focus of review was given to the Drought Plan

Guidelines and the maximum amount of water allowable per acre. The 24"/acre maximum on a parcel (average of 18"/acre across the District) remains (Stage 1 of Drought Plan Guidelines); however, to support efficiencies in water use the District will begin each irrigation season with an 18"/acre maximum on a parcel (Stage 2), and will increase or decrease this amount by entering a different stage of the plan, taking into account various factors including time of year, snowpack, precipitation, river and reservoir levels, and weather forecasts. Each operating month, the stage will be confirmed, or may be adjusted by resolution of the Board. The ability to transfer or purchase deliveries of water is provided in selected stages of the drought plan. 2nd and 3rd readings of this bylaw were deferred to the end of the meeting to enable additional wording to be included in the bylaw.

[10:55 a.m. B. Kroschel 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. Work continues on the next phase, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia. In response to a Director's enquiry, it was confirmed that a written request for internet support at local fire halls may be submitted for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

[11:04 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

11.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2024 Rates and Opening/Closing

A review of the prior year's campground and marina rates was 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. A Director requested to increase the boat slip charges to be at comparative rates with Crawling Valley Campground.

2024-02-058 Moved by B. Schroeder that the 2024 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:**
 - **\$15/day, including GST,**
 - **\$90/week, including GST,**

- \$500/season, plus GST; and
 - \$500, plus GST, for the Seasonal Application Fee (payable as the full seasonal fee).
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2024-02-059 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the 2024 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday, May 13th and close Monday, September 30th. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-02-060 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham)

11.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht

[12:01 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek entered the meeting.]

11.02 Grazing

11.02.1 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

[1:34 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton and B. Kroschel entered.]

11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy

11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy

11.03.3 Rural Water Use Agreements

12.0 Irrigation Development

[2:16 p.m. – 2:23 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited.]

9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973

9.03 Water Delivery & Operations Policy

[2:43 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

13.0 Commercial Updates

[3:34 p.m. B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

14.0 Communications and Outreach Overview

2024-02-061 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**11.01.2 Request to Purchase Land – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham)**

A request to purchase Pt SE 14-17-16 W4M was received from GCG Cattle Co Ltd. This request was denied.

11.01.3 Request to Purchase Land – Pedro Giesbrecht

A request to purchase NW 04-14-13 W4M was received from Pedro Giesbrecht. This request was denied.

11.02 Grazing**11.02.1 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC**

A letter was received from JBS Food Canada ULC. Direction was given to Admin/Staff.

11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands**11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy**

A motion to approve the Farm Improvement Policy as presented and with further revision, was made after reconvening.

11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy

A motion to rescind the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy was made after reconvening.

11.03.3 Rural Water Use Agreements

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Board was informed of the administrative process being carried out this year to implement agreements with acreage owners who are irrigating or wish to irrigate outside their identified maintained yard area, by an efficient sprinkler method. A formalized agreement will clarify permitted uses for acreage owners, assist Water Operators in their operations and be permitted administratively. The Fees Bylaw and Rural Water Use Agreements will be revised for 2025 to include the option of a supplemental agreement applicable to the peripheral area for personal or recreational use of pastures, hay fields, etc. for a few horses or livestock. A fee per acre-foot will be applied and will be in addition to the annual fee for the yard area. The agreement will not be available for Business, Agricultural, Livestock Watering, or Household Purposes uses as these are administered through other specific agreements. Correspondence will be forwarded to acreage owners to inform them of this availability, update contact information, and receive preliminary requests. Aerial photos will also be reviewed to identify yard boundaries and current use. The Board will be updated on this matter at future meetings.

12.0 Irrigation Development

Discussion on this matter in general will continue at the March 4th meeting under the Irrigation Acres Bylaw item.

**9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd****9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973**

Bylaw revisions were reviewed. Motions for 1st and 2nd readings were approved once reconvening.

9.03 Water Delivery & Operations Policy

Policy revisions relating to implementation of maximum instantaneous flow restrictions and registering restrictive covenant agreements against title to the landowners who are permitted by the District to irrigate subject to a reduced maximum instantaneous flow were reviewed. The policy will be presented for approval once the Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw has been fully approved.

13.0 Commercial Updates

Direction was given to Admin.

14.0 Communications and Outreach Overview

Direction was confirmed for staff.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Request for Funding – Ag for Life

A letter was received from Ag for Life requesting operational funding in 2024 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.

2024-02-062 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$10,000 be contributed to the Ag for Life “Know Your Food” mobile unit in support of the organization’s operating costs. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[3:48 p.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Lands cont'd**11.03 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd****11.03.1 Farm Improvement Policy cont'd**

In follow up to Corporate Planning discussions, the Farm Improvement Policy was presented with the following revisions:

- increasing the cost-share amounts for landowners under 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 for machine leveling, gated pipe, and eliminating spill past a pump;
- eliminating 4.4 for surface irrigation to side-roll wheel moves;
- excluding brushing and the removal of trees from work that may be performed by the District for the landowner; and
- added clarity to 3.1, 5.3, and 5.4 regarding grant eligibility.

It was requested by Directors that the removal of buildings and foundations also be listed as work that will not be performed by the District.

- 2024-02-063 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Farm Improvement Policy be revised as presented, with landowner buildings and foundations to also be listed as exclusions from cost-share work that may be performed by the District for the landowner. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This policy may be viewed on the District's website.

11.03.2 Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from Landowner Policy cont'd

As the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw and current Capital Works Program otherwise speak to the matter contained in this policy, the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy may now be rescinded.

- 2024-02-064 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Purchasing Irrigation Acres Back from the Landowner Policy be rescinded. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This policy will be removed from the District's website.

9.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

9.02 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973 cont'd

This bylaw regulates the delivery and distribution of water to a user, allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain activities occur, and imposes conditions that must be satisfied before the delivery and distribution of water to a user may be restored. Revisions to this bylaw were presented that prohibit irrigators from using water delivered by the District in excess of maximum instantaneous flow. In addition, the fee for turning back on water that has been turned off due to a landowner contravention of the bylaw has been increased to \$5,000.

- 2024-02-065 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of February 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2024-02-066 Moved by R. Owen that the Board read and approve Bylaw #973 (2024) the second time this 27th day of February 2024. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This bylaw will be brought back to the March 4th meeting for final approval.

9.01 Maximum Water Bylaw #970 cont'd

2nd and 3rd readings of this bylaw were brought forward from earlier in the meeting to enable additional wording to be included in the bylaw.



2024-02-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the following wording be added to 2.0(b) of Maximum Water Bylaw #970 (2024):

- **"Notwithstanding the foregoing, the stage of the Drought Plan Guidelines in effect on the date of a regular June Board meeting shall be reviewed by the Board at such meeting."**

and that the bylaw be read the second time this 27th day of February 2024. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-02-068 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #970 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Govern the Maximum Amount of Water that may be Delivered for Irrigation Purposes and for any Other Purpose, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Maximum Water Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

16.0 Upcoming Events

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| 16.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 4 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 16.02 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 5 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 16.03 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 6 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 16.04 | Election <i>[if required]</i> | - Tuesday, April 9 th |
| 16.05 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 23 rd |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**March 4, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 4th day of March 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. Ross Owen	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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2024-03-069 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-03-070 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the February 27, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Drought Working Group**

I. Friesen attended the Drought Working Group session in Calgary on March 1st. Multiple meetings have been held to review data and discuss and develop water sharing agreements between major stakeholders to be implemented during a drought. River modelling run by WaterSMART showed the Bow River's proposed per acre water sharing agreement for the WID, EID, and BRID to work well during a drought scenario. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be ready for board review and ratification towards the end of March or beginning of April. A number of questions were responded to.

[9:23 a.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

5.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

5.01 Snowpack Report

Throughout winter, snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to be below normal. However, recent snowfall has moved levels to near or within the average range.

5.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Water could begin to be available April 29th in some locations, with the entire system becoming fully operational by May 6th, with this latter date being on the long term average. It was advised that irrigators contact their Water Operator for availability in their area.

2024-03-071 Moved by R. Owen that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set as April 29th – May 6th, 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A water delivery forecast was also provided to Directors, factoring current reservoir storage and predicted system evaporation with 3 different river diversion averages. At a similar average daily diversion to last year, from mid-April to September 1st, it is shown that 18"/acre could be delivered.

5.03 Reservoir Pumping – Duane Hale

R. Gagley advised that Duane Hale is requesting, at his cost, to move his delivery for his section pivot in 20-22-17 W4M from the Crawling Valley Reservoir to the North Branch Canal to the south. Reservoir pumping, canal access, pipeline easements, landowner sump, system capacity, and a canal check structure were discussed. It was confirmed that Engineering respond that all 3 pivots must be included in the change of delivery location, and if that is unacceptable to the landowner, that the section pivot be switched to coming off the North Branch Canal to the east.

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following Legal & Corporate Services Report.

6.01 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #973

The Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw regulates the delivery and distribution of water to a user, allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain activities occur, and imposes conditions that must be satisfied before the delivery and distribution of water to a user may be restored. Revisions to this bylaw prohibit irrigators from using water delivered by the District in excess of maximum instantaneous flow, raise the fee from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to turn water back on after water to a user has been shut off by the District, and amends wording to align with the current Irrigation Districts Act. 1st and 2nd readings were approved at the February 27, 2024, meeting.

2024-03-072 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #973 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Regulate the Delivery and Distribution of Water to Users, to Establish the Terms and Conditions that apply to that Delivery, and the circumstances under which the Delivery of Water to a User may be Reduced or Stopped, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This bylaw can be found on the District's website.

**6.02 Water Delivery & Operations Policy**

The Water Delivery & Operations Policy was revised to accommodate the implementation of maximum instantaneous flow restrictions and registering restrictive covenant agreements against title to the landowners who are permitted by the District to irrigate subject to a reduced maximum instantaneous flow.

2024-03-073 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Water Delivery and Operations Policy be revised as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The policy can be found on the District's website.

[10:23 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

7.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

7.01 Sale of Used Pickups

Due to disruptions in supply, pickups were utilized longer than usual and the purchase and sell schedule has been delayed. New trucks have now been supplied and an invitation for bids on the purchase of 12 used trucks was sent to 2 auctioneers; 1 bid was received.

SALE OF USED TRUCKS			
Amount	Make	Year	Km
2	1500 Dodge Ram	2014 & 2016	214,000 & 256,000
9	2500 Dodge Ram	2006 – 2018	166,000 – 299,000
1	5500 Dodge Ram	2014	308,000
Company		Bid	
Annett Auction Services		\$52,000 or 10% Commission	

2024-03-074 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District sells 12 Dodge Ram used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 10% commission. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:33 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered the meeting.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

8.01.1 Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club

The Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club is located on a 13 acre parcel of EID land in NE 18-19-14 W4M. 2 additional pistol bays and a new clubhouse have been added in 2016 and 2021 respectively. The Club has held a Recreational Land Use Permit since 1999; the current 5 year permit has an annual rental of \$250/year and is set to expire this April.

2024-03-075 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve to renew the lease with Brooks Small Bore & Pistol Club in the NE 18-19-14 W4M for a further 5 year term at the rate of \$250 per year. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Approval of Tenders

In follow up to the January 23, 2024, meeting the following PGL's were put up for tender. Except for #7067 and #7241, all are short term leases that have potential for irrigation development or have other unique considerations. Leases were tendered with various lengths of terms and conditions, but all include land and residency requirements.

PGL #7061 Annual 142 acres 26 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	<i>*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease</i>	GST	Total
Joel Kropf	\$3,300.00		\$165.00	\$3,465.00

PGL #7187 1 Year 187 acres 40 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$3,440.00	\$86.00	\$172.00	\$3,612.00
Carl Chomistek	\$2,805.00	\$70.13	\$140.25	\$2,945.25
Luke Kropf	\$2,645.55	\$66.14	\$132.28	\$2,777.83

PGL #7214 1 Year 320 acres 58 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$5,160.00	\$88.97	\$258.00	\$5,418.00
Luke Kropf	\$4,500.00	\$77.59	\$225.00	\$4,725.00
Carl Chomistek	\$2,050.00	\$35.34	\$102.50	\$2,152.50

PGL #7053 3 Year 160 acres 30 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$2,550.00	\$85.00	\$127.50	\$2,677.50
Carl Chomistek	\$1,811.00	\$60.37	\$90.55	\$1,901.55

PGL #7102 3 Year 1,254 acres 232 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Scott & Sheila Metcalf	\$25,984.00	\$112.00	\$1,299.20	\$27,283.20
Nelson Weaver	\$24,592.00	\$106.00	\$1,229.60	\$25,821.60
Luke Kropf	\$19,352.90	\$83.42	\$966.30	\$20,292.20
Dick Vossepoe	\$17,755.00	\$76.53	\$877.75	\$18,432.75
Carl Chomistek	\$17,010.00	\$73.32	\$850.50	\$17,860.50
Martin Cattle Co Inc (Kevin Martin, Brent Martin)	\$14,255.00	\$61.44	\$712.75	\$14,967.75

Richard & Heather Hiebert	\$13,900.00	\$59.91	\$695.00	\$14,595.00
Brody Ketchmark	\$12,420.00	\$53.53	\$621.00	\$13,041.00

PGL #7123 3 Year 312 acres 60 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Nelson Weaver	\$6,360.00	\$106.00	\$318.00	\$6,678.00
Luke Kropf	\$5,670.90	\$94.50	\$283.55	\$5,954.45
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$5,635.00	\$93.92	\$281.75	\$5,916.75
Loren Weaver	\$5,210.00	\$86.83	\$260.50	\$5,470.50
Carl Chomistek	\$3,705.00	\$61.75	\$185.25	\$3,890.25

PGL #7048 5 Year 305 acres 55 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Loren Weaver	\$5,885.00	\$107.00	\$294.25	\$6,179.25
Luke Kropf	\$5,115.90	\$93.02	\$255.80	\$5,371.70
Nelson Weaver	\$5,005.00	\$91.00	\$250.25	\$5,255.25
Carl Chomistek	\$4,010.00	\$72.91	\$200.50	\$4,210.50

PGL #7078 5 Year 299 acres 48 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
Loren Weaver	\$5,760.00	\$120.00	\$288.00	\$6,048.00
Nelson Weaver	\$4,272.00	\$89.00	\$213.60	\$4,485.60
Carl Chomistek	\$3,410.00	\$71.04	\$170.50	\$3,580.50

PGL #7169 5 Year 741 acres 120 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total
*1 bid submitted, which was withdrawn				

PGL #7067 15 Year 707 acres 135 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease	GST	Total
Joe Chomistek	\$41,040.00		\$2,052.00	\$43,092.00
Allen Weaver	\$26,100.00		\$1,305.00	\$27,405.00
Todd Green	\$19,000.00		\$950.00	\$19,950.00
Stewart & Lenita Musgrove	\$17,722.50		\$886.13	\$18,608.63

PGL #7241 15 Year 61 acres 11 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	*bid amount is the right to acquire the lease	GST	Total
Ralph Retzlaff	\$260.00		\$13.00	\$273.00

PGL #7169 was tendered with restrictions the same as longer PGLs. Only 1 bid was received and it was withdrawn when the bidder was contacted and restrictions were reiterated. Through discussion with the Board, it was confirmed that Annual (recurring) leases and any leases longer than 5 years

should have a minimum bid assigned, Community Grazing Lease deduction and a 640 acre or 1 parcel limitation. Leases 1-5 years should not include these restrictions.

2024-03-076 Moved by B. Schroeder that PGL #7169 be tendered out for a 5 year term with no minimum bid, no community grazing lease deduction, and no 640 acre or 1 lease limitation. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-03-077 Moved by R. Hiebert that as high bidders, and by meeting land and residency requirements, the grazing leases be awarded as presented. Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02.2 Set Turn-Out Dates

Carryover grass heading into the 2024 grazing season is below normal throughout the District. Precipitation last fall was low and current winter moisture potential is also poor at this time. At this point there is low confidence of having a normal grazing season with a 65 head maximum per member allocation. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2024-03-078 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture and irrigated pastures be May 15th, pending ideal conditions. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This date will be reassessed at the April GAC Meeting, and the date for native pastures will also be assessed and set at that time.

[11:08 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; D. Buell entered.]

