



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

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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]	<i>[apologies]</i>	
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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The revised bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The revised bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT</b>		
<b>Investment</b>	<b>Matured</b>	<b>Purchased</b>
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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2023, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.02 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

This bylaw will be brought to the February meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>; 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
<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	
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
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
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
<b>PIPELINE</b>	
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**

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 7<sup>th</sup>. Work has commenced on the next reach, being Bow City, Rainer, and Scandia.

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

[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.



<b>EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2023</b>					
<b>Acres on the Water Roll</b>	<b>Irrigation Acres</b>	<b>Terminable Acres</b>	<b>Annual Agreement</b>	<b>5R Soils Acres</b>	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll</b> (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 0 >
<b>Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll</b> (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					102
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					23
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

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

**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 1/2 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
<b>Total Length</b>	4,500 m	5,000 m	6,000 m	10,750 m
<b>New Water Tanks</b>	3	3	4	3
<b>Cost</b>	\$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**

- 15.01 Irrigated Lease Auction - Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, EID Office, 2:00 p.m.
- 15.02 AIDA 2024 Conference - February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.04 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- 15.05 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 15.06 Nominations Close - Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

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

Chairman

General Manager