8.03 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

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

8.03.1 2023 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2023 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 754 individuals received hunting permission, this is estimated to be half of all hunters utilizing EID lands; 3 individuals applied for permission to trap on EID lands
 - local ads will be run to notify the public of the required permission; it is hoped the District's on line authorization system will be operational in 2024
 - actual hunter activity was lower than normal; highest use areas for hunting continue to be Duchess, Rosemary and Gem (Finnegan Field) Grazing Associations, then Newell (Scandia Ranch) and Patricia (Princess) GA's
 - compliance was very good; however, 7 warnings/information tickets were issued for being off trail/designated route, entering a restricted area, or for a dog chasing cattle
 - day use around Lake Newell Reservoir and Rolling Hills Reservoir was lower than normal, likely due to the low water levels and high fire hazard conditions
 - day use around Crawling Valley Reservoir was close to normal
 - random camping problems around reservoirs were minimal, as was off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, with only Eyremore Grazing seeing semi-regular activity

- the AIS Prevention Program resulted in 29 warnings issued by EID staff and 4 issued by CPO staff, for failure to participate in the program or launching watercraft where prohibited
- 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:
 - at District campgrounds and around reservoirs maintaining traffic enforcement and aiding in camper evictions; at locations with OHV, vandalism, dumping, or fire ban concerns; and providing assistance and an official presence to educate, issue warnings and respond as backup with the AIS Prevention Program
 - during the hunting season in high use areas, in winter on lands with late elk seasons, and on reservoirs with high ice fishing activity
 - on 2 PGLs experiencing groups of trespassers
- Provincial Conservation Officers spend a reduced amount of time patrolling EID lands adjacent to Dinosaur Provincial Park and Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- Fish & Wildlife Officers' jurisdiction is the whole County, so they patrol the entire EID
- Brooks RCMP monitor central and eastern portions of the EID; this year stolen vehicles and equipment left on EID lands and damaging fences was dealt with
- Research Access:
 - Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute, Calgary Zoo/Wilder Institute, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Government of Alberta, Royal Tyrrell Museum, and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service conducted research on EID lands in 2023; focus of activities included:
 - biodiversity monitoring, Northern Leopard Frog monitoring, a Burrowing Owl research and population enhancement program, a remote sensing wetland mapping project, access to excavation sites within Dinosaur Provincial Park, and a duck banding program
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - sites were reduced to 8,281 ac-ft of water in 2023 due to drought plan restrictions
- Wildlife:
 - the Fisheries & Wildlife Management Information System data has been filtered down to relevant species and locations on EID lands; ground truthing will occur in 2024

8.03.2 2023 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary

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

- 2023 PHD Program:
 - 4,658 trees & shrubs were planted on 3 new sites (1 landowner out of 4 selected sites pulled out); 1 site received 2,000 m of fencing materials to prevent livestock access
 - 2,605 replacements were planted on five 2022 sites to replace winterkill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was done on 8 sites
 - drought conditions affected seedling survival, to about 56%; long term average is 74%
 - 4 summer students were hired, and the County of Newell partnered with approximately 2 weeks' time of 2 of their summer students
 - historical site data has been digitized and drive-by inspections will begin in 2024
 - winter upland gamebird surveys at 9 of 13 transects showed 21 male pheasants, 6 female pheasants, and 27 partridges
 - surveys of 23 active Sharp-tailed Grouse leks indicated an average of 13.9 grouse/lek

- time and budget constraints prevented the completion of any spring pheasant crowing count transects or upland gamebird brood survey transects
- 2023 was another good year for Pheasants and Partridge owing to a lack of spring rains and high grasshopper population
- 2024 PHD Program:
 - 6 new planting sites have been selected, near Bantry, Brooks, Duchess and Scandia
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides will be hired for the full May – August PHD season
 - 10,420 seedlings were ordered (approx. 7,600 going to new habitat and approx. 2,100 for 2023 replacements); mulch, landscape staples, and fencing materials will be ordered
- 2024 Budget:
 - \$165,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies; \$115,000 core funding from the EID, \$36,000 from Agroforestry Woodlot Extension Society “2 Billion Trees Program”, and \$10,000 from the County of Newell as well as some in-kind labour assistance
- Partnership:
 - the County of Newell will continue its summer student labour support and contribute \$10,000 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 2027; advertising in 2024 will take place to secure additional sites
- Long Term Plans:
 - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options for seedlings will be investigated
 - as time and IS staffing permit, mapping overlays will be generated with site data
 - new displays will be created, and additional fundraising opportunities explored

[11:31 a.m. N. Fontaine and D. Buell exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

8.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.04.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

8.04.1.1 Flood to Pivot – 66 Ranch Ltd (Kelsey & Malissa Campbell) – Pt E ½ 18-20-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 57 acres flood
- Converting: 54 acres flood to wiper pivot; keeping 3 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 57 acres (54 wiper pivot, 3 acres outside)

2024-03-079 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 66 Ranch Ltd for the conversion of 54 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt E ½ 18-20-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,400 (54 acres x \$100/acre) - \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$3,900. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.2 Flood & Wheels to Pivot – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NW 33-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 146 acres flood and wheels (74 acres west half, 72 acres east half)
- Converting: 146 acres flood to and wheels to 2 wiper pivots; keeping 9 acres outside pivot areas and transferring 13 acres to NE 26-16-13 W4M

- New Assessment: 133 acres (65 pivot & 9 outside west half, 59 pivot east half)

2024-03-080 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for the conversion of 124 acres flood and wheels to 2 wiper pivots in NW 33-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,400 (124 acres x \$100/acre) - \$4,500 (9 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$7,900. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The landowner has requested to transfer 13 flood irrigation acres to NE 26-16-13 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm.

2024-03-081 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from NW 33-16-13 W4M to NE 26-16-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Bantry Seed Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.3 Flood to Pivot – Bantry Seed Farms Ltd (Raymond Virostek and Derek Virostek) – NE 26-16-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 147 acres (134 pivot, 13 flood transferred from NW 33-16-13)
- Converting/Installing: 13 acres flood to corner arm
- Assessment remains the same at 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2024-03-082 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bantry Seed Farms Ltd for the conversion of 13 acres flood to corner arm in NE 26-16-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,300 (13 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Nelson & Charla Weaver – NE 06-16-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 132 acres (61 acres west pivot, 70 wiper pivot, 1 acre flood)
- Converting/Installing: 1 acre flood to corner arm; 7 acres needed (previously approved)
- New Assessment: 139 acres (61 west pivot, 78 wiper pivot)
- Note: increase in irrigation acres application approved in 2022, motion 2022-03-100

2024-03-083 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Nelson & Charla Weaver for the conversion of 1 acre flood to corner arm. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$100 (1 acre x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A grant deduction was previously applied on 1 acre in NE 06-16-13 W4M. This acre is now eligible for a return of deduction.

2024-03-084 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the deduction of \$500/acre applied in July 2019 to 1 acre in NE 06-16-13 W4M be returned to Nelson & Charla Weaver for flood to pivot efficiencies; 1 acre x \$500/acre = \$500. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.5 Flood to Pivot – Washada Holdings Ltd (Carson & Joanna Slorstad) – NE 06-24-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 75 acres flood
- Converting: 75 acres flood to 136 acre pivot; 61 acres needed (irrigation development previously approved, motion 2023-11-288)
- New Assessment: 136 acres pivot
- Note: 15 acres of 5R soils are required to be retested in 2028/2033

2024-03-085 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Washada Holdings Ltd for the conversion of 75 acres flood to pivot. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$7,500 (75 acres x \$100/acre). The capital Assets charge is \$49,400 (50 acres x \$988/acre) + \$26,312 (11 acres x \$2,392) = \$75,712. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.6 Increase – Folkerts Farms Ltd (Arthur & Mary Folkerts) – SW 20-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 142 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres (6 acres removed as part of 1995 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 10 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-086 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Folkerts Farms Ltd for 10 infill acres in SW 20-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (10 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.7 Increase – Gordon & Wendy Frank – Pt N ½ 26-17-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 150 acres
- Proposal: extend linear pivot and wheel field; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 161 acres, all under pivot and wheels
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025; irrigable unit exists

2024-03-087 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gordon & Wendy Frank for 11 infill acres in Pt N ½ 26-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (11 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.8 Increase – Gail Lehr (Pending Transfer to Ken Davidson) – SW 28-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 102 acres flood (22 acres added in 1978)
- Proposal: install pivot; 29 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $102 \times 1.4 = 41$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 131 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements if limiting pivot to 132 acres; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-088 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gail Lehr for 29 efficiency acres in SW 28-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$43,500 (29 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.9 Increase – Viktor & Marina Petker – Sec 23-20-16 W4M

- Current Assessment: 410 acres (3 pivots and flood)
- Proposal: add corner arm and 2 small wiper pivots; 10 acres needed (efficiency & infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $20 \times 1.4 = 8$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 420 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to landowner entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement for each parcel; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-089 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Viktor & Marina Petker for 8 efficiency acres and 2 infill acres in Sec 23-20-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (10 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.10 Increase – Chad & Susan Sewall – SE 18-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 135 acres flood
- Proposal: install pivot; 2 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $135 \times 1.4 = 54$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 137 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-090 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Chad & Susan Sewall for 2 efficiency acres in SE 18-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.11 Increase – Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) – S ½ 19-16-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 219 acres
- Current Assessment: 242 acres (15 acres added in 1995 and 8 acres added in 2016 for general assessments)
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 24 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 266, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-091 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wildeboer Farms Ltd for 24 infill acres in SE 19-16-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$36,000 (24 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the existing half section wiper pivot reaches into the SW and the SE, an irrigable unit is required.



2024-03-092 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on S ½ 19-16-15 W4M; lands being owned by Wildeboer Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.1.12 Increase – Wildeboer Farms Ltd (Elsien & Jan Wildeboer) – Pt E ½ 14-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 153 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 139 irrigation acres (converted to irrigation acres in 1990; 14 acres removed for general assessments)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 27 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 166 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by March 31, 2025

2024-03-093 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wildeboer Farms Ltd for 27 infill acres in Pt E ½ 14-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$40,500 (27 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.04.2 Conversion of Term to Irr – LMK Agra Ltd (Lorne Bunney) – SW 32-19-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 96 acres (88 irrigation, 8 terminable)
- Installing: corner wiper pivot
- Converting: 8 terminable acres to irrigation acres (7 for NW wiper pivot, 1 for SW drip field)
- Assessment remains the same at 96 acres (95 acres under 2 wiper pivots, 1 acre drip field)
- Note: soils meet requirements; Operations has confirmed ability to deliver

2024-03-094 Moved by R. Owen that the Board approve the application from LMK Agra Ltd to convert 8 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SW 32-19-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (8 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:50 a.m. J. Ketchmark declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

8.04.3 Alternate Parcel Transfer – John Miller to John Ketchmark

For the 2024 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 10-17-16 W4M (end gun), SE 21 (end gun), and SW 22 & Pt NW 15 (pivot). Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2024-03-095 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 2024 alternate parcel transfer of 75 irrigation acres from John Miller in S ½ 23-17-17 W4M to John Ketchmark:

- 12 acres to SW 10-17-16 W4M;
 - 11 acres to SE 21-17-16 W4M; and
 - 52 acres to SW 22 & Pt NW 15-17-16 W4M.
- Seconded by R. Owen. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:53 a.m. J. Ketchmark rejoined the meeting.]

[11:53 a.m. – 12:32 p.m. Lunch break; B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]



2024-03-096 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974

[1:42 p.m. S. Connauton and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

9.0 Commercial Updates

10.0 Annual General Meeting

2024-03-097 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

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974

A motion for 1st reading was made once reconvening.

9.0 Commercial Updates

Direction was confirmed for Admin.

10.0 Annual General Meeting

Final edits to the AGM presentations were discussed.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services cont'd

6.03 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 cont'd

Mr. Koochin presented a draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw for consideration of 1st reading that included:

- new annual deadlines (i.e. August 31st for new acres and second Friday of November for infill acres) for accepting applications for irrigation development and increases in irrigation acres, allowing time for the Capital Assets Bylaw to be reviewed, set, and applied to subsequently submitted applications;
- the requirement for soils testing to be completed prior to submitting an application for irrigation development;
- the requirement for written consents from neighbouring landowners affected by the applicant's development and permitting installation of any new infrastructure across their lands to be submitted with an application for irrigation development; and
- additional ranking criteria to rate on-farm water storage facilities and impose a deduction factor for rotational delivery irrigation projects.



A thorough discussion was held, with a number of questions being answered by Admin.

2024-03-098 Moved by R. Hiebert that Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 4th day of March 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This bylaw will be brought back to the April meeting for 2nd and possibly 3rd readings.

11.0 Upcoming Events

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| 11.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 5 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 11.02 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 6 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 11.03 | Election <i>[if necessary]</i> | - Tuesday, April 9 th |
| 11.04 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 11.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Thursday, May 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Owen moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**April 2, 2024, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 2nd 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 & Corp Serv [online]
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 1:30 p.m.

2024-04-099 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 Water Sharing Agreements

2.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update

3.0 Commercial Updates

2024-04-100 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

1.0 Water Sharing Agreements cont'd

Drought Working Group sessions with the Government of Alberta (GOA), irrigation districts, and other major stakeholders in February and March have productively resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for 4 Alberta river basins: Red Deer, Bow, Oldman, and Southern Tributaries. Each MOU outlines each party's commitment to collaboratively manage water resources and prioritize the various needs of the users with consideration of instream objectives. It facilitates collective sub-basin meetings, promotes appropriate management during a drought, and enables water reduction commitments to be triggered. The MOUs expire December 31, 2024.

The Bow River MOU includes, amongst others, the BRID, EID, and WID. This MOU is not unlike the informal cooperative methods that have been in place for years between the districts. The document was presented to the board for review and a number of questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen.

2024-04-101 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board of Directors ratify the 2024 Water Sharing Memorandum of Understanding – Bow River Basin and authorize I. Friesen as General Manager to execute the MOU. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project Update cont'd

Updates were provided to the Board and direction was given to Admin.

3.0 Commercial Updates cont'd

Updates were provided to the Board and direction was given to Admin.

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

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Chairman

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

General Manager



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. Hemsing, 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.

2 nd 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. 591155 Alberta Ltd (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. 591155 Alberta Ltd (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 [39,700 kg payload]	\$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 [40,107 kg payload]	\$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		
	2 nd 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>l. 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.

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

Chairman

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

General Manager

**May 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of May 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2024-05-143 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 2, 2024, Special Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the April 2, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as revised.

2024-05-144 Moved by J. Ketchmark that motion 2024-04-106 be rescinded and that the Minutes of the April 2, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 April 23, 2024, Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings

The minutes of the April 23, 2024, Organizational and Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-05-145 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Organizational and Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the April 2nd or April 23rd meetings.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association AGM

The AIDA Annual General Meeting was attended online by T. Hemsing and I. Friesen. Reports from the Executive Director and Chair were heard and the financials were presented and discussed.

[9:06 a.m. B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

4.02 Joint Shared Services Committee

B. Doerksen attended a JSSC Meeting on May 14th to present information on the EID AIS Prevention Program, the provincial program, and statistics gathered to date. Several questions concerning out-of-province watercraft were answered, as well as to the idea of a moratorium. Currently, British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan are mussel free; however, Quagga mussels have been found in Idaho.

[9:12 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

[9:16 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2024

The financial statements to April 30, 2024, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$28.3 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$17.5 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$10.8 million.

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

2024-05-146 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 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 2024 financial statements.

2024-05-147 Moved by R. Hiebert that the engagement letter, dated May 9, 2024, from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2024 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:34 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date – Update/Correction

All projects are complete but final cleanup remains on most of the projects; communication between project supervisors and landowners helps determine areas that are a priority. A few leaks have been found in new and older pipelines which are repaired as quickly as possible to minimize any negative effects. The charts below show each of the project's updated expenditures and one corrected estimate. 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	\$1,826,000 \$950,000	\$1,399,000
Bow Slope Spillway	- 100% complete	\$169,000	\$258,000
Springhill Canal Liner	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$2,777,000	\$2,152,000
PIPELINE			
Sec C North Branch (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$15,890,000	\$17,686,000
01 One Tree Pipeline (AIM)	- 100% complete, cleanup remains	\$16,179,000	\$17,149,000
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	\$6,872,000

6.02 U-02 Tilley

J. Kabut presented the U-02 Tilley Pipeline synopsis, located approximately 7 km south of Tilley and slated for the 2024/2025 construction year. The proposed rehabilitation will consist of a closed gravity pipeline which will replace a level bank canal. Installation of 200 m of 24" diameter pipeline will serve 200 acres, of which 83% are pivot. The project is estimated to cost \$225,000 and it is recommended for it to be funded under the AIM program.

2024-05-148 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the U-02 Tilley rehabilitation project to install approximately 200 m of 24" pipeline for an estimated \$225,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 J Tilley

J. Kabut also presented the J Tilley Pipeline synopsis, located approximately 2 km north of Tilley and slated for the 2024/2025 construction year. The proposed rehabilitation will consist of a closed gravity pipeline which will replace a canal. Installation of 800 m of 20" diameter pipeline will serve 75 acres, of which 100% are flood, and the deliveries will be sized for potential corner arm pivots at

the end of the pipeline. The project is estimated to cost \$414,000 and it is recommended for it to be funded under the AIM program.

2024-05-149 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the J Tilley rehabilitation project to install 800 m of 20" pipeline for an estimated \$414,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.04 Cost-Share – Grant Ellefson – NE 18-17-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Grant Ellefson is requesting a 90 m drain line extension in NE 18-17-16 W4M. The drain runs diagonally through the quarter, with a portion of it being piped. 5 existing crossings are in place for the existing wiper pivot, but to now accommodate a full circle rotation of the pivot, the landowner is requesting an extension of the piped drain versus installing additional crossings. It is being proposed to cost-share this extension on a 50/50 basis with the landowner.

2024-05-150 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the piped drain extension for Grant Ellefson in NE 18-17-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$18,500; of which the landowner will pay \$9,250 + GST. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.05 Drain Relo – Charles & Cynthia Paetkau – NE 07-23-16 W4M

R. Summach advised that Charles & Cynthia Paetkau are requesting a drain relocation in NE 07-23-16 W4M to accommodate the installation of a pivot. The drain runs north/south through the quarter, requiring 10 pivot crossings. 8 crossings will be culverts; however, the other 2 would require very long culverts so a 140 m drain relocation is being proposed so that the third tower does not need to cross the drain. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$9,000.

2024-05-151 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Charles & Cynthia Paetkau in NE 07-23-16 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 \$9,000; of which the landowners will pay \$4,500 + GST, plus culvert costs and any hauling of fill material. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:59 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

Most snowpack ranges for the Bow Basin are in the average range, with the exception of Sunshine and Three Isle lake being below average. All ranges are currently trending downwards but are in better shape than last year at this time.

7.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The system was largely up and running the week of May 6th, with the usual leaks being fixed on the systems as they arose. As of May 15th, all reservoirs are near their upper end of operating levels (FSL). Currently, there is 20,000 more acre-feet of water in storage compared to last year. So far,

irrigation demand has been relatively low. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kroschel and Mr. Friesen.

WATER USE TO DATE		
	May 2024	May 2023
Water Diverted to Date	70,284 ac-ft (2.66")	78,287 ac-ft (3.02")
Water Applied to Land to Date	0	.24 ac-ft 2.88"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	0 – 50	1 – 300
Parcels Using Over 12"	0	0
Parcels Using Over 16"	0	0
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	294,808 ac-ft	272,847 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

7.03 Drought Plan Guidelines – Review Current Operating Stage

The current operating stage and designated maximum inches per acre as provided via the Drought Plan Guidelines of the Maximum Water Bylaw were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board not to make any changes at this time. The constraints will be re-evaluated at the June meeting, when updated June information relating to snowpack melt, precipitation, river and reservoir levels, local soil moisture conditions, and weather forecasts will be reviewed to help predict water demand and supply for the remainder of the irrigation season.

[10:13 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment

I. Friesen presented the following Equipment Report.

8.01 Sale of Used Pickups – Results of Auction

The 12 used pickups (RAM 1500, 2500 and 5500, 2006 – 2018) and 1 Honda 4x4 quad were sold through Annett Auction Services at their April 22nd online auction for a net value of \$99,540. The guaranteed price, had it been chosen, was \$52,000.

[10:15 a.m. – 10:22 a.m. Short break; R. Moen entered the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The District's 53 seasonal automation sites have now been reactivated. Work continues on the next fibre phase, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia.

[10:25 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The Irrigation Acres Bylaw was discussed at the January 2024 Corporate Planning sessions, with Directors requesting a number of revisions. First and second readings were held in March and April respectively, with revisions presented at each meeting. In follow up to the April 23rd Meeting and in support of 3rd and final reading, Mr. Koochin presented the final drafted Irrigation Acres Bylaw that reflected the following additional revisions:

- A definition for "Operational Spill Water" as it relates to projects involving construction of landowner owned reservoirs;
- insufficient volumes of Operational Spill Water to supply proposed landowner owned reservoirs will result in rejection of any application for such project; and
- corresponding edits relating to the application process and rating of landowner owned reservoirs for collection of Operational Spill Water.

R. Hiebert requested additional discussion regarding whether the District would provide an extra one year of development time for large scale projects as was being proposed. Through discussion, consensus was to deny an additional time extension for large scale projects due to the District's Irrigation Acres Bylaw which approves new irrigation acres for construction-ready projects through a rating system, limits the maximum number of acres granted per year and does not assess irrigation acres until conditions have been met; and to avoid buyer speculation and undeveloped irrigation projects.

2024-05-152 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #974 (2024), 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 J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 – Keith Benson and Mark Benson – NW 09-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 105 acres
- Current Assessment: 110 acres (5 acres transferred in for general assessments in 2002 and 2016)
- Converting: 86 flood acres to wiper pivot; keeping 24 acres outside of pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 110 acres (86 wiper pivot, 24 outside pivot area)
- Note: deduction for acres outside pivot area is greater than grant

2024-05-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Keith Benson and Mark Benson for the conversion of 86 acres flood to wiper pivot in NW & Pt NE 09-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowners is \$8,600 (86 acres x \$100/acre) – \$12,000 (24 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$0. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Dennis & Ella Endersby – NW, NE & Pt SE 16-19-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 222 acres
- Current Assessment: 249 acres (115 west pivot, 134 flood), (20 acres added for intensification in 2000 and 7 acres added for GA in 2016)
- Converting: 134 flood acres to corner arm pivot (86 eligible); 19 acres needed
- New Assessment: 268 acres pivot (115 west pivot, 153 east pivot)

2024-05-154 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis & Ella Endersby for the conversion of 86 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NW, NE & Pt SE 16-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$8,600 (86 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$28,500 (19 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-05-155 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on NE & Pt SE 16-19-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Dennis & Ella Endersby. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-05-156 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW, NE & Pt SE 16-19-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Dennis & Ella Endersby. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:50 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

2024-05-157 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas**11.02.1 Lake Newell Resort Pathway**

2024-05-158 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:22 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. Short break; Ken Neufeld – SSAS President, Gerald Trembecki – SSAS Vice President, and Max Tateson – SSAS Board Member, entered the meeting.]

11:30 a.m. Silver Sage Ag Society Presentation

Representatives of the Silver Sage Ag Society were in attendance to give an overview of their current operations, schedule of annual events, proposed strategic plan, and vision for their organization. A number of Director questions were responded to by representatives. The EID leases the land encompassing the Agribition Park to the SSAS.

[12:03 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break. G. Trembecki, K. Neufeld, and M. Tateson exited the meeting.]

2024-05-159 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



12.0 Safety Program Update

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Review of the March 5, 2024 AGM Draft Minutes

2024-05-160 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

11.0 Lands

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

11.02.1 Lake Newell Resort Pathway

Direction was given to staff.

12.0 Safety Program Update

An update was provided to the Board.

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Review of the March 5, 2024 AGM Draft Minutes

Directors were given the opportunity to review the draft minutes of the March 5, 2024, Annual General Meeting. There were no requested revisions. The draft will be posted to the website as information.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | 2024 Inter-District Tour | - Thursday, June 6 th , 9:00 a.m., Glenwood, hosted by the UID
[attending: T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, B. Kroschel] |
| 14.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

June 25, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 9.02.2 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC
- 9.01.2 Powerline Infrastructure

2024-06-161 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 May 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the May 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-06-162 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the May 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the May 23rd Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA 2024 Inter District Tour – United Irrigation District

On June 6th, the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association 2024 Inter District Tour featured the United Irrigation District. T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, and B. Kroschel joined the tour, beginning in Glenwood, with viewing stops at the UID headworks on the Belly River, proposed reservoir site on the Belly River, Waterton Reservoir and turnout, Cochrane Lake inlets and outlet, and a leveling pond. It was noted that, although it is a much smaller irrigation district than the EID, the off river conveyance system is complex due to intermingled river systems and irrigation districts.



[9:11 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, 2024

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

- YTD revenues total about \$32.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$21.2 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$11.4 million.

A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow, with a further question being deferred to the Lands, Oil & Gas portion of the meeting.

2024-06-163 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:22 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Snowpack Report

Snowmelt for the Bow Basin is near complete, with snow pillows showing signs of ending within their average ranges, granted nearly 1 month later than in 2023.

6.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Main District reservoirs are holding steady near FSL. As of the meeting date, water applied to land amounted to 3"/acre.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of June 17, 2024		
	June 2024	June 2023
Water Diverted to Date	145,904 ac-ft (5.52")	217,834 ac-ft (8.32")
Water Applied to Land to Date	1.8"	4.1"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	60 – 735	346 – 896
Parcels Using Over 12"	1	14
Parcels Using Over 16"	0	3
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	1
Total Firm Live Storage*	298,642 ac-ft	277,212 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

6.03 Drought Plan Guidelines – Review Current Operating Stage

In review of current river flows being within the average range (lower end) due to a typical snowpack melt, reservoirs at or near FSL, and 3"/acre already delivered, it was advised that taking into account the possibility of a conservative river flow for the remainder of the irrigation season, up to an additional 15" could be delivered to the farm gate. Discussion ensued around water supply and parcel requirements, conveyance system and on-farm efficiencies, and water restrictions in

neighbouring regions. It was the consensus of the Board to move from Stage 3 to Stage 2 of the Drought Plan and again review the operating stage at the July Board Meeting.

2024-06-164 Moved by B. Deschamps that the District move effective as of Tuesday, June 25, 2024 to Stage 2 of the Drought Plan as prescribed by the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 (2024), thereby making the total amount of water available to irrigators for the 2024 irrigation season being limited to 18" per acre and allowing up to 6" per acre of any unused irrigation water to be transferred to any parcel, until further review by the Board. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:37 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

7.0 Equipment

R. Gagley presented the following Equipment Report.

7.01 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 for a Weldco bucket for each machine were also included. Mr. Gagley responded to a number of questions.

PURCHASE OF 250 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Limited	2024 Hitachi ZX250LC-6	\$355,277
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2024 Deere 250P	\$369,900
Finning Canada	2024 Cat 326-07	\$396,928
Weldco	72" Twist Bucket	\$39,900

PURCHASE OF 350 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Limited	2024 Hitachi ZX350LC-6	\$412,995
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2024 Deere 350P	\$438,540
Finning Canada	2024 Cat 336-08	\$456,963
Finning Canada	2024 Cat 340-08	\$483,360
Weldco	88" Twist Bucket	\$46,200

2024-06-165 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the purchase of a:

- **2024 Hitachi ZX250LC-6 250P Excavator plus 72" Weldco Twist Bucket for \$395,177; and**
- **2024 Hitachi ZX350LC-6 Excavator plus 88" Weldco Twist Bucket for \$459,195;**

from Wajax Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:40 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Conduit is now being installed in the Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia fibre phase. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[9:44 a.m. Ronan exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

9.0 Lands**9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

9.01.1 Request to Present to the Board – Genesis Environmental Sciences Ltd

A request to present to the Board was received from Peter Krahn of Genesis Environmental Sciences Ltd. regarding a proposed environmental research project. Through discussion this request was granted and will be arranged for a following meeting.

9.01.2 Transmission Line Structure Rentals

In regard to a separate matter arising from an earlier question during this meeting, Mr. Fontaine advised that rental agreements for powerline towers on EID lands contain 5 year rate reviews, with compensation being adjusted for native grass, tame grass, dryland, or irrigated acres. It was requested that a broader rate review be conducted and be brought back to the Board for discussion.

[9:58 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the Grazing Report.

9.02.1 Grazing Season Update

Due to the condition of pastures this spring, entry dates were set for 2 weeks later than normal and the maximum number of head per full member was reduced to 60. May rains contributed to good grass growth; however, significant winter kill on native grass has been discovered, with the worst cases being in Newell and Tilley pastures. In August, conditions will be reviewed, and round-up dates will be set. Cattle placements totaled 13,791 head, which is the lowest since 2003. A 30% lower than normal AUM will result from the total head reduction and 2-week delay in entry. 394 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim Pivots irrigated pasture. Currently, 339 pairs will be rotated on 2 permanent pasture Rock Lake pivots. The other 2 pivots have been seeded, with the ryegrass/millet pasture to be ready for grazing in August and the permanent pasture pivot to be ready in 2025.

Spring runoff was good in the south part of the District, filling most dugouts. Where able, dugouts in the north were filled via waterlines. The new pumphouse at 12 Mile was started up in early May. Waterline upgrades in 4 community pastures will be installed this summer.

Approximately 18 km (11.5 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 (\$6,000/mile) and labour (\$3,000/mile) continue to increase.

The first pass of spraying fireguards is underway; most weed growth has been less than normal so far. Infestations of Downy Brome, classified as a noxious weed, are relatively low in the EID; however, south and east of the District it is abundant. With continued monitoring and control, it is hoped to keep this weed from spreading, and to ultimately reduce or eliminate it from EID land. The EID has been actively identifying and controlling Downy Brome on its lands for the last 7 years. Continued District surveillance and help from the County of Newell, who can enforce the Weed Control Act, and establish their own control program, is recommended.

A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Board consent was obtained to forward a letter to the County concerning Downey Brome.

[10:19 am. – 10:26 a.m. Short break. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.03.1.1 Dugout & Drain Infill – Dennis & Ella Endersby – NE 16-19-13 W4M

Dennis & Ella Endersby are requesting a dugout and old drain to be infilled in the NE portion of NE 16-19-13 W4M to accommodate the installation of a corner arm pivot. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$4,750.

2024-06-166 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Dennis & Ella Endersby in NE 16-19-13 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 \$4,750; of which the landowner's share is \$2,375 + GST. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – 1742044 Alberta Ltd (Jan & Grada Drost) – SW 26-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 88 acres
- Current Assessment: 128 acres (40 acres added in 1979)
- Converting: 128 flood acres to corner arm pivot; 26 acres needed
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2024-06-167 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for 1742044 AB Ltd for the conversion of 128 acres flood to corner arm pivot in SW 26-14-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$12,800 (128 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$39,000 (26 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.1.3 Flood to Pivot – WB Alberts Produce Co Ltd (Janice Alberts) – NE 30-19-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 145 acres
- Current Assessment: 149 acres (4 acres added for general assessment in 2002)
- Converting: 132 flood acres to pivot; keeping 17 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 149 acres (132 pivot, 17 outside pivot area)

2024-06-168 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for WB Alberts Produce Co Ltd for the conversion of 132 acres flood to pivot in NE 30-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$13,200 (132 acres x \$100/acre) – \$8,500 (17 acres x \$500/acre) deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area = \$4,700. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.1.4 Increase – Wayne Swenson – SE 04-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 135 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (2 acres previously sold and 2 acres returned for subdivision in 2013)
- Proposal: increase pivot size; 12 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 143 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by June 30, 2025

2024-06-169 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wayne Swenson for 12 infill acres in SE 04-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,000 (12 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.1.5 Increase – Justin Tateson – NE 05-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 140 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres (8 acres removed for conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres in 2011 and 4 acres added for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 15 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by June 30, 2025

2024-06-170 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Justin Tateson for 15 infill acres in NE 05-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,500 (12 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:30 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

10.0 Request for Funding – County of Newell Fire Services

A letter was received from County of Newell Fire Services requesting support to host a combined event for HALO Air Ambulance fundraising and local volunteer firefighter recognition. A short discussion was held.

2024-06-171 Moved by B. Schroeder that in support of emergency services, \$2,500 be contributed towards the local HALO Fundraiser & Volunteer Firefighter Recognition event and \$10,000 to HALO Air Ambulance for ongoing operational costs. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2024-06-172 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Large Scale Development Projects

12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project

13.0 Commercial Update

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.02 Grazing cont'd

9.02.2 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

2024-06-173 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

11.0 Large Scale Development Projects

Landowners requesting approval for large scale irrigation developments will be advised to apply for irrigation acres through the standard application process. This matter in general, is to receive continued discussion at the 2025 Corporate Planning sessions.

12.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project

Updates were provided to the Board.

13.0 Commercial Update

An update was provided to the Board.

9.0 Lands cont'd

9.02 Grazing cont'd

9.02.2 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

This matter will be looked into further by Admin and brought back to the Board.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, July 23 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | HALO Fundraiser
& Volunteer Firefighter Recognition Evening | - Thursday, August 1 st , 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 14.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |



D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, Directors and Admin toured the area for the proposed Eyremore Reservoir project, followed by the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project site.

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Chairman

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

General Manager

**July 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of July 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 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

There were no agenda items added or removed from the agenda.

2024-07-174 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 25, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the June 25, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-07-175 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the June 25, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

A Director requested follow up on District logo use for a funding partnership.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive Meeting**

T. Hemsing attended an AIDA Executive meeting on July 16th. Water sharing agreements, district maximum water allotments, water licenses and water license transfers, provincial government relations, Fisheries & Oceans Canada, AIS prevention, Eyremore Dam, and CWRA attendance were among the discussion topics.

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

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2024

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2024, was \$11.4 million or 11.4% less than the book value at September 30, 2023.

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

2024-07-176 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2024

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

2024-07-177 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to June 30, 2024

The financial statements to June 30, 2024, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$37.3 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$24.2 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$13.1 million.

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

2024-07-178 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:51 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

6.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

6.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Main District reservoirs are holding steady near FSL. As of the meeting date, water applied to land amounted to 5 ½"/acre. Soon, river diversion will drop, and reservoirs will begin to be drawn down through continued summer usage.



WATER USE TO DATE – as of July 16, 2024		
	July 2024	July 2023
Water Diverted to Date	230,181 ac-ft (8.64")	307,745 ac-ft (11.8")
Water Applied to Land to Date	4.2"	8.04"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	169 – 1,052	690 – 998
Parcels Using Over 12"	12	210
Parcels Using Over 16"	0	25
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	2
Total Firm Live Storage*	288,183 ac-ft	237,694 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

6.02 Drought Plan Guidelines – Review Current Operating Stage

The current operating stage was reviewed, and a discussion was held on whether to adjust from Stage 2 to Stage 1 within the Drought Plan Guidelines. Considerations included reservoir levels, river supply, current and predicted usage, some irrigation methods and crops requiring more water than others, provisions to transfer water, promoting efficiencies, other irrigation district maximum allotments, and public perception.

**2024-07-179 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District move effective as of Tuesday, July 23, 2024 to Stage 1 of the Drought Plan as prescribed by the Maximum Water Delivery Bylaw #970 (2024), thereby making the total amount of water available to irrigators for the 2024 irrigation season being limited to 24" per acre and allowing up to 4" per acre of water deliveries to be purchased, until further review by the Board. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Ketchmark
OPPOSED – B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing**

The 2024 irrigation season and the Drought Plan Guidelines will also be reviewed at the 2025 Corporate Planning sessions.

[10:11 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

7.0 Equipment

R. Gagley presented the following Equipment Report.

7.01 Sale of Gravel Trucks & Pups

Invitations for bids on the purchase of a 2014 Mack Pinnacle and 2016 Kenworth gravel trucks, 2013 and 2015 Renn tandem Hardox pup trailers were advertised locally and sent to 18 auction houses or interested parties. Bids were received as follows:

SALE OF GRAVEL TRUCKS & PUPS					
Company	2014 Mack	2013 Renn	2016 Kenworth	2015 Renn	Total for all 4 Units
Century Services	\$69,442	\$12,473	\$125,850	\$13,372	\$221,136
Team Auctions	\$75,000	-	\$85,000	-	\$180,000
Cal-West Equipment	-	-	-	-	\$173,000
Ritchie Bros	\$59,155	\$11,005	\$71,755	\$11,005	\$152,920
Michener Allen	\$38,800	\$8,000	\$48,800	\$8,800	\$104,400



2024-07-180 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District sells the 2014 Mack and 2016 Kenworth gravel trucks and 2013 & 2016 Renn pup trailers to Century Services for \$221,136. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 Sale of Cargo Trailer

It was confirmed for Mr. Gagley that only the sale of larger value items needs to be brought to the Board for approval or direction. Acceptable thresholds may be discussed at the 2025 Corporate Planning sessions.

[10:19 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Conduit continues to be installed in the Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia fibre phase. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to June 30, 2024	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	29
Residential Accounts	1,521
Business Accounts	284
EID Automation	58
Total	1,892

[10:23 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Short break. R. Moen exited the meeting and 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 June 30, 2024

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to June 30, 2024					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2024	313,715	2,995	0	201	316,911
June 30, 2024	315,102	2,790	0	374	318,266
Net increase	1,387	< 205 >	0	173	1,355
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 2 >

Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)	1,184
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres	205
Terminable Acres Canceled	< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to June 30, 2024		
	3rd Quarter [Apr-May-Jun]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$2,882,392	\$18,360,977
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$80,794
Annual Agreements	\$0	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$393,664	\$509,614
Totals	\$3,276,056	\$18,951,385

9.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.01.2.1 Wheels to Pivot – Sean Quinn – SW 08 & NW 05-23-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 175 acres
- Current Assessment: 180 acres (5 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Converting: 151 wheel acres to wiper pivot; 29 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 180 acres (151 wiper pivot, 29 flood field)

2024-07-181 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Sean Quinn for the conversion of 151 acres wheels to wiper pivot in SW 08 & NW 05-23-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$15,100 (151 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.2 Increase – Joel & Charity Kropf – Pt SE 13-16-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 39 acres
- Current Assessment: 35 acres wheels (4 acres removed for 2016 subdivision consent)
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 10 acres needed (efficiency and infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: (30 acres eligible for conversion acres); wheels to pivot; 30 x 1.15 = 5 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 45 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: subject to landowners entering into a 3.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by July 31, 2025

2024-07-182 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Joel & Charity Kropf for 5 efficiency acres and 5 infill acres in Pt SE 13-16-14 W4M; subject to entering into a 3.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$15,000 (10 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.3 Flood to Pivot – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – SE 31-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 68 acres
- Current Assessment: 84 acres (11 acres added for general assessment in 1995 and 5 acres added for general assessment in 2016)
- Converting: 71 acres flood to wiper pivot; transferring 13 acres to

- New Assessment: SW 29-21-16 W4M
71 acres, all under wiper pivot

2024-07-183 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd for the conversion of 71 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 31-21-16 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$7,100 (71 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.4 Transfer – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – SE 31-21-16 W4M to SW 29-21-16 W4M

The landowner is requesting to transfer 13 flood acres from SE 31-21-16 W4M to W ½ 29-21-16 W4M for a proposed wiper pivot; using conversion acres to complete the project.

2024-07-184 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from SE 31-21-16 W4M to W ½ 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2.5 Increase – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – W ½ 29-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 2 acres
- Current Assessment: 25 acres wheels (10 acres added for 2023 increase in irrigation; 13 acres transferred in from SE 31-21-16 W4M)
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 34 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 84 acres (71 acres – SE 31 & 13 acres – W ½ 29-21-16 W4M) flood to pivot; 84 x 1.15 = 34 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 59 acres wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit discharge and registration required; project must be completed by July 31, 2025

2024-07-185 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd for 34 efficiency acres in W ½ 29-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$122,400 (34 acres x \$3,600/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-07-186 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on E ½ 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-07-187 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Sec 29-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.3 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Mike & Kristen Wiebe to Abe & Mary Berg

For the 2024 irrigation season, Mike & Kristen Wiebe are requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 5 irrigation acres from NW 29-22-16 W4M to Abe & Mary Berg in SW 29-22-16 W4M for an existing wheel field. Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2024-07-188 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 2024 alternate parcel transfer of 5 irrigation acres from Mike & Kristen Wiebe in NW 29-22-16 W4M to Abe & Mary Berg in SW 29-22-16 W4M. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



[10:40 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

2024-07-189 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

**9.02.1 Request to Purchase Land – North Butte Land & Cattle Corp (Nevin Torkelson)
– SW 25-20-14 W4M**

9.02.2 Transmission Line Structure Rentals

[10:57 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

10.0 Engineering

10.01 16 Springhill

[11:02 a.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

[11:20 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

14.0 Commercial Updates

[11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

11:30 a.m. Genesis Environmental Sciences Ltd Presentation

[12:08 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break. N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

11.0 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

[1:32 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; J. Thompson entered.]

12.0 Safety Program Update

[1:41 p.m. J. Thompson exited the meeting.]

13.0 Legal Update

14.0 Commercial Updates cont'd

2024-07-190 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

9.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

**9.02.1 Request to Purchase Land – North Butte Land & Cattle Corp (Nevin Torkelson)
– SW 25-20-14 W4M**

A request was received from North Butte Land & Cattle Corp to purchase approximately 6.1 acres of old District right-of-way along the west boundary of SW 25-20-14 W4M. North Butte Land & Cattle Corp owns the remaining land within the quarter section. This request falls within the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy and both Operations and Engineering agreed that the land is no longer required by the District.

2024-07-191 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District sell approximately 6.1 acres of old right-of-way to North Butte Land & Cattle Corp 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 B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02.2 Transmission Line Structure Rentals

Regional annual compensation rates were presented for various types of powerline structures paid to landowners of cultivated and uncultivated land.

10.0 Engineering**10.01 16 Springhill**

For discussion and direction, a preliminary pipeline proposal was presented for 16 Springhill, being a proposed AIM project scheduled for 2 years out. Direction was provided to staff including preparation of an estimate to pipe west of the canal for the first leg of the pipeline being brought back to the Board.

14.0 Commercial Updates

Mr. Koochin provided commercial updates to the Board.

11:30 a.m. Genesis Environmental Sciences Ltd Presentation

Further discussion on this matter will be brought back to a later board meeting.

11.0 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

In response to the June 21, 2024 letter from JBS, Admin are to communicate in writing that the terms of the March 20, 2024 EID letter are preferred and are to be upheld.

12.0 Safety Program Update

J. Thompson provided a Safety Program Update to the Board.

13.0 Legal Update

On June 25, 2024 the EID was charged with ten (10) Alberta Occupational Health & Safety offences arising from the October 19, 2022 diving fatality. The charges and next steps were reviewed with the Board by Mr. Koochin. As the matter is currently before the courts, no comments are to be provided to the public or media.



14.0 Commercial Updates cont'd

I. Friesen and R. Gagley provided commercial updates to the Board and direction was given. A commercial presentation will be scheduled for next meeting.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Upcoming Events

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| 15.01 | HALO Fundraiser & First Responders Recog | - Thursday, August 1 st , 5:00 p.m., Brooks CRA |
| 15.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, August 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, September 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 15.04 | Special Budget Meeting | - Thursday, October 3 rd [tentative] |

J. Ketchmark moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**August 29, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 29th day of August 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 & Corp Serv <i>[apologies]</i>
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 8:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to or amended within the agenda:

- 4.01 Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- 6.05 Reservoir Pumping
- 8.01 (additional upgrade requests were added)

The following item was deferred to the September 24th Meeting:

- 11:00 a.m. Commercial Presentation

2024-08-192 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 July 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the July 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-08-193 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the July 23, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the July 23rd Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Canadian Foodgrains Bank**

D. Peltzer informed the Board that a Canadian Foodgrains Bank project is being grown this year west of Duchess and Hwy #36 and requested that the 2024 water rate be waived for these acres. The funds raised from this project will assist areas overseas with emergency food needs.

2024-08-194 Moved by D. Peltzer that in consideration of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank project for 180 acres in W ½ 25 & Pt Sec 26-20-15 W4M, the 2024 water rate be waived; all lands being owned by Gerald Martin and Richard Martin. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:12 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2024

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

- YTD revenues total about \$40.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$27.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$13.1 million.

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

2024-08-195 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:22 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut entered.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 IRP Project Update

Directors were advised that the 03 East Branch project was not approved by Irrigation Council for funding under the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program.

6.01.1 West Bantry Canal – Armour

In place of the 03 East Branch project, it is being proposed to approve and submit armouring the West Bantry Canal as the IRP Year One Project. This rehab project begins approximately 4 km SE of Brooks, stretching from the Main Bantry Canal fork to J Reservoir. The canal is 9 km in length, ultimately serves 21,798 acres and has incurred significant damage in the past from cattle access. It has been rehabbed in 3 phases, beginning in 2019, by trimming the side slopes, rebuilding sections of the banks and fencing off the canal. It is now being proposed to armour the entire length of the canal at an estimated \$1,300,000; to be funded under the IRP program.

2024-08-196 Moved by B. Schroeder that “03 East Branch” under the Proposed Year One Project in the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2024/25 to 2026/27 be replaced with “West Bantry Canal – Armour” and that the rehab project be approved to armour 9 km of canal at an estimated project cost of \$1,300,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The present 2024/25 to 2026/27 3 Year Rolling IRP Plan will be revised and resubmitted, and a new 2025/26 to 2027/28 plan will be brought to the Board in November as typically scheduled.

6.02 03 East Branch

J. Kabut reviewed the 03 East Branch project, originally detailed and approved in February 2024. The project was to be expensed under the IRP program and Mr. Kabut was now requesting that the project be approved under the District's Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2024-08-197 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2024-02-054 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 03 East Branch rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at a cost of \$3,179,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Updated Cost Estimates

Directors were advised that the following projects were presented at previous meetings and given approval to enable timely EID pipeline orders and for the manufacturer to schedule production to meet all irrigation district needs. The cost estimates, however, were updated at this time to more closely align the current cost of District equipment, fuel, and labour.

6.03.1 Rolling Hills Canal

The Rolling Hills Canal rehab project was originally detailed and approved in May 2023 at an estimated cost of \$1,581,000.

2024-08-198 Moved by B. Schroeder that motion 2023-05-120 be rescinded and that the Board approve the Rolling Hills Canal rehabilitation project to line, armour, and fence 1.9 km of canal for an updated estimated cost of \$1,776,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.2 V Tilley Pipeline

The V Tilley pipeline project was originally detailed and approved in February 2024 at an estimated cost of \$2,660,000.

2024-08-199 Moved by B. Schroeder that motion 2024-02-057 be rescinded and that the Board approve the V Tilley rehabilitation project to install a closed gravity pipeline at an updated estimated cost of \$2,840,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.3 14-H West Bantry Pipeline

The 14-H West Bantry pipeline project was originally detailed and approved in January 2024 at an estimated cost of \$6,576,000.

2024-08-200 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2024-01-014 be rescinded and that the Board approve the 14-H West Bantry rehabilitation project to install 8.1 km of closed gravity pipeline with laterals for an updated estimated cost of \$6,910,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03.4 West Bantry – Phase 3

The West Bantry – Phase 3 rehab project was originally detailed and approved in May 2023 at an estimated cost of \$898,000.



2024-08-201 Moved by B. Schmidt that motion 2023-05-121 be rescinded and that the Board approve the West Bantry – Reach 3 rehabilitation project to trim, rebuild, and fence 3.1 km of canal for an updated estimated cost of \$1,076,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:40 a.m. – 8:47 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut exited the meeting; B. Kroschel and R. Moen entered.]

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

Currently, reservoirs are in good shape as the river has been meeting supply requirements. Demand peaked on July 24th at 1,086 parcels on, but recent rains and maturing crops have dropped demand significantly to around 350-400 parcels on most days. Usage is at 8.52", with 15 parcels over 20". There have been no requests so far for the purchase of additional deliveries of water. In the next few weeks, reservoirs will begin to be lowered to winter levels in anticipation of shut down.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of August 19, 2024		
	August 2024	August 2023
Water Diverted to Date	374,528 ac-ft (14.12")	368,419 ac-ft (14.16")
Water Applied to Land to Date	8.52"	11.48"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	270 – 1,086	454 – 1,065
Parcels Using Over 12"	436	1,656
Parcels Using Over 16"	82	338
Parcels Using Over 20"	15	-
Total Firm Live Storage*	279,524 ac-ft	173,194 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

7.02 Set Water Shut Down Date

A water shut down date of Thursday, October 10th was recommended to allow 3-4 weeks needed for all areas to be drained, fully pumped out, and winterized by the end of October/early November and to meet labour needs for construction and maintenance project timelines.

2024-08-202 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 10, 2024. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Buildings & Grounds

R. Moen presented the following request for admin building upgrades.

8.01 Administration Building Upgrades

Certain utilities within the 32-year-old office administration building are in need of replacement, have had ongoing repairs, can no longer be sourced for parts, or need to be brought up to current codes. In addition to replacement components, the conversion from the old automation system to the current automation system needs to be fully completed. Approval at this meeting would allow for the new boilers to be installed before cooler weather sets in. The chiller unit is a custom 4 month build but the current chiller can be maintained for the remainder of summer. The A/C unit

for the room housing the software serves will be replaced and relocated outside the building. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

2024-08-203 Moved by J. Ketchmark that for the EID administration building, the Board approve the purchase and installation of:

- a new 40-ton replacement chiller unit for \$139,898;
- 2 new KBX Knight replacement boilers for a total of \$182,697;
- a new AO Smith 75-gallon replacement water tank for \$31,228; and
- a building automation system upgrade for \$45,000

from Convergent, Calgary. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 EIDNet

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Conduit installation in the Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia fibre phase is near completion, with fibre installation to follow. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

[9:02 a.m. B. Kroschel and R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

10.0 Lands

10.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.01.1 Set Round-Up Date

2024 spring pasture conditions were poor with low rainfall over the past few years and reserve grass depleted; however, a reduction in numbers, a 2 week entry delay, and summer rains allowed the pastures to recover to some degree. Consensus from Grazing Associations supports bringing cattle home around the average date and for budgeting purposes, a cautious increase in the tentative max listing from 60 head to 65. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2024-08-204 Moved by B. Schmidt that for the 2024 grazing season:

- cattle turned out on community leases June 1st are to be out of leases by the end of day on Saturday, October 19, 2024; and
- cattle turned out on community leases prior to June 1st are to be out of leases by the same number of days prior to end of day on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:22 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 Flood to Pivot – Bradley & Kristie Hall – S ½ 07-21-15 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 110 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 139 acres flood (29 acres added in 1983)
- Converting: 123 flood acres to wiper pivot; 16 acre separate flood field
- Assessment remains the same at 139 acres (123 wiper pivot, 16 flood field)

2024-08-205 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Bradley & Kristie Hall for the conversion of 123 acres flood to wiper pivot in S ½ 07-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$12,300 (123 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.2 Transfer – Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc (Bob Chrumka) – NE 13 to SE 13-17-13 W4M

The landowner is requesting to transfer 1 flood acre from NE 13-17-13 W4M to SE 13-17-13 W4M for a small flood corner.

2024-08-206 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the transfer of 1 irrigation acre from NE 13-17-13 W4M to SE 13-17-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Chrumka Farms (1987) Inc. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.3 Increase – Will & Shauna Henrickson – SE 11-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 79 acres
- Current Assessment: 83 acres wiper pivot (4 acres added for increase in 2023)
- Proposal: install small wiper pivot; 8 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 91 acres (83 large wiper pivot, 8 small wiper pivot)
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2025

2024-08-207 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Will & Shauna Henrickson for 8 infill acres in SE 11-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$12,000 (8 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.4 Increase & Conversion of Term to Irr – Will Henrickson – SW 11-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 2 parcels: 79 acres flood (irrigation acres), 20 acres flood (terminable acres)
- Proposal/Converting: install 112 acre wiper pivot; convert 18 terminable acres to irrigation acres (bank 2 term acres for subdivision); 15 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: flood to pivot; $79 \times 1.4 = 32$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 112 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2025

2024-08-208 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Will Henrickson for 15 efficiency acres in Pt SW 11-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,500 (15 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2024-08-209 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application from Will Henrickson to convert 18 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt SW 11-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$13,500 (18 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-08-210 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:31 a.m. – 9:36 a.m. Short break; B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

10.02.2 Irrigation Applications for 2024

10.02.2.1 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16

10.02.2.2 Pending Application – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno & Wanda Doerksen, Tim & Yvonne Doerksen, Daniel & Kim Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, Sec 21 & S 22-22-16 W4M

[11:21 a.m. – 11:26 a.m. Short break.]

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.04 Terminable Acres

[11:58 a.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

6.05 Reservoir Pumping

6.06 16 Springhill Update

6.07 Commercial Update

11.0 Lake Newell Reservoir – Boat Docks & Lifts

2024-08-211 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

10.02.2 Irrigation Applications for 2024

Two irrigation development applications for 2024, given conditional approval in November 2023, were brought forward for review and discussion.

10.02.2.1 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M & Pt N ½ 32-17-16 W4M

This matter was detailed by Admin and given thorough discussion by the Board. There was consensus for Admin and staff to contact the landowner directly after the meeting and forward a

letter outlining the motion, including all identified infractions. A motion was carried in the public portion of the meeting.

10.02.2.2 Pending Application – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno & Wanda Doerksen, Tim & Yvonne Doerksen, Daniel & Kim Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, Sec 21 & S 22-22-16 W4M

In follow up to a presentation to the Board in April 2024, and receiving a recent letter from the landowner, this matter was given further consideration by the Board. The landowner is to be contacted, and a letter forwarded upholding the District's earlier decision on the matter. A motion was carried in the public portion of the meeting and a short review given of the request in general.

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.04 Terminable Acres

R. Gagley and B. Kroschel will further investigate the examples in question, the element of landowner owned storage facilities, and potential terminable agreement versus annual agreement alternatives. The matter will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

6.05 Reservoir Pumping

R. Gagley and M. Koochin will further investigate development of a generic draft pumping from reservoir agreement that could be attached to a title as a caveat, to bring back to the Board for further review and consideration at a later date.

6.06 16 Springhill Update

This matter was continued from the July meeting and is to come back to the Board for a further update. D. Peltzer will speak directly with the landowner.

6.07 Commercial Update

R. Gagley updated the Board as to a matter first presented at the July meeting.

11.0 Lake Newell Reservoir – Boat Docks & Lifts

A letter was received from a homeowner at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Newell Reservoir. Through discussion it was directed that a response letter is to be forwarded to the resident, upholding the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy requirements.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

10.02.2.1 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M & Pt N ½ 32-17-16 W4M cont'd

2024-08-212 Moved by R. Hiebert that due to irrigating in excess of assessment being confirmed by survey on Sec 05-18-16 W4M and Pt N ½ 32-17-16 W4M and in accordance with Capital Asset Charges Bylaw #969 (2023) and Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 (2024) a letter be forwarded to the landowner advising that he is required to:

- **reduce and reposition the pivot infrastructure to fit the specifications of the irrigation application given conditional approval on November 28, 2023;**
- **pay a general assessment audit penalty of:**

- 150% of \$2,392/acre (*the Capital Asset Charge in effect when the irrigation development application was submitted*) on 214 acres (\$3,588/acre x 214 acres = \$767,832) if the infrastructure is corrected by September 30, 2024; or
 - 150% of \$3,600/acre (*the current Capital Asset Charge in effect*) on 214 acres (\$5,400/acre x 214 acres = \$1,155,600) if the infrastructure is corrected after September 30, 2024, and by April 30, 2025; and
 - satisfy all remaining project requirements.
- Seconded by B. Schroeder. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02.2.2 Pending Application – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno & Wanda Doerksen, Tim & Yvonne Doerksen, Daniel & Kim Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, Sec 21 & S 22-22-16 W4M cont'd

2024-08-213 Moved by D. Peltzer that 591155 Alberta Ltd's request to modify its irrigation development application given conditional approval on November 28, 2023, by moving the proposed delivery from North Branch Canal to the Crab Lake Drain be denied. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

When receiving landowner requests to irrigate from undeveloped drains as the point of delivery, various factors, including without limitation, the following are considered by Admin:

- Does the project meet the requirements set out in the District's Irrigation Acres Bylaw which includes taking into account section 95(2) of the Irrigation Districts Act?
- Can sufficient volumes of water be delivered? Will the drain need to be supplemented to provide water for new irrigation acres? Does the District want to supplement undeveloped drains for water delivery?
- Is the proposal an efficient method of water delivery? Would the drain development have an effect on the District's expansion plan and the efficient use of water in future droughts?
- Is the water that passes in the drain already allocated to other users or license holders?
- Is there a safety concern with emergency flows if there is additional delivery through an upstream overflow structure?
- Will there be water quality issues with aquatic vegetation?
- Are there future EID capital projects to occur nearby?
- Does the project conflict with other projects the District has supported with capital to remove water deliveries from drains?
- Are there other examples and prior Board decisions that are similar to this scenario?

In summary, to allow new deliveries off drains that require additional water supplies beyond operational spill would be a change in direction and contrary to water use efficiency the District strives for.

12.0 Upcoming Events

12.01	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, September 24 th , 9:00 a.m.
12.02	Special Budget Meeting	- Thursday, October 3 rd , 9:00 a.m.
12.03	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, October 22 nd , 9:00 a.m.
12.04	Ag for Life Harvest Gala	- Friday, October 25 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Park, Calgary



D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

A blue ink signature, likely of the Chairman, written in a cursive style.

Chairman

A blue ink signature, likely of the General Manager, written in a cursive style.

General Manager

**September 24, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of September 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]		

- **8:45 a.m. Board In Camera**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- 14.0 Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – 582525 AB Ltd (Harbinson)
- 15.0 16 Springhill Update
- 17.0 County Roads
- 18.0 Economic Development

2024-09-214 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 29, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 29, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-09-215 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Minutes of the August 29, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the August 29th Regular Directors Meeting.

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

In follow up to a CVRS meeting on September 16th, D. Peltzer informed of general campground and marina management matters, that the campground has been dealing with significant power supply

issues, and of their request for an intensified AIS Prevention Program. It was advised by Admin that a proposal be received from CVRS concerning any requested electrical upgrades, for the District's consideration. The District's AIS Prevention Program and campgrounds' deployment of the program may be discussed further at a later date.

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

5.0 Financial Report

5.01 Financial Statements to August 31, 2024

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

- YTD revenues total about \$45.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$31 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$14.6 million.

2024-09-216 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to August 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:01 a.m. – 10:06 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 03 East Branch Domestic Pipe – Jamie Buteau

Further to the 03 East Branch rehab project, J. Kabut advised that a domestic delivery will be eliminated with the removal of the lift pumps and rehab of the system. A landowner has requested assistance with his domestic delivery for his yard site and is requesting 170 m of 4" pipe delivered onsite for his installation. The policy allows a 50/50 cost-share, up to \$15,000 District contribution when a rehab project alignment no longer passes through or adjacent to a parcel with a domestic delivery. Directors were in consensus to grant this request.

6.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update

Preparatory pre-construction work is ongoing. Currently, the District is in the process of removing gas lines within the proposed berm perimeter zone of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. Related excavation, backfilling, and packing is occurring. Well abandonment work is nearly completed. Via drone video, dirt work test projects were shown where the District has constructed moisture conditioning cells to test the most effective way of adding moisture to potential borrow material.

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of September 16th, demand has significantly decreased mainly due to rainfall and harvest. River flows remain in good shape and most reservoirs are being dropped to their winter levels. As of

September 16th, usage reached 9.84", 11 parcels were at 24"; and so far, there have been no requests to purchase additional water. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kroschel.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of September 16, 2024		
	September 2024	September 2023
Water Diverted to Date	418,522 ac-ft (15.78")	440,797 ac-ft (16.90")
Water Applied to Land to Date	9.84"	14.04"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	20 – 224	302 – 556
Parcels Using Over 12"	942	2,590
Parcels Using Over 16"	216	1,240
Parcels Using Over 20"	57	112
Total Firm Live Storage*	263,862 ac-ft	138,209 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

[10:29 a.m. J. Kabut and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

8.0 Lands

8.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

8.01.1 Irrigated Lease Rent Reviews – #8215, 8216, 8217

Long term Irrigated Leases #8215, 8216, and 8217, originating in 1989, were extended by the lessees for a ten year term in 2009 and a second 10 year term in 2019. The leases are now due for a rental rate review for the remaining years 2025 through 2029 (expiry). The current annual rent is \$175/irrigated acre. As comparative information, the irrigated lease auction in January 2024 for 3 new leases established the following rental rates:

IRRIGATED LEASE AUCTION – January 30, 2024				
IL #	Location	Irrigated Acres	Winning Bid	Successful Bidder
8477	SW 27-14-13 W4M	148	\$330/acre	Pedro Giesbrecht
8478	SW 35-14-13 W4M	151	\$360/acre	Yorian Drost
8479	SE 25-14-13 W4M	151	\$300/acre	Yorian Drost

A rate of \$250/irrigated acre was recommended, taking into consideration that the lessees own the irrigation infrastructure; the recommendation gave way to Board discussion.

**2024-09-217 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 5 year rental rate for Irrigated Leases #8215, 8216, and 8217 at \$250/irrigated acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2025 – 2029. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder
OPPOSED – B. Deschamps, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing**

[10:42 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Request to Transfer PGL #7099 – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott & Julie Tateson) to Austin Tateson

Tateson Ranching Ltd is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7099 to Austin Tateson. This lease is a long-term, 15 + 15 year agreement, expiring in 2038, is transferrable to any eligible irrigator, and holds 14 remaining lease years. Austin Tateson meets all land and residency eligibility requirements.

2024-09-218 Moved by B. Schroeder that PGL #7099 be transferred from Tateson Ranching Ltd to Austin Tateson. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:49 a.m. – 10:56 a.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

8.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

8.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications**8.03.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Daniel Sewall – NE 07-20-13 W4M**

- Previous Assessment: 139 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 133 acres flood (6 acres removed in 1972)
- Converting: 133 flood acres to pivot; 2 acres required
- New Assessment: 135 acres, all under pivot

2024-09-219 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Daniel Sewall for the conversion of 133 acres flood to pivot in NE 07-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,300 (133 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.2 Increase – Gordon & Wendy Frank – SE 35-17-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 131 acres
- Current Assessment: 144 acres (13 acres transferred in for farm improvement in 2002)
- Proposal: add corner pivots; 4 acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2025

2024-09-220 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Gordon & Wendy Frank for 4 infill acres in SE 35-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$6,000 (4 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.3 Increase – Global IT Corp (pending transfer to DLM Feeders Inc – Dallas Martin) – SW 07-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 95 acres
- Current Assessment: 108 acres (13 added in 1985)
- Proposal: install pivot; 25 acres required (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $108 \times 1.40 = 43$ efficiency acres

- New Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2025

2024-09-221 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Global IT Corp for 25 efficiency acres in SW 07-19-14 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements and pending transfer to DLM Feeders Inc. The capital assets charge is \$37,500 (25 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.4 Increase – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – SW 22-15-15 W4M

- Current Assessment: 138 acres
- Proposal: add corner arm; 13 acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2025

2024-09-222 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for S & K Farms Ltd for 13 infill acres in SW 22-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$19,500 (13 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.5 Increase – Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wim van der Poel) – SW 06-21-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 112 acres
- Current Assessment: 109 acres wiper pivot (5 acres added for general assessment in 1998 and 8 acres removed for general assessment in 1993)
- Proposal: extend wiper pivot; 3 acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 112 acres wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2025

2024-09-223 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd for 3 infill acres in SW 06-21-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,500 (3 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03.1.6 Increase – Richard & Heather Unruh – SW 25-20-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 95 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres (36 acres added in 1998)
- Proposal: dry corner to corner pivot; 5 acres required (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 136 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2025

2024-09-224 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Richard & Heather Unruh for 5 infill acres in SW 25-20-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,500 (5 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



[11:03 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

2024-09-225 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:04 a.m. Steve Polvi, P.Eng, Co-Founder and CEO and Paul Tawiah, Ph.D., P.Eng, Co-Founder & VP – Technology & Development, of Cap Clean Energy entered the meeting.]

11:00 a.m. Commercial Presentation

[12:02 a.m. S. Polvi and P. Tawiah exited the meeting.]

2024-09-226 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:03 p.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 Request for Funding – Outstanding Young Farmers, National Event

A request for funding was received from the Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers National Event organizers. This request was respectfully declined.

[12:43 p.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

10.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. Conduit installation in the Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia fibre phase is complete and fibre is now being blown in.

2024-09-227 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Proposed EIDNet Account Changes

[1:00 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

11.0 Lake Newell Resort Marina

[1:29 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

12.0 Request for Disclosure

[1:55 p.m. – 2:01 p.m. Short break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Connauton re-entered.]

13.0 Irrigation Applications for 2024**13.01 Irrigation Development Appeal to Irrigation Council – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen)****13.02 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin)****14.0 Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – 582525 AB Ltd (Harbinson)****15.0 16 Springhill Update**

[3:18 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

16.0 Commercial Update**17.0 County Roads****18.0 Economic Development**

2024-09-228 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**10.02 Proposed EIDNet Account Changes**

Additional information will be brought to the Budget Meeting regarding proposed adjustments to some or all customer accounts being offered.

11.0 Lake Newell Resort Marina

T. Helsing and D. Peltzer will attend the upcoming meeting, along with I. Friesen. M. Koochin will begin development of a draft agreement.

12.0 Request for Disclosure

M. Koochin will respond to this request.

13.0 Irrigation Applications for 2024**13.01 Irrigation Development Appeal to Irrigation Council – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen)**

The Board was updated as to this matter.

13.02 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin)

The original decision was upheld, although the landowner will be allotted additional time to adjust his infrastructure.

14.0 Conversion of Terminable Acres to Irrigation Acres – 582525 AB Ltd (Harbinson)

It will be reiterated to the landowner that the alignment must be stripped and pipe onsite by October 31, 2024; however, a concession has been made for the landowner to have the pipeline installed by December 31, 2024. If these deadlines are not met the landowner must re-apply for the conversion acres.

15.0 16 Springhill Update

D. Peltzer and R. Gagley will meet again with one of the landowners regarding this project.

16.0 Commercial Update

Direction was given to R. Gagley regarding this offer.

17.0 County Roads

Directors were informed of this request and direction was confirmed for Admin.

18.0 Economic Development

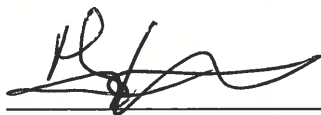
I. Friesen will follow up with the presenters.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

19.0 Upcoming Events

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|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 19.01 | Special Budget Meeting | - Tuesday, October 1 st , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 19.03 | Ag for Life Harvest Gala | - Friday, October 25 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Park, Calgary
[Attending: D & K Peltzer, J & T Ketchmark] |
| 19.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:57 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

**October 1, 2024, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 1st day of October 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]		

[8:55 a.m. S. Barlow – Financial Services Supervisor, entered the meeting.]

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 5.0 Legal Update

2024-10-229 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as amended. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-230 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2024/2025 Budget Discussion**2.01 Overview**

[9:29 a.m. B. Kroschel – Operations Manager entered the meeting.]

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

[9:47 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. McLean – Equipment Superintendent, R. Elliott – Assistant Equipment Superintendent entered]

[9:59 a.m. E. Palaschak – Shop Supervisor/Heavy Duty Mechanic, entered the meeting.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

[10:11 a.m. – 10:16 a.m. Short break; R. McLean, R. Elliott, and E. Palaschak exited the meeting; R. Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, and S. Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands, entered.]

2.04 Lands

[11:08 a.m. 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

[11:32 a.m. R. Moen and M. Porter exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

[11:38 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

3.0 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M & Pt N ½ 32-17-16 W4M

[11:42 a.m. S. Connauton re-entered the meeting.]

[12:05 p.m. – 12:39 p.m. Lunch break.]

[1:04 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

4.0 Corporate Planning**4.01 Topics for Discussion****5.0 Legal Update**

2024-10-231 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 2024/2025 Budget Discussion****2.01 Overview**

S. Barlow presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2024/2025, noting totals for revenue, operating costs, 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 \$30.57/acre. R. Gagley reviewed upcoming AIM, IRP, and Capital Works construction projects noting that 3 projects remain to be brought to the Board for specific approval, also commenting on a budget line for soils testing of 18 quarters, and an update to a commercial item. A Director requested that a separate line be added to show that the \$5 water rate revenue is applied to funding of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. Admin responded that since all extra revenue goes directly towards irrigation works and this account line would be \$0 each year since the annual costs are greater than the water rate revenue, it was preferred to add a note in the annual financial statements.

Throughout the meeting, Mrs. Barlow, Admin, and staff welcomed comment and answered questions. Directors were encouraged to contact I. Friesen or S. Barlow with any further questions or comments that might arise this month as they further assess the full budget. After today's review and any follow up revisions, the budget will be presented to the Board at the October Regular Meeting for consideration of approval.

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

Capital purchases and improvements of note were listed for Operations and Maintenance departments, including small equipment, fuel tanks, flow meters, District housing, and Duchess office improvements. Comment was also given to weed dragging, screens, line locates, and pump repairs. S. Barlow advised that although they are budgeting for a similar power expense to last year, there will be an opportunity to get a new electricity rate and extend the present contract.

2.03 Equipment & Shop

Equipment and Shop capital purchases, including several heavy and light pieces of equipment, were discussed as well as fleet ½ ton leasing, staffing vacancies, and miscellaneous enquiries. S. Barlow advised that cost recoveries from the Equipment department are set up to result in neither a profit, nor loss, point of balance, and that 85% of the Alberta Road Builder Rate is used when calculating the District's heavy equipment work.

2.04 Lands

Community Grazing waterline projects were reviewed and budgeted for Coxon, East Tilley Swing Field, Newell/Eyremore, and Rolling Hills areas. Community grazing expenses are budgeted to recover through the AUM rate. Through discussion, the Board directed that the Kitsim and Rock Lake pivot parcels be expensed as per the most recent irrigated farm lease rates rather than as per the cost to operate them for irrigated pasture, to account for potential lost revenue to the District. This calculation and an updated Community Grazing budget will be brought to the October 22nd meeting to then set the AUM rate based on a 65 head maximum listing. It was also requested by Directors to address the AUM rate in general at the upcoming corporate planning sessions.

The Farm Improvement Grant program is budgeted this year for \$250,000. Capital Assets charges are projected to produce approximately \$9.9M in revenue for the District. The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw will be reviewed by the Board in October 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 2024, a \$5.00 water rate was approved by bylaw. The 2025 Rate Bylaw is scheduled to be reviewed in January 2025.

Oil & gas surface lease revenues are projected to see a relatively small decrease overall. Powerline revenues are expected to increase due to right of entry, then will transfer to annual rentals.

Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) programs are budgeting for similar amounts to last year.

Crawling Valley and Rolling Hills Reservoir campgrounds are expected to have expenses and revenues similar to last year.

2.05 EIDNet & Information Services

Phase 3 of the fibre project (Bow City, Rainer, Scandia) will be completed in this budget timeframe, and Phase 4 will begin (Gem, Patricia, Rolling Hills). It is projected that the 4 Phase fibre project will be completed by end of 2025. The fibre project, sector radios, and antennas account for the vast majority of EIDNet capital purchases. Account changes were proposed at the prior Board Meeting and brought forward to this meeting. A motion was carried once reconvening.

A replacement primary backup server, not purchased last year, is being budgeted in addition to standard IS purchases. Aerial photos, scheduled for every 3 years, have been flown this summer; this data is cost-shared with the County of Newell. Consulting services are being budgeted to assist in development of an asset management program as well as possible future advancements.

2.06 Administration

Mechanical upgrades for the office building were approved in August to facilitate timely replacements. The Administration budget also includes funds for replacing additional office seating, storage, and increased legal fees.

3.0 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – Sec 05-18-16 W4M & Pt N ½ 32-17-16 W4M

This matter was revisited by Directors and Admin. Upon further review of the landowner infrastructure which had been installed and the area which was being irrigated, the Board authorizes the amount owing to the District in motion 2024-08-212 to be reduced to \$604,120 from \$767,832 and that an extension to the deadline for payment and the landowner to correct his infrastructure be provided.

The adjusted amount owing is based on the following calculation:

- 50 acres x \$988/acre (2023 infill asset rate) = \$49,400.
- 110 acres x \$2,392/acre (2023 capital asset rate) = \$263,120.
- 54 acres x \$5,400/acre (2024 capital asset rate x 150% for penalty) = \$291,600
- Total = \$604,120

The landowner is required to reduce and reposition the pivot infrastructure to fit the specifications of the irrigation application given conditional approval on November 28, 2023, and satisfy all remaining project requirements. If the landowner pays the adjusted amount of \$604,120 on or before October 4, 2024, the Board is willing to extend the deadline for the landowner to correct his infrastructure to April 1, 2025. Upon satisfaction of the above conditions, the additional 214 irrigation acres will be added to the assessment roll. In the event the landowner does not provide payment on or before October 4, 2024, the initial motion remains unamended.

Direction was given to Admin to contact the landowner with this updated decision.

4.0 Corporate Planning**4.01 Topics for Discussion**

A number of topics, policies, and bylaws were presented to Directors for consideration for the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions; a few additional topics were suggested.

5.0 Legal Update

Directors were provided an update on a legal matter.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

2.0 2024/2025 Budget Discussion cont'd

2.05 EIDNet & Information Services cont'd

The installation of fibre connecting EIDNet towers and available new technology have enabled speeds for subscription categories to be re-evaluated. R. Moen advised of increased download and upload capabilities applying to all accounts and recommended combining the Premium and Ultra accounts. The Board directed to apply a modest rate increase for the 2 lower accounts for the increase in speeds, which will offset the cost in the equipment changeovers required for the updated system.

CURRENT EIDNET ACCOUNTS			PROPOSED EIDNET ACCOUNT CHANGES		
Account	DL / UL	\$/Month	Account	DL / UL	\$/Month
Irrigator Entry Level	3 Mbps / 2 Mbps	[\$20 irrigator]	Irrigator Entry Level	5 Mbps / 5 Mbps	[\$25 irrigator]
Premium	9 Mbps / 3 Mbps	\$65 [\$50 irrigator]	Ultra	25 Mbps / 5 Mbps	\$70 [\$55 irrigator]
Ultra	20 Mbps / 4 Mbps	\$80 [\$65 irrigator]			
Super UT	50 bps / 10 Mbps	\$110 [\$95 irrigator]	Super UT	50-500 Mbps / 30-100 Mbps	\$110 [\$95 irrigator]
Super Office	50 Mbps / 10 Mbps	\$300 [\$285 irrigator]	Super Office	150-500 Mbps / 90-100 Mbps	\$300 [\$285 irrigator]

2024-10-232 Moved by R. Hiebert that the EIDNet account changes be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 Upcoming Events

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| 6.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 6.02 | Ag for Life Harvest Gala | - Friday, October 25 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Park, Calgary |
| 6.03 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Thursday, October 31 st [location TBA] |
| 6.04 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Wednesday, November 13 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 6.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:22 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

**October 22, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of October 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]		

- **8:55 a.m. Board & GM In Camera**

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 3.01 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin)
- 4.01 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting
- 4.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive Committee Meeting

2024-10-233 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the revised Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 24, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the September 24, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-10-234 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the September 24, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 October 1, 2024, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 1, 2024, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-10-235 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the October 1, 2024, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

3.01 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment – Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin)

In response to a Director enquiry, it was advised that payment has been received from the landowner and a letter has been forwarded directing that the pivot is to be moved to its original approved location by April 30, 2025.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Joint Shared Services Committee Meeting**

J. Ketchmark attended a recent JSSC Meeting. One of the discussion topics focused on encouraging more local campgrounds to be built. In response, Mr. Ketchmark provided general utilization statistics on the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground this past summer, and also responded to questions regarding the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project.

4.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Executive Committee Meeting

On October 16th, T. Hemsing attended an AIDA Executive Committee Meeting in Lethbridge. Among the discussion topics were the AIDA budget, provincial water sharing agreements, the Environment & Protected Areas (EPA) Water Engagement Factsheets, AIDA's promotion of a proposed Belly River dam, the Provincial Government's choice of an expanded Ghost reservoir for additional onstream storage and flood mitigation, and the availability of board governance training. The Committee also met with Irrigation Council, and it was reiterated by Council that districts confirm they have updated infrastructure replacement costs recorded to ensure full participation in the Provincial Government's IRP funding.

[9:50 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 2024/2025 Budget – Further Review/Approval

S. Barlow highlighted updates to capital purchases and other minor adjustments that had been made to the budget since the October 1st Special Board Meeting. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin. A 2025 – 2030 Cash Flow Forecast was also presented and discussed. The budget was then approved through the following motion.

2024-10-236 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board of Directors approve the 2024/2025 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rehabilitation projects, other large projects or large purchases, and any special items of significance will be brought back to the Board for individual review and approval.

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2024

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2024, was \$8.38 M or 8.35% less than the book value at September 30, 2023. The decrease in balance is due to funds being directed towards the AIM loan repayment schedule.

4th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$4,400,000	\$5,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	\$5,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$4,300,000	\$5,000,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2024-10-237 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2024

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

2024-10-238 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2024

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 2024 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2025. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$48.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$31.9 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$16.9 million.

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

2024-10-239 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:42 a.m. – 10:48 a.m. Short break; S. Barlow exited the meeting, J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 J Tilley Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant – Max & Corrine Tateson – NW 25-17-13 W4M

J. Kabut advised that Max and Corrine Tateson will be installing a pivot in NW 25-17-13 W4M at the time of the J Tilley rehab project. By converting from flood to pivot, greater than 55 acres, at the time of a rehab project the landowners are eligible for a \$20,000 grant under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. Conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres, increase in irrigation acres, and registration of an irrigable unit were handled later in the Assessment, Water & Lands portion of the meeting.



2024-10-240 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Max & Corrine Tateson for converting from flood to pivot in NW 25-17-13 W4M at the time of the J Tilley rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$20,000. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 03 East Branch – Cost-Share

R. Gagley advised that 2 landowners are requesting a domestic line be installed at the District's cost to serve adjacent dugouts for livestock watering, that were previously served through the 02 East Branch lift pump system. It was confirmed by the Board that this request falls within section 3.4 of the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy as a Rural Water Use Agreement, and is eligible but limited to a 50/50 cost-share, up to \$15,000 District contribution. It is estimated that the waterline will cost \$21,402 of which the District will pay \$10,701 and each landowner would pay \$5,350.50 + GST. Additional wording will be inserted into the policy for further clarification.

7.03 Bassano Dam Main Canal Slab Repair

R. Summach advised that during regular inspections of the Bassano Dam, deteriorating concrete was noted in the downstream floor of the diversion into the Main Canal. A 1,500 sq ft section of 16" thick concrete has been identified needing repair. Although this repair is estimated to cost \$448,000; more will be known once the site has been completely dewatered.

2024-10-241 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the concrete repair work to the Main Canal diversion slab at an estimated cost of \$448,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:05 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach 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 installation in the Bow City, Rainer and Scandia fibre phase is complete and fibre continues to be blown in. The new customer account fee structure and speeds will be in place for December 1, 2024.

EIDNET QUARTERLY REPORT to September 30, 2024	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	27
Residential Accounts	1,486
Business Accounts	308
EID Automation	5
Total	1,826

[11:10 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting, N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen entered.]

9.0 Requests for Funding

B. Doerksen presented the following Requests for Funding.

9.01 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 11 – 13, 2025 in Regina, SK. This year's theme is "Collaborative Approaches to Prairie Conservation". This workshop has been attended by staff previously; a \$2,500 sponsorship will provide District PR and allow up to 2 complimentary registrations.

2024-10-242 Moved by B. Deschamps that the District give sponsorship of \$2,500 to the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan for their 11th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to be held February 11-13, 2025, in Regina, SK. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.02 Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC)

A request for funding was received from the Alberta Invasive Species Council. The non-profit Council assists those working in the prevention of invasive species and the public, through resource support, collaboration, and education. Workshops, conferences, member portal, media outreach, advocacy, and awareness campaigns are provided, along with research support, detection, mapping, monitoring and biocontrol.

2024-10-243 Moved by B. Schroeder that \$5,000 be contributed to the Alberta Invasive Species Council in support of the association's operating costs. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Lands

10.01 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

10.01.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2024 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. Ms. Doerksen advised that 95% of individuals were compliant with the District's program this year; however, a significant increase of watercraft from out of province was seen.

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 Campground	2024	1,552	51	13	1,582	30	12
	2023	1,281	39	0	1,299	18	3
	2022	1,229	34	5	1,254	25	5

Lake Newell Resort Marina	2024	109	3	0	111	2	1
	2023	110	0	0	110	0	0
	2022	189	1	0	190	1	0
Kinbrook Island Provincial Park	2024	1,444	93	15	1,513	69	16
	2023	1,571	51	9	1,601	30	1
	2022	906	29	4	915	9	0
Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground	2024	1,078	41	5	1,098	20	4
	2023	912	55	5	947	35	5
	2022	949	24	2	963	14	2
EID Office	2024	27	0	0	27	0	0
	2023	20	1	0	21	1	0
	2022	15	0	0	15	0	0
Other	2024	12	0	0	12	0	0
	2023	6	0	0	6	0	0
	2022	7	0	0	7	0	0
2024 Totals		4,222	188	33	4,343	121	33
2023 Totals		3,900	146	14	3,984	84	9
2022 Totals		3,295	88	11	3,344	49	7

In 2024, the EID registered 4,343 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 Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Mexico, and Florida.

10.01.2 AIS Prevention Program – Review

A discussion was held regarding the effectiveness of the District's AIS Program, to which a number of questions were responded to by Ms. Doerksen. It was requested that staff investigate and bring information back to the Board regarding the capabilities and management of the decontamination unit stationed at Chestermere reservoir.

[11:36 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.02.1 Commercial Lease Annual Rent Review – Brooks Gymnastics Club

The Brooks Gymnastics Club 5-year lease agreement with the District is set to expire December 31, 2024. The Club uses the west portions of the building and parking lot; the District uses the east portion of the building as cold weather storage for small equipment. The rental rate is set annually and the Club pays their portion of the property taxes and utilities. The lessees are also responsible for their own content insurance, and interior and exterior building maintenance. It was recommended to sign a new agreement with the same terms and conditions.

2024-10-244 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board offer the Brooks Gymnastics Club a new 5 year lease which maintains the rental rate at \$10, plus taxes, insurance and utilities share. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



[11:39 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting, R. Volek entered.]

10.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.03.1 Set AUM Grazing Rate for the 2025 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. In follow up to the October 1st Budget Meeting, Grazing financials were presented to the Board with Kitsim and Rock Lake pivot parcels being expensed as per the most recent irrigated farm leases, rather than at cost, to account for potential lost revenue to the District. After all expenses and revenues are finalized, the 2025 grazing season should result in a tentative surplus of approximately \$16,000, based on a 65 head maximum listing per member. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2024-10-245 Moved by B. Schmidt that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2025 season be set at \$24.00/AUM. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:57 a.m. – 12:26 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek exited the meeting, S. Connauton entered.]

10.04 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.04.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2024

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, was presented, summarized as follows.

EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2024					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2024	315,102	2,790	0	374	318,266
September 30, 2024	316,174	2,790	0	374	319,338
Net increase	1,072	< 0 >	0	0	1,072
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 1 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					1,073
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					0
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT to September 30, 2024		
	4th Quarter [Jul-Aug-Sep]	Cumulative [2021 to present]
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$2,628,600	\$20,989,577
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0	\$80,794
Annual Agreements	\$0	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0	\$509,614
Totals	\$2,628,600	\$21,579,985

10.04.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.04.2.1 Budget Report – 2024 Fiscal Year Report

\$150,000 was budgeted for Farm Improvement grants for the 2024 fiscal year, but grants ended at approximately \$236,000. For the 2025 fiscal year, \$250,000 has been budgeted.

[12:28 p.m. B. Deschamps declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.04.2.2 Drain Relo – Brad Tobler (Brad Deschamps) – Pt NE 18 & SE 19-20-12 W4M

Currently, a number of drains run through Pt NE 18 & SE 19-20-12 W4M. A drain relocation is being requested to divert the flow and eliminate one branch of the drain, but also requiring that the decommissioned drain be swaled to accommodate the installation of a wiper pivot. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$24,818.

2024-10-246 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Brad Tobler in Pt NE 18 & SE 19-20-12 W4M, subject to land transfer to Brad Deschamps, 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 \$24,818; of which the landowner will pay \$12,409 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:30 p.m. B. Deschamps rejoined the meeting.]

10.04.2.3 Flood to Pivot – Marie Gazdarica – SW 32-16-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 153
- Current Assessment: 150 acres (3 acres removed for general assessment in 1995)
- Converting: 12 flood acres to corner arm; keeping 4 acres outside
- Assessment remains the same at 150 acres (146 acres corner arm pivot, 4 acres outside)
- Note: deduction for acres outside pivot area is greater than grant

2024-10-247 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Marie Gazdarica for the conversion of 12 acres flood to pivot in SW 32-16-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$1,200 (12 acres x \$100/acre) – \$2,000 (4 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area) = \$0. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.4 Flood to Pivot – Cameron & Patricia Morris – NW 03-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 99 acres
- Converting: 99 flood acres to pivot; (31 acres required – motion 2023-10-255)

- New Assessment: 130 acres, all under pivot

2024-10-248 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cameron & Patricia Morris for the conversion of 99 acres flood to pivot in NW 03-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,900 (99 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.5 Flood to Pivot – Chad & Susan Sewall – SE 18-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 138 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 135 acres flood (3 acres removed for general assessment in 1995)
- Converting: 135 flood acres to pivot; 2 acres required
- New Assessment: 137 acres, all under pivot

2024-10-249 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Chad & Susan Sewall for the conversion of 135 acres flood to pivot in SE 18-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$13,500 (135 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.6 Transfer – Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Sec 32 & Sec 33-19-17 W4M

The landowners are requesting to transfer 15 irrigation acres from 4 parcels to 2 receiving parcels to allow for the irrigation infrastructure to be modified from section pivots to quarter section pivots.

2024-10-250 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the transfer of:

- 4 acres from NE 32-19-17 W4M and 6 acres from SE 32-19-17 W4M to NW 32-19-17 W4M, and
- 2 acres from NE 33-19-17 W4M and 3 acres from NW 33-19-17 W4M to SE 33-19-17 W4M;

all lands being owned by Serfas Farms Ltd. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.7 Increase – Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Sec 32-19-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 450 acres
- Current Assessment: 556 acres section pivot (85 acres added in 2018 and 21 acres added in 2023)
- Proposal: modify section pivot infrastructure to 4 quarter section pivots; 3 acres needed in SW 32 and 8 acres needed in NW 32 (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 567 acres, all under 2 corner arm pivots, 1 pivot, and 1 wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable units exist; project must be completed by October 31, 2025

2024-10-251 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Serfas Farms Ltd for 3 infill acres in SW 32-19-17 W4M and 8 infill acres in NW 32-19-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,500 (11 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.8 Increase – Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Sec 33-19-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 529 acres
- Current Assessment: 553 acres section pivot (8 acres added for general assessment in 2018 and 16 acres added in 2023)
- Proposal: modify section pivot infrastructure to 4 quarter section pivots; 16 acres needed in SE 33 and 16 acres needed in SW 33 (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 585 acres, all under 4 corner arm pivots
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable units exist; project must be completed by October 31, 2025

2024-10-252 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Serfas Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in SE 33-19-17 W4M and 16 infill acres in SW 33-19-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$48,000 (32 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.04.2.9 Increase – Max & Corrine Tateson – NW & Pt SW 25-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 31 irrigation acres and 23 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 45 irrigation acres and 23 terminable acres
- Proposal/Converting: install 70 acre pivot; convert 23 terminable acres to irrigation acres; 2 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $68 \times 1.4 = 27$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 70 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant approved (motion 2024-10-240) soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by October 31, 2025

2024-10-253 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Max & Corrine Tateson for 2 efficiency acres in NW & Pt SW 25-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-254 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application from Max & Corrine Tateson to convert 23 terminable acres to irrigation acres in NW & Pt SW 25-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$17,250 (23 acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-10-255 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW & Pt SW 25-17-13 W4M; all lands being owned by Max & Corrine Tateson. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Irrigation Applications for 2025

S. Connauton presented the 26 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2025. 22 applications were received for off-river acres and 4 for under reservoir support. Notwithstanding initial conditional approval from the Board, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2025, 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. The Irrigation Acres Bylaw was

given its annual review at this meeting and is to be further reviewed at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2025
- 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
- soil test results from a qualified land classification agrologist must be submitted with the irrigation application and show the project area meeting requirements
- consents from any third party who must consent to the installation of new infrastructure crossing their lands must be submitted with the application
- an engineering report from a qualified engineer confirming the volume of live storage for any development being proposed to capture operational spill water in a landowner owned reservoir must be submitted with the irrigation application
- 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 #969 (2023):

- \$750/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres
- \$1,500/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$3,600/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$3,600/acre for acres assessed to dry parcels (new acres)

11.01 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 2025 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 (2024). In addition, 589 Carry Forward acres from last year's applications, which projects did not get developed, were brought forward to this year for a total of 1,789 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres being available for approval.

11.01.1 Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – NE, NW & SW 29-21-16 W4M

- Assessment: 69 acres (22 acres SE pivot reach, 13 transferred in motion 2024-07-184, 34 efficiency acres motion 2024-07-185)
- Proposal: complete 60 acre wiper pivot and install 33 acre wiper pivot; 46 acres needed (new)
- Notes: this development project is in addition to an Increase in Irrigation Acres project approved July 23, 2024; project not eligible for infill acres; irrigable unit registered on all of Sec 29 (motions 2024-07-186, 2024-07-187)

11.01.2 Ryan & Shannon Andrews – NW 36-17-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install 112 acre wiper pivot (transfer 40 acres in); 72 acres needed (new)
- Notes: subject to a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement / rotational agreement

11.01.3 Hutterite Brethren of Bow City – E 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 2 pivots; 370 acres needed (new)
- Notes: subject to the construction and use of a privately owned reservoir; irrigable unit required

11.01.4 Stewart Neely – NE 25-21-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 122 acre pivot; 122 acres needed (new)
- Notes: subject to the use of a privately owned and constructed reservoir

11.01.5 Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) / Veripath Farmland (UR) GP Ltd (Stephen Johnston and Barclay Laughland) – SW 06, NE 30, Sec's 28, 29, 31, 33-20-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install up to 13 pivots (some wiper, some with corner arms); 1,642 acres needed (new)
- Notes: up to 1,179 acres maximum acres may be granted; irrigable unit(s) required

2024-10-256 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under River Support" irrigation applications for 2025:

- Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – Sec 29-21-16 W4M;
- Ryan & Shannon Andrews – NW 36-17-17 W4M;
- Hutterite Brethren of Bow City – E 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M;
- Stewart Neely – NE 25-21-13 W4M; and
- Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) / Veripath Farmland (UR) GP Ltd (Stephen Johnston and Barclay Laughland) – SW 06, NE 30, Sec's 28, 29, 31, 33-20-17 W4M (1,179 acres max).

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,200 (1,789) 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:

- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wim van der Poel) – SE 01-21-18 W4M
- 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – W 22-18-15 W4M
- Van Hall Cattle Company Ltd (Henry & Janice Van Hall) – NW 26-15-16 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – NW 22-19-17 W4M
- Gary & Sheila Evans, Keith Evans – Sec 33-20-18 W4M
- Harley Tateson – Sec 32-14-15 W4M
- M & L Farms Ltd (Michael & Lorraine Steinbach) – N 19-20-17 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Company (Bruce Takeda) – Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- John Ketchmark – W 22-17-16 W4M

- Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) / Veripath Farmland (UR) GP Ltd (Stephen Johnston & Barclay Laughland) – Sec 06 & 07-20-16 W4M and Sec 01 & 12-20-17 W4M
- Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert – NE 35-21-16 W4M
- Brenan & Christi Brezinski – NW 20-19-15 W4M
- Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – SW 27-19-17 W4M
- Thomas Parker – SW 06-22-15 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – N 32-17-16 W4M & Sec 05-18-16 W4M
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – NE 32 & NW 33-17-16 W4M and E 05 & W 04-18-16
- Roy Brewin Holdings Inc (Roy Brewin) – N 30, Sec 31 & 32-17-16 W4M, NE 36-17-17 W4M and Sec 06-18-16 W4M

11.02 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 2025 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #974 (2024). 1,528 unapproved, under reservoir, New Parcel irrigation acres remain, and added to 618 Carry Forward acres from last year's applications, which projects did not get developed, a balance of 2,146 Carry Forward acres remains. The District has priority to these acres for its own irrigation development.

11.02.1 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray) – SW 24-18-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (new)
- Notes: delivery off Cowoki

11.02.2 1078828 Alberta Ltd (Lee Pickett)

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

2024-10-257 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under Reservoir Support" irrigation applications for 2025:

- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George Murray V, Suntana Murray) – SW 24-18-13 W4M; and**
- **1078828 Alberta Ltd (Lee Pickett) – SW 21-22-17 W4M.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. 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 applications denied are listed as follows:

- 591155 Alberta Ltd (Arno & Wanda Doerksen, Tim & Yvonne Doerksen, Daniel & Kim Doerksen) – N 15, N 16, W 21 & SW 22-22-16 W4M
- Lee & Shirley Pickett – NW 16-22-17 W4M

2024-10-258 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Irrigation Development Appeal to Irrigation Council – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen)

13.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

[1:53 p.m. – 1:57 p.m. Short break.]

14.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

[2:26 p.m. N. Fontaine re-entered the meeting.]

15.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres

[2:40 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

16.0 Request for Disclosure

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Daniel Sewall – Pt NE 26-20-13 W4M

10.02.3 County Public Auction Land Sale

17.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

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

18.0 Safety Program Update

[4:06 p.m. J. Thompson exited the meeting.]

19.0 Legal Update

20.0 Commercial Update

21.0 Lake Newell Resort Marina

22.0 AIDA Feedback Update re EPA Water Engagement Factsheets



2024-10-259 Moved by B. Schmidt that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

12.0 Irrigation Development Appeal to Irrigation Council – 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen)

Directors were provided an update on this matter. As per the Irrigation Acres Bylaw, a follow up letter will be forwarded to Doerksen's regarding their irrigation development application for 2024.

13.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

A draft bylaw will be brought to the November 26th meeting for 1st reading:

- the off river and under reservoir ratios will not be revised; however,
- wording will be added to state that water will not be delivered to an irrigation development project until it is completely finalized.

14.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

A draft bylaw will be brought to the November 26th meeting for 1st reading:

- the "Infill" and "New" acres categories will remain; however,
- the capital asset charges will be redlined to reflect the default annual 2% increase; and
- clauses will be revised slightly to reflect anticipated timing of future reviews and increases to capital asset charges and reporting of adjusted charges.

As supplementary information, S. Connauton will prepare a report on Infill and New irrigation acres approved for river and reservoir supported areas in the last year or two.

15.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres

N. Fontaine was directed to bring information to the November 26th meeting, including maps of potential parcels, showing soils testing results, that can be converted to irrigated leases without much infrastructure. Confirmation was given to R. Gagley to proceed with soils testing in the Gem area.

16.0 Request for Disclosure

Directors were provided an update to this matter.

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Daniel Sewall – Pt NE 26-20-13 W4M

A motion was carried once reconvened.

10.02.3 County Public Auction Land Sale

Staff and Admin were given direction.

17.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

There were no requests to revise the current land sale values in the policy. It is planned for the policy to be brought to Corporate Planning for discussion on sale parameters.

18.0 Safety Program Update

Directors were provided a Safety Program update.

19.0 Legal Update

Directors were provided an update on a legal matter.

20.0 Commercial Update

Admin were given direction.

21.0 Lake Newell Resort Marina

Directors were provided an update to this matter.

22.0 AIDA Feedback Update re EPA Water Engagement Factsheets

Directors were informed of this matter, and all were encouraged to attend the upcoming AIDA Board of Directors Meeting in Lethbridge on October 31st.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.02 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Daniel Sewall – Pt NE 26-20-13 W4M

Daniel Sewall is looking to develop a pivot corner in NE 26-20-13 W4M. In order to proceed with that development, the landowner is required to clean up a current encroachment and has requested to purchase a 3 acre parcel of land on which the current pivot point is installed, rather than move the pivot. Engineering has agreed that the ROW can be tightened up in this area. Through discussion, this land sale was approved under 2.04(b) of the Sale of District Owned Lands policy.

2024-10-260 Moved by R. Hiebert that the District sell to Daniel Sewall an approximate 3 acre parcel of land in NE 26-20-13 W4M to accommodate the existing pivot, for \$10,500/acre, inclusive of capital asset costs; 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 B. Schroeder. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schmidt, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Deschamps, J. Ketchmark

23.0 Upcoming Events

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| 23.01 | Ag for Life Harvest Gala | - Friday, October 25 th , 5:30 p.m., Heritage Park, Calgary
[Attending: D Peltzer & guest, J Ketchmark & guest] |
| 23.02 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Thursday, October 31 st , Lethbridge Lodge, 10:00 a.m.
[Attending: T Hemsing, J. Ketchmark, B. Schmidt, R. Hiebert, I. Friesen] |
| 23.03 | Regional Fire Safety Simulator
Open House | - Saturday, November 2 nd , 9:00 – 3:00, Brooks Fire Hall
[Attending: J. Ketchmark] |



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| 23.04 | RMA Conv – AIDA/MLA Hosp Suite | - Monday, November 4 th , Edmonton
[Attending: T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer] |
| 23.05 | Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Monday, Nov 11 th , 11:00 am [D. Peltzer laying wreath] |
| 23.06 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Wednesday, November 13 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 23.07 | EID/County Joint Meeting | - November 18 th , 10:00 a.m., EID Office |
| 23.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 26 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 23.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 17 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 23.10 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 19 th , 5:00 p.m. [tentative] |

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

November 26, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of November 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 & Corp Serv
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Ops
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Director	[Division 4] <i>[online]</i>	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 9:04 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented. Two items were added mid-meeting via a secondary motion.

2024-11-261 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 October 22, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the October 22, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-11-262 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the October 22, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the October 22nd Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Ag for Life Harvest Gala**

D. Peltzer and J. Ketchmark attended the Ag for Life Harvest Gala in Calgary on October 25th. The gala is hosted by Ag for Life, and celebrates locally produced agricultural foods, while supporting education initiatives for youth agriculture and safety.

4.02 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Board Meeting

T. Hemsing, R. Hiebert, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark and I. Friesen attended the AIDA Board Meeting in Lethbridge on October 31st. Discussion centered on 13 key points put forward by the irrigation

industry with respect to the Provincial Water Availability Engagement. The AIDA budget was also given discussion.

4.03 Regional Fire Safety Simulator Open House

J. Ketchmark attended the Regional Fire Safety Simulator Open House in Brooks on November 2nd, where a number of children and adults viewed the interactive simulator. This unit is a fully interactive mobile training center with training aids tailored to both children and adults, and for both fire and extreme weather situations. It will be utilized throughout the District, at schools and various events. In 2023, a \$50,000 EID donation was made to support this endeavour.

4.04 RMA Convention – AIDA/MLA Hospitality Suite

T. Hemsing and D. Peltzer attended the AIDA/MLA Hospitality Suite for the Rural Municipalities Convention in Edmonton on November 4th & 5th. Joining Alberta Council lobbyists, AIDA representatives from various irrigation districts contributed to the group engagement with MLAs concerning forefront irrigation industry concerns. The second day, structured meetings with government officials occurred.

4.05 Affordability Roundtable

I. Friesen attended the Affordability Roundtable in Medicine Hat on November 12th. Premier Danielle Smith, Min. Jason Neudorf, and MLA Justin Wright hosted the roundtable. In discussions concerning measures that could be considered to allay rising costs for Albertans, the Minister listened to ideas that could help limit rising costs, while increasing economic activity. Mr. Friesen also offered to provide the irrigation districts' ideas to do the same.

4.06 EID/County Joint Meeting

This year, Directors and Admin hosted the County of Newell for the annual EID/County Joint Meeting, held on November 18th. Discussion topics included: the Joint Drainage Program; updates on the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project, pathways, and Lake Newell Marina; the provincial government's Water Availability Engagement and Oil & Gas Mature Asset Strategy; economic development; and the CDC South revitalization.

5.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following AGM & 2025 Election Report.

5.01 AGM & 2025 Election

5.01.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates

An election schedule for 2025 was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events to accommodate the audit, preparation of annual report, and election requirements.

2024-11-263 Moved by R. Hiebert that:

- **the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 3, 2025;**
- **the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025;**
- **the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.;**
- **if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025; and**
- **an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 22, 2025.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.01.2 2025 Election Date Bylaw #975

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in April 2025 for Division 2 (Rosemary/Duchess), Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks), and Division 7 (Rolling Hills). An election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

2024-11-264 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #975 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-265 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board read and approve Bylaw #975 (2024) the second time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-266 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #975 (2024) this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-267 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #975 (2024), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2025, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2025 Election Date Bylaw #975 is available for viewing on the District website.

[9:23 a.m. B. Schmidt recused himself and disconnected from the meeting.]

5.01.3 Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) Director Seat

Brian Schmidt, Director for Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) submitted a letter to the Board on November 21, 2024, stating that effective December 1, 2024, upon the completion of the sale of his land, he would become ineligible to remain on the Board of Directors due to no longer meeting the eligibility requirements of 35(1)(c) of the *Irrigation Districts Act*. The options for dealing with a director vacancy under the Act were reviewed by the Board and the following motions were carried.

2024-11-268 Moved by R. Hiebert that upon the Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) seat becoming vacant on December 1, 2024, due to Director ineligibility, the member's position for Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) be held vacant until the first board meeting following the election date of April 8, 2025. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-269 Moved by J. Ketchmark that upon the Division 4 (Cassils/Brooks) seat becoming vacant on December 1, 2024, pursuant to section 30(1) of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, Brian Schmidt be appointed as an additional Board Member and to continue his representation on the following committees and associations:

- Committee of the Whole,
- AIDA Alternate,
- Scholarship Committee, and
- Newell Regional Tourism Association;

until the first board meeting following the election date of April 8, 2025. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A member appointed under section 30 has voting rights on the board.

[9:32 a.m. B. Schmidt reconnected to the meeting; S. Barlow entered.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2024

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 \$5.57 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$1.22 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$4.35 million.

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

2024-11-270 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:44 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 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 has been installing pipe on the Secondary C North Branch project. The earthworks crew completed the Bow Slope Spillway project and has begun work on the Springhill Canal liner project.

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Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Rock Lake Drain	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, 90% complete, final cleanup remains
West Bantry Phase 3	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, project underway
Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, will commence after West Bantry
PIPELINE	
14-H West Bantry (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, 15% complete
J Tilley (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped for pipeline install
V Tilley (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped for pipeline install
U-02 Tilley (AIM)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped for pipeline install

03 East Branch	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped for pipeline install
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IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
West Bantry Armouring (IRP)	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, armouring underway, 40% complete

7.02 2024/2025 Structures Program

J. Kabut presented the 2024/2025 Structures Program, advising that Operations has requested:

- 3 nose pieces be replaced on:
 - 10 North Branch – NW 35-22-17 W4M (pipeline inlet)
 - 21 Rolling Hills – SE 09-14-13 W4M (stilling pond inlet)
 - H West Bantry – NE 29-17-13 W4M,
- 5 existing structures be removed from the North Branch Canal in:
 - SW 07-22-17 W4M
 - NE 07-22-17 W4M
 - NW 08-22-17 W4M
 - SE 16-22-17 W4M, and
- 4 rock walls be added to existing settling ponds on:
 - 00 Bow Slope – SW 23-17-16 W4M
 - 10 Bow Slope – NW 05-16-15 W4M
 - 21 Bow Slope – SW 11-15-15 W4M
 - 01-12A Rolling Hills – SE 17-15-13 W4M.

The estimated total cost of the above projects is \$810,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering.

2024-11-271 Moved by B. Schroeder that the 2024/2025 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$810,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:50 a.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

8.0 Equipment

R. Gagley presented the following Equipment Report.

8.01 Sale of Dozer and Excavators – Results of bids

Invitations for bids on the purchase of a dozer and excavators were advertised locally and sent to 20 auction houses or interested parties, with results received as follows:

SALE OF 2013 CATERPILLAR D6N LGP DOZER	
Bidder	Bid
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	\$77,625 + GST
Iron Link Equipment Sales	\$77,501 + GST

Team Auctions	\$77,500 + GST
Iron Edge Equipment	\$65,000 + GST

SALE OF 2019 HITACHI ZX250LC-6 250 EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Ross Owen	\$143,999 + GST
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	\$123,100 + GST
Iron Link Equipment Sales	\$112,501 + GST
Team Auctions	\$110,000 + GST
Iron Edge Equipment	\$104,000 + GST

SALE OF 2019 HITACHI ZX350LC-6 350 EXCAVATOR	
Bidder	Bid
Springside Colony Equipment Co Ltd	\$215,000 + GST
Romer Environmental	\$200,100 + GST
Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers	\$133,350 + GST
Iron Edge Equipment	\$131,000 + GST
Team Auctions	\$125,000 + GST
Iron Link Equipment Sales	\$112,501 + GST

- 2024-11-272 Moved by R. Hiebert that as highest bid, the District sell the:**
- 2013 Caterpillar D6N Dozer for \$77,625 + GST to Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers,
 - 2019 Hitachi 250 Excavator for \$143,999 + GST to Ross Owen, and
 - 2019 Hitachi 350 Excavator for \$215,000 + GST to Springside Colony Equipment Co Ltd.
- Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.02 Sale of Used Pickups

Invitations for bids on the purchase of 12 used trucks were sent to 2 auctioneers. Bids were received as follows.

SALE OF USED TRUCKS			
Amount	Make	Year	Km
9	1500 Dodge Ram	2007 – 2018	137,000 – 299,000
1	2500 Dodge Ram	2009	228,000
1	3500 Dodge Ram	2006	162,000
1	5500 Dodge Ram	2014	229,000
Company		Bid	
Team Auctions		5% Commission	
Annett Auction Services		\$53,208 or 10% Commission	

- 2024-11-273 Moved by B. Schroeder that the District sells 12 Dodge Ram used pickups through Team Auctions at 5% commission. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:55 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

There have been no major issues since the last report. The fibre project for the Bow City, Rainer and Scandia phase has been completed. The new customer account fee structure and speeds will be in place for December 1, 2024.

[9:58 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break; R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

1.0 Approval of Agenda cont'd

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 14.0 Provincial Water Availability Engagement
- 22.0 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

2024-11-274 Moved by D. Peltzer that the agenda be revised as requested. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 Lands**10.01 Aquatic Invasive Species**

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

10.01.1 AIS Prevention Program Update

In follow up to last month, a summary of the CD³ (Clean. Drain. Dry. Dispose.) Mobile Watercraft Decontamination Unit was presented. A number of questions were responded to and further discussion was held on other potential mitigation efforts the District may implement. Direction was given to investigate the possibility of partnering with the provincial government on an AIS inspection station at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park.

[10:34 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

10.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

10.02.1 2024 Grazing Season Summary

It was ultimately determined that a 60 head maximum and a 2 week delay for both native and tame pastures would be beneficial to allow more time for pastures to recover from the last couple years of low precipitation and to accommodate increased requests for cattle on swing fields. Total cattle placed was 13,791 head, down 3,643 from 2023. Total AUM was 61,766, down from 81,719 in 2023. Membership dropped to 257 members, from 265 in 2023. Although significant winterkill on native grass was seen in parts of the south half of the District, above average precipitation in early summer and fall improved pasture conditions overall and enabled an October 19th round-up date.

394 cow/calf pairs were placed on pasture under the 2 Kitsim pivots. Some pasture damage occurred from a mid-summer hailstorm. As of 2024, pivots at Rock Lake are now fully managed by the EID. The new pump system was started up the 2nd week of June and 337 pairs were rotated on 2 pivots of permanent pasture and 1 of annual. Close management of all 4 pivots will continue, to bring them up to optimal production.

The south part of the District had good spring runoff to fill most dugouts; less runoff occurred in the north. Any dugouts that could be filled via waterlines were topped up. Due to water restrictions in 2023, DU projects were very low or dry in spring; however, with normal river flows, and precipitation reducing irrigation demand, basins were refilled throughout the season. Polypipe waterlines were completed in: Scandia – 5.2 km, Patricia – 8.5 km, Bantry – 8.5 km, and Gem – 13 km. The installation of 14 new water tanks along these waterlines will be completed in 2025. Throughout the District, improvements were: 4 new dugouts, 5 tire-tank replacements, 1 Texas gate, 1 new gate, and 1 culvert. 12.5 miles (20 km) of new barbed wire fence was installed. Current costs are \$6,000/mile for materials and \$3,000 for labour. Gem Grazing installed 2 miles (3.2 km) of new electric cross fence.

There were no grass fires on EID pastures in 2024. Weed control on fireguards continued, with very good results in using Rush 24 with glyphosate. Control of Downy Brome is ongoing as new infestations have been identified.

10.02.2 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2025 Grazing Season

Good rains in May and September, reduced allocations, and a deferred entry date allowed grass to recover from dry conditions over the past couple of years and produce carryover grass. It is anticipated that membership in the community pastures will remain stable for 2025 and that an increase from 60 to 65 head is sustainable. A maximum AUM of 77,500, or 15,500 cow/calf pairs over 5 months, was recommended for the 2025 grazing season. The cattle listings will be reviewed at the December GAC meeting and a recommendation will be made to the Board for a maximum grazing number per member, to be set at the December Board Meeting.

2024-11-275 Moved by D. Peltzer that the maximum number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 77,500 AUM for the 2025 grazing season. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.3 Request to Transfer PGL #7070 – Pfahl to Gutfriend/Pederzoli

Lacey Pfahl is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7070 to Wyatt Gutfriend & Rae-Leigh Pederzoli. This lease is a long-term, 15 + 15 year agreement, expiring in 2038, is transferrable to any eligible irrigator, and holds 14 remaining lease years. Wyatt Gutfriend meets all land and residency eligibility requirements.

2024-11-276 Moved by B. Deschamps that PGL #7070 be transferred from Dale & Lacey Pfahl to Wyatt Gutfriend & Rae-Leigh Pederzoli. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:53 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.03.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.03.1.1 Flood to Pivot – Vossepoel Cattle Co Ltd (Dick & Veronica Vossepoel)

– Pt NW 06 & Pt SW 07-17-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 149 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 160 acres flood (11 acres added for general assessment in 1995)
- Converting: 157 flood acres to wiper pivot; keeping 3 acres outside pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 160 acres (157 wiper pivot, 3 acres outside pivot area)

2024-11-277 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Vossepoel Cattle Co Ltd for the conversion of 157 acres flood to wiper pivot in Pt NW 06 & Pt SW 07-17-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$15,700 (157 acres x \$100/acre) – \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area) = \$14,200. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.1.2 Increase – Jacob Giesbrecht – Pt NE 19-17-12 W4M

- Current Assessment: 49 acres (wiper pivot from SE)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 17 acres needed in (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 66 acres pivot (49 large wiper, 17 small wiper)
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit discharge and registration required; project must be completed by November 30, 2025

2024-11-278 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacob Giesbrecht for 17 infill acres in Pt NE 19-17-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$25,500 (17 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-279 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of an Irrigable Unit on Pt S ½ 19-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-280 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt S ½ 19 & Pt NE 19-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Jacob Giesbrecht. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.1.3 Increase – JK Cattle Co Ltd (Janna Erker) – SW 15-22-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 126 acres
- Current Assessment: 99 acres (wiper pivot from SE), (27 acres transferred off for Farm Improvement)
- Proposal: add to wiper pivot reach; 2 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 101 acres wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by November 30, 2025

2024-11-281 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for JK Cattle Co Ltd for 2 infill acres in SW 15-22-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,000 (2 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.1.4 Increase – Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd (Ron Wiebe) – NE 05 & SE 08-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 176 acres
- Current Assessment: 223 acres pivot (wiper pivot & large pivot); (47 acres added and transferred in for irrigation development and 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm to large pivot; 15 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 238 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to landowner entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by November 30, 2025

2024-11-282 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ron Wiebe Farms Ltd for 15 infill acres in NE 05 & SE 08-21-16 W4M; subject to entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$22,500 (15 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- Current Assessment: 81 irrigation acres and 10 terminable acres
- Proposal/Converting: install 113 acre wiper pivot; convert 10 terminable acres to irrigation acres; 22 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B flood to pivot; $81 \times 1.4 = 32$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 113 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: previously approved January 27, 2022 (project not completed) and April 23, 2024; landowner is submitting a new application to extend his deadline past April 23, 2025; soils meet requirements; parcel is to be consolidated; project must be completed by November 30, 2025

2024-11-283 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cliff 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. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-284 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. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.1.6 Increase – Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – SE 03-24-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 85 acres
- Current Assessment: 63 acres wiper pivot, (17 acres transferred off for Farm Improvement in 2018 and 5 acres transferred off for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 21 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 84 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by November 30, 2025

2024-11-285 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Hutterian Brethren of Spring View for 21 infill acres in SE 03-24-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$31,500 (21 acres x \$1,500/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:06 a.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

10.04 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

10.04.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (Oct 1, 2023 to Sep 30, 2024)

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
2024	13	19	183.76 ac (30.5 miles)	1 permit (77.9 miles)	84	70
2023	22	35	155.11 ac (26 miles)	0 permits	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

Company	Abandonment Notifications	Reclamation Certificates
Torxen	38	47
Cardinal Energy Ltd	35	1
International Petroleum Corp	9	0
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	2	22

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

11.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

N. Fontaine advised that since the Irrigation Acres Bylaw and Capital Assets Charges Bylaw are now initially reviewed in October of each year following approval of irrigation development applications, the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy be revised to also be reviewed in October.

2024-11-286 Moved by B. Schroeder that the review of the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy, as stated in section 2.08, be revised from November of each year to October of each year. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #976

In follow up to the October 22nd meeting, Mr. Koochin presented a draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw for 1st reading containing an additional condition relating to irrigation acre application approvals:

- no delivery of water shall occur until the applicant's approved project has been completely finalized to the satisfaction of the Manager.

A number of questions were answered by Admin.

2024-11-287 Moved by B. Deschamps that Irrigation Acres Bylaw #976 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-288 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #976 (2024) the second time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-289 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #976 (2024) this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-290 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #976 (2024), 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

Irrigation Acres Bylaw #976 is available for viewing on the District website.

13.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #977

Also in follow up to the October 22nd meeting, Mr. Koochin presented a draft Capital Assets Charges Bylaw for 1st reading that retains the minimum default increase of 2% to the charges and amounts referenced in the bylaw and contains additional provisions regarding future reviews of the charges, with the next annual adjustment to the current increase proposed in the draft bylaw being scheduled to take effect December 1, 2025, and December 1 annually thereafter. The minimum default increase of 2% results in the following:

- the charge for conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres being increased from \$750/acre to \$765/acre;
- the charge for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 acres per parcel being increased from \$1,500/acre to \$1,530/acre; and
- the charge for new acres or infill and efficiency acres over 50 acres per parcel being increased from \$3,600/acre to \$3,672/acre.

A number of questions were answered by Admin.

2024-11-291 Moved by D. Peltzer that Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #977 (2024), be introduced and read the first time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-292 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #977 (2024) the second time this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-293 Moved by B. Schroeder that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #977 (2024) this 26th day of November 2024. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-11-294 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #977 (2024), 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. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #977 is available for viewing on the District website.

14.0 Provincial Water Availability Engagement

Admin further informed Directors on the following matter to date:

The Provincial government has recently launched an engagement on provincial water availability. The government is requesting all Albertans share their thoughts on ways to increase water availability and improve the water management system in Alberta. The outcomes of this consultation may include amendments to the Water Act as well as changes to the current water licensing system.

The Provincial Water Availability Engagement web page has specific information on the engagement including 'issue sheets' on a number of topics. Several of the issue sheets and the considerations within them would have a material impact on irrigation districts and their irrigators.

The Alberta Irrigation Districts Association (AIDA) and its member districts have been engaging with government officials since first being informed of the extent of the engagement. Concerns have been communicated, as well as the risk of potential amendment considerations on districts and their irrigators. A list of sector-endorsed suggestions has been provided to improve water management in Alberta. The sector's areas of concern, along with suggestions to improve access to water, are detailed in an AIDA white paper title "Provincial Water Availability Engagement: Identified concerns of possible amendments and suggestions to improve water access in Alberta" and is available for download from the AIDA website or from the EID website. All irrigators have been encouraged to review this document.

AIDA and districts will have additional meetings over the coming month with the government; however, irrigators are strongly encouraged to help by attending a virtual or in-person meeting *[as listed on the EID website]*, and/or by providing written or verbal feedback to the local MLA or Alberta Environment & Protected Areas *[links also provided on the website]*.

Directors were encouraged to attend as many of these meetings as possible, and to encourage irrigators to do the same. Key messaging points that provide some important economic information on the irrigation sector and summarize the most significant concerns and the top suggestions to improve the water management system in Alberta will be included in the EID Newsletter and available at the office. Newspaper and radio ads concerning this matter were submitted last week.

[11:52 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek and S. Connauton exited the meeting.]



2024-11-295 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres – Irrigation Development

16.0 County Public Auction Land Sale Update

[1:21 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

17.0 Operations

17.01 Flood Claim – Cody Thompson – NE 07-22-16 W4M

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

18.0 Antelope Creek Reservoir

[1:50 p.m. B. Schmidt disconnected from the meeting.]

19.0 Acceptable Thresholds for Purchase and Sale of Equipment

[1:58 p.m. – 2:04 p.m. Short break.]

20.0 Legal Updates

21.0 Draft Newsletter

22.0 Letter from JBS Food Canada ULC

2024-11-296 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

15.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres – Irrigation Development

A motion was carried in the public portion of the meeting. Staff were directed to get quotes and purchase equipment for the 4 parcels, as well as order any required infrastructure components. Lease particulars will be reviewed and confirmed at a later date. Entering into Annual Agreements will be investigated by Admin as an option versus applying reservoir carry forward acres to the parcels. Further irrigation development will be discussed at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

16.0 County Public Auction Land Sale Update

Staff will investigate this matter further and bring additional information back to the Board.

17.0 Operations

17.01 Flood Claim – Cody Thompson – NE 07-22-16 W4M

A motion was carried in the public portion of the meeting.

18.0 Antelope Creek Reservoir

Discussion on this matter was held. There was no action required at this time.

19.0 Acceptable Thresholds for Purchase and Sale of Equipment

A revised policy will be brought to the December meeting for approval.

20.0 Legal Update

Directors were updated on a couple of legal matters.

21.0 JBS Update

I. Friesen will respond to the latest JBS communication.

22.0 Draft Newsletter

The draft newsletter will be revised and forwarded to Directors for final review.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres – Irrigation Development cont'd

A spreadsheet of 39 Private Grazing Lease parcels having been investigated and rated for the most cost-effective potential of irrigation development was provided to Directors for their review. The top 4 parcels were recommended to be developed for irrigated leases beginning in 2026; anything further would require significant infrastructure. Water delivery infrastructure, pivot installations, and dirt work will be completed in the summer of 2025; however, lessees will be given access to the parcels in the fall to break the land. Additional details will be forthcoming.

2024-11-297 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve moving forward with irrigated leases on the following parcels:

- NE 27-14-13 W4M – 155 acre corner arm pivot;
- SE 34-14-13 W4M – 125 acre pivot;
- NW 14-14-14 W4M – 149 acre corner arm pivot; and
- NW 06-24-15 W4M – 154 acre corner arm pivot.

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.0 Operations**17.01 Flood Claim – Cody Thompson – NE 07-22-16 W4M cont'd**

On May 20, 2024, Cody Thompson informed EID staff of a pipeline leak in the SW corner of NW 07-22-16 W4M. Efforts were made to immediately shut down the pipeline; however, due to delays closing the gate on the head of the pipeline, staff were unable to fully stop the flow until the evening of May 22nd. Repairs were completed and the pipeline refilled by the next morning. The excess water from the leak flooded a portion of the landowner's alfalfa field under pivot in NE 07-22-16 W4M. Due to this, the landowner was also unable to operate his wiper pivot through a large section

of the field for the remainder of the year. The flooded area was surveyed to be 30.8 acres and the landowner is asking for fair compensation of 70-80 tons of lost yield.

2024-11-298 Moved by B. Deschamps that the District pay flood compensation to Cody Thompson for crop damage to 30.8 acres of his alfalfa field in NE 07-22-16 W4M due to the District's inability to shut off the water supply after the pipeline leak:

- \$180/ton x 75 ton = \$13,500.

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Engineering cont'd

7.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2025/26 to 2027/28

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2025/26 to 2027/28, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. The completed projects were: 2 check structures on One Tree Drain, 1 check structure on 09-B Springhill, and the 01 One Tree Pipeline. The continuing project is armouring the West Bantry Canal. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley. New projects were reviewed and outlined as follows:

IRP ANNUAL ROLLING 3-YEAR PLAN – 2025/26 to 2027/28		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2025/26	Snake Lake Canal	\$11,000,000
	2024 Aerial Photos	\$40,000
Proposed Year 2 2026/27	11 Bow Slope (upper)	\$750,000
Proposed Year 3 2027/28	[no project]	-

2024-11-299 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2025/26 to 2027/28 as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23.0 Upcoming Events

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| <p>23.01 Provincial Water Availability Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern AB Virtual Public Open House • EID In-Person Meeting • Red Deer In-Person Open House • Fort Macleod In-Person Open House <p>23.02 591155 AB Ltd (Doerksen) Appeal to Irr Council</p> <p>23.03 Annual Intermunicipal Meeting</p> <p>23.04 Regular Board Meeting</p> <p>23.05 Scholarship Awards & Reception</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, November 26th, 6:30 p.m. [virtual] - Thursday, November 28th, 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Lethbridge, Sandman Signature Leth. Lodge - Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:30 p.m., Red Deer, Alberta Sports Hall of Fame - Monday, December 9th, 5:30 p.m., Fort Macleod, Fort Macleod Community Hall - Wednesday, December 11th, 10:00 a.m. - Saturday, Dec 14th, 6:00 p.m., Duchess, Duchess Community Hall - Tuesday, December 17th, 9:00 a.m. - Thursday, December 19th, 5:00 p.m. |
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| 23.06 | EID Meeting with MLA/Premier Smith | - Friday, January 3 rd , 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., EID |
| 23.07 | Corporate Planning Session | - Tuesday, January 14 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 23.08 | Corporate Planning Session | - Thursday, January 16 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 23.09 | JBS/EID Lunch Meeting | - [Date TBA - 4 th week of January 2025], JBS Office |
| 23.10 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

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Chairman

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General Manager

December 17, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 17th day of December 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
[vacant]	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]		
Mr. Brian Schmidt	Member			

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 4.03 Crawling Valley Recreation Society
- 16.0 Meeting with Premier Smith – Discussion Items

2024-12-300 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 26, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the November 26, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2024-12-301 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the November 26, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the November 26th Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Public Open Houses & EID In-Person Meeting**

Directors, Admin, and irrigators attended the various Provincial Water Availability Engagement sessions held in late November and early December, with industry concerns referenced in the November minutes. A separate meeting between the EID and Alberta Environment & Protected Areas (AEPA) reps was held on November 28th. I. Friesen will summarize the points discussed at that meeting and forward to AEPA as a follow-up. Irrigation districts are gaining confidence that

their concerns are being heard and that this engagement process has not singled out the industry for radical changes.

4.02 Annual Intermunicipal Meeting

T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, and B. Schroeder attended the Annual Intermunicipal Meeting held on December 14th in Duchess. Premier/MLA Smith and MP Martin Shields were in attendance and the County of Newell, City of Brooks, Town of Bassano, Villages of Duchess and Rosemary, and the EID were represented. All parties were given the opportunity to present on various regional matters and to speak directly with Premier Smith. Topics included the Provincial Water Availability Engagement, City of Brooks effluent treatment plant, Hwy #36 overpass, regional truck route, landfill gasification plant, the decommissioned Crop Diversification Centre, and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

4.03 Crawling Valley Recreation Society

D. Peltzer attended a Crawling Valley Recreation Society meeting on December 2nd. In turn, Directors were informed of general CVC campground matters, revenue, budget, and proposed upgrades.

[9:46 a.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

5.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

5.01 Project Status

The pipeline crew has installed the pipeline through the flood field on the 14-H West Bantry project and is now continuing maintenance works and development requests. Both crews will be continuing with pipelining in the New year, starting with 14-H West Bantry and V Tilley. The earthworks crew has completed the rehab work on West Bantry Canal, although the gravel armour has yet to be placed, which is under the Irrigation Rehabilitation Program. The earthworks crew has currently moved to the Rolling Hills Canal lining project.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Rock Lake Drain	- 100% complete
West Bantry Phase 3	- 80% complete
Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	- will commence after West Bantry
PIPELINE	
14-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 15% complete, will continue in New Year
J Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
V Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
U-02 Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
03 East Branch	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
West Bantry Armouring (IRP)	- 45% complete, armouring underway

5.02 Drain Relo & Drain Crossing – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd – SE 10-20-14 W4M

J. Kabut advised that the landowner is proposing to rotate the wiper pivot further in SE 10-20-14 W4M. A drain relocation is being requested for 2 areas to allow the pivot wheel to cross perpendicular for a bridge to be feasible. Through 3.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; this project is estimated to cost \$13,640.

2024-12-302 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd in SE 10-20-14 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 \$13,640; of which the landowner will pay \$6,820 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The landowner is further proposing to put in a culvert crossing outside the pivot area for machinery access. Through 2.0 of the same policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$15,000 for cattle or machinery crossings on canals or drains. This project is estimated to cost \$27,390. A number of questions were responded to by Staff and Admin.

2024-12-303 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Culvert Crossing for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd in SE 10-20-14 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The cost of the project is \$27,390; of which the landowner will pay \$13,695 + GST. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing OPPOSED – R. Hiebert

The Farm Improvement Policy, particularly section 2.0, will be added to the Corporate Planning agenda for review.

[10:01 a.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

6.0 EIDNet Report

M. Koochin presented the following EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Moen.

6.01 Monthly Report

EIDNet account numbers were reviewed. No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month.

[10:02 a.m. – 10:09 a.m. Short break. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

7.0 Lands

7.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

7.01.1 GAC Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2024

A GAC Meeting was held on December 9th, 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 such as allocations and entry dates. There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors made at this meeting.

7.01.2 2025 Cattle Listings and Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

With a tentative 65 head maximum per full member, total cattle numbers applied for the 2025 season are 14,803 or 1,012 head more than last year's final total. This total is significantly lower (697 head) than was projected earlier this fall at budget approval, mainly due to fewer than anticipated new members applying (6), and 9 members dropping out. It is expected the total will decrease to approximately 14,700 head after adjustments are made.

2025 CATTLE NUMBERS SUMMARY – as of December 11, 2024					
Association	2024	2025	Difference	2024 Members	2025 Members
Bantry	425	495	70	8	8
Bassano	724	808	84	13	14
Duchess	952	987	35	17	16
Eyremore	1,629	1,810	181	29	29
Gem	2,191	2,358	167	39	38
Newell	1,787	1,776	-11	32	30
Patricia	2,172	2,404	232	43	42
Rolling Hills	920	1,001	81	20	21
Rosemary	1,704	1,770	66	30	30
Tilley	1,287	1,394	107	26	26
Total	13,791	14,803	1,012	257	254
Members	6 new, 9 dropped out				

The GAC reviewed total listings for 2025 at their recent meeting. Pasture conditions have improved significantly since last year. With lower than anticipated listings, consensus was to take a cautious approach and wait until spring to determine if conditions will support an increase to the maximum number per member.

2024-12-304 Moved by B. Deschamps that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2025 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 D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:18 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

7.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

7.02.1 Set Rates for Land Spraying, Seismic, & Dirt

It was recommended that the 2025 rates for land spraying, seismic and dirt fill be retained from 2024. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2024-12-305 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Oil & Gas rates for 2025 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 Irrigators - \$3.00/m³.

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:20 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

8.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following Legal & Corporate Services Report.

8.01 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Appeal to Irrigation Council

The appeal filed with Irrigation Council by Doerksen Farms Ltd (591155 Alberta Ltd) on September 5, 2024 regarding a decision by the EID Board to conditionally approve an application for irrigation acres was heard by Irrigation Council on December 11, 2024. A written decision from Irrigation Council is expected by December 20, 2024.

2024-12-306 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024-12-307 Moved by D. Deschamps that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:50 a.m. Ken Neufeld and Max Tateson representing the Silver Sage Ag Society entered the meeting. N. Fontaine also entered the meeting.]

10:50 a.m. Silver Sage Ag Society

K. Neufeld gave a presentation to the Board regarding the redevelopment of the lands leased to the Silver Sage Ag Society. The EID was requested for its help in surveying the grounds and consideration of other possible in-kind work. Also, the current lease agreement may need to be reviewed by both parties.

[11:38 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Short break. K. Neufeld and M. Tateson exited the meeting.]

2024-12-308 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:50 a.m. Silver Sage Ag Society cont'd

[12:08 p.m. – 12:41 p.m. Lunch break.]

9.0 JBS Update

10.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update

11.0 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica – Update

[1:17 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

12.0 Access Policy for District Owned Lands

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

13.0 Acceptable Thresholds for Purchase and Sale of Equipment

14.0 Commercial Update

15.0 Legal Update

16.0 Meeting with Premier Smith – Discussion Items

17.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

17.01 Draft AGM Agenda

17.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

2024-12-309 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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10:50 a.m. Silver Sage Ag Society cont'd

Direction was given to N. Fontaine. R. Gagley will survey the grounds with the drone when the snow cover is gone.

9.0 JBS Update

Direction was given to N. Fontaine.

10.0 Kinbrook Island Provincial Park – Group Use Area Update

This matter will be added to the January 3rd meeting to be discussed with Premier Smith.

11.0 Request to Purchase Land – Marie Gazdarica – Update

A letter from Board is to be forwarded to M. Gazdarica, upholding the original motion and the alternative to move the pivot. The letter is to also indicate that the purchase price will reset to the current policy value, if not settled by January 31, 2025.

12.0 Access Policy for District Owned Lands

A motion was carried once the meeting reconvened.

13.0 Acceptable Thresholds for Purchase and Sale of Equipment

A motion was carried once the meeting reconvened.

14.0 Commercial Update

A motion was carried once the meeting reconvened.

15.0 Legal Update

Directors were updated on a couple of legal matters.

16.0 Meeting with Premier Smith – Discussion Items

5 items for discussion were identified for the upcoming MLA meeting with Premier Smith on January 3, 2025:

- Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project
- Provincial Water Availability Engagement
- Kinbrook Island Provincial Park
- AIS Inspection Station
- Land for JBS Access Road

17.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book**17.01 Draft Annual General Meeting Agenda**

A draft AGM agenda was presented to Directors; no revisions were requested at this time.

17.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

Draft Annual Report Book reports will be presented at Corporate Planning for Board review.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

12.0 Access Policy for District Owned Lands

2.2(a) of the Access Policy for District Owned Lands will be revised to no longer allow adjacent landowners the discretion to lock out public access on District titled right of ways.

2024-12-310 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Access Policy for District Owned Lands be revised as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 Acceptable Thresholds for Purchase and Sale of Equipment

This new policy will allow for the sale and purchase of equipment valued under \$15,000 to be handled by Admin without having to present to the Board. It replaces the old Equipment Disposal Policy.

2024-12-311 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Equipment Disposal Policy be renamed the Equipment Purchase and Disposal Policy and be revised as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Commercial Update

The District has been in discussions with The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City regarding their offer to sell a portion of lands to the EID. Direction was provided to Admin to continue discussions and work towards finalizing an agreement based on the following.

2024-12-312 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District purchase from The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City approximately 313.8 acres of land consisting of the following parcels:

- Ptn of SE 11-18-18 W4M;
- Ptns of NE 02 & SE 02-18-18 W4M;
- Ptns of Sec 01-18-18 W4M; and
- Ptns of Sec 36-17-18 W4M

for \$1,129,680 (313.8 acres x \$3,600/acre) and subject to reasonable terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the parties, including approval of the purchase agreement by the Board. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18.0 Upcoming Events

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| 18.01 | Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 19 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 18.02 | EID Meeting with MLA/Premier Smith | - Friday, January 3 rd , 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., EID Office |
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| 18.04 | Corporate Planning Session | - Thursday, January 16 th , 10:00 a.m. |
| 18.05 | JBS/EID Lunch Meeting | - [Date & Time TBA – 4 th week of January], JBS Office |
| 18.06 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 18.07 | AIDA Annual Conference | - February 3 rd – 5 th , Westin Calgary Airport Hotel, Calgary
[attending: T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen,
M. Koochin, R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut, B. Kroschel] |
| 18.08 | Agriculture and the Alberta Economy | - Thursday, February 6 th , Calgary |
| 18.09 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:32 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager