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January 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of January 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1] <i>[online]</i>	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
<i>[vacant]</i>	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	<i>[online]</i>		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2025-01-001 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 December 17, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the December 17, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-01-002 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the December 17, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the December 17, 2024, Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Town Hall, January 8th, Lethbridge

D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Ketchmark, and I. Friesen attended an additional public session for the Provincial Water Availability Engagement, on January 8th. This town hall was hosted in Lethbridge and continued the conversation and opportunity for feedback from all license holders concerning the water management system in Alberta. It was noted that the majority of this meeting focused on concerns from the coal mining industry.

4.02 Solar Energy, Farming & Irrigation – Public Open House, January 23rd, Rosemary

D. Peltzer and B. Schroeder attended a public open house in Rosemary on January 23rd that offered solar projects scaled to local farmers and business owners. Topics included powering pumps and equipment, offsetting energy costs, selling excess solar production, panel costs, panel lifespans, and project incentives. Previously explored by the District, industry advancements and turnaround on investment may now be at the point to support investigating this option at suitable locations along EID infrastructure.

[9:15 a.m. E. Chapman and S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

9:15 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2023/2024 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 Mrs. Barlow.

2025-01-003 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, 2024, be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-01-004 Moved by D. Peltzer that the audit findings letter dated January 28, 2025, be accepted, executed, and returned to the auditor. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:50 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Short break, E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2024

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2024, was \$4.72M or 5.14% more than the book value at September 30, 2024.

1st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT to December 31, 2024		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$11,500,000	\$12,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	\$50,000
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$4,400,000	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2025-01-005 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2024

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

2025-01-006 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to December 31, 2024

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

- YTD revenues total about \$12.29 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$8.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$3.7 million.

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

2025-01-007 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2024, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-01-008 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.04 Corporate Planning Follow Up – Bylaws

2025-01-009 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.05 2025 Rate Bylaw #978

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Rate Bylaw was presented with the following revisions and an undetermined water rate:

- for section 3.0, clause (b), an Annual Agreement rate of \$85.00/acre (being approximately 1.5% of the capital asset rate, plus the cost to deliver the water),
- for section 7.0, a surcharge rate of \$61.00/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
- for section 9.0, a pressure system surcharge rate of \$15.00/acre.

Additional discussion resulted in the following motions being carried.

**2025-01-010 Moved by J. Ketchmark that a rate of \$6.00/acre be inserted in sections 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 of Bylaw #978 (2025) and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schroeder**

- 2025-01-011 Moved by D. Peltzer that a rate of \$6.00/acre be confirmed for sections 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 of Bylaw #978 (2025), with the direction that all revenue generated by sections 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 not already pledged for repayment of AIM loan be held in an internally restricted account for the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project to be used following issuance of Environmental Impact Assessment approval and at the discretion of the Board, and that the bylaw be read the second time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED**
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Schroeder

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

5.06 2025 Fees Bylaw #979

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the 2025 Fees Bylaw was presented for review. The Bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water, this year being \$39.43/ac-ft. 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. Most amounts have been increased by 3%. Added this year under Country Residential Rural Water Use Agreements, is a pasture irrigation fee of \$200/acre-foot or \$311/acre-foot for pressurized systems. This provision for acreage owners will begin to be rolled out this year.

- 2025-01-012 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #979 (2025), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-01-013 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board read and approve Bylaw #979 (2025) the second time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-01-014 Moved by J. Ketchmark that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #979 (2025) this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-01-015 Moved by B. Deschamps that Bylaw #979 (2025), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Fees for Household Purposes Agreements, Water Conveyance Agreements, Rural Water Use Agreements, and Other Purposes Agreements, and to Set the Discount and Penalty Rates Applicable to those Agreements, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The 2025 Fees Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

5.07 Remuneration Bylaw #980

In follow up to Corporate Planning, Director mileage will remain at \$0.62/km as approved since 2022. Flat rate meal reimbursements for breakfast, lunch, and dinner will remain at \$15/\$25/\$35 as approved since 2015. However, Director Per Diem rates which have not been increased since 2016, were increased by approximately 2%, from \$457/day to \$465/day.

- 2025-01-016 Moved by B. Schmidt that Bylaw #980 (2025), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2025-01-017 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #980 (2025) the second time this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-01-018 Moved by B. Deschamps that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #980 (2025) this 28th day of January 2025. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-01-019 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #980 (2025), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Establish the Rate of Remuneration and Expenses for Directors, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[11:01 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

6.01 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Appeal to Irrigation Council

The Board was provided a copy of Irrigation Council's decision dated December 20, 2024, with respect to the appeal filed on September 5, 2024, by Doerksen Farms Ltd / 591155 Alberta Ltd ("Doerksen"). To summarize, Irrigation Council confirmed the delivery point for Doerksen's proposed project must be off the North Branch Canal only and that the deadline for completing the project is extended to July 31, 2025. The decision also confirms an irrigation district has the authority under the *Irrigation Districts Act* to choose the point from which water will be delivered and that the EID's decision in choosing the North Branch Canal as the delivery point was reasonable.

[11:04 a.m. – 11:13 a.m. Short break; Janelle Villeneuve – Water Quality Specialist, Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation, and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

11:30 a.m. Water Quality Presentation – Janelle Villeneuve, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

A report specific to the EID was presented by J. Villeneuve. An expanded presentation covering monitoring points within all the irrigation districts will be given at the upcoming AIDA Conference in Calgary.

[11:57 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch break; J. Villeneuve exited the meeting.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Project Status

Both pipeline crews started installing pipe on January 6th. Crew 1 continued with the 14-H West Bantry pipeline, where they are now 40% complete. Crew 2 started V Tilley, where they are currently 30% complete. The earthworks crews are placing armour on the West Bantry Canal and have completed 20% of the rehabilitation of the Rolling Hills Canal.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Rock Lake Drain	- 100% complete
West Bantry Phase 3	- 90% complete
Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	- 20% complete
PIPELINE	
14-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 40% complete
J Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
V Tilley (AIM)	- 30% complete
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)	- 75% complete, armouring underway

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

Status of various snowpack pillows (Lost, Sunshine, Little Elbow, Three Isle Lake, Mount Odum, and Skoki) that are monitored and feed the Bow River were reviewed; as of January 20th all are tracking below the average range. As it is still early in the snowfall season, the snowpack could easily recover, much like was witnessed last year.

8.02 Request to Purchase Land for EID ROW

Presently, a rock wall is being installed in the stilling pond for D North Bantry in SW 01-19-14 W4M to replace an aquatic weed sweeper. Since the project required the landowner's fencing and infrastructure immediately adjacent to the pond to be moved, it was advised that purchasing this portion of land would enable ease of current and future maintenance and prevent accessing the acreage owner's land in the future. The purchase price is based on the County's computed market value.

2025-01-020 Moved by B. Deschamps that to accommodate the maintenance area of an existing EID stilling pond, the District offer to purchase an approximate .37 acre parcel of land from the adjacent acreage owner in Pt SW 01-19-14 W4M for \$12,500; with all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees, and any other fees associated with the land purchase being the responsibility of the District. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board will be updated as to this matter.

[12:40 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

9.0 EIDNet Report

9.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. R. Moen and J. Ketchmark will collaborate on some potential customer sites to be investigated along the District's southern perimeter.

1 st QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to December 31, 2024	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	26
Residential Accounts	1,459
Business Accounts	340
EID Automation	5
Total	1,830

[12:45 p.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

10.0 Request for Donation/Sponsorship – Southern 4-H Region Farming Smarter Committee

B. Doerksen advised that letters requesting a donation of a silent auction item or conference sponsorship were received from the Southern 4-H Region Farming Smarter Committee in support of their Farming Smarter Conference in Lethbridge, February 12th & 13th.

2025-01-021 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$500 be contributed to the Southern 4-H Region Farming Smarter Committee in support of the association's conference lunch costs or fundraising goals. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:49 p.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

11.01.1 Assessment Report to December 31, 2024

The Assessment Report for the period of October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, was presented, summarized as follows. In response to an earlier question from Directors, S. Connauton advised that 11,713 acres have been added to the assessment roll since the plebiscite passing in March 2021, and that 3,495 of those acres were categorized as "Infill Acres".



1st QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2024					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
October 1, 2024	316,174	2,790	0	374	319,338
December 31, 2024	316,281	2,782	0	374	319,437
Net increase	107	< 8 >	0	0	99
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)					107
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					8
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

1st QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$99,680
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$6,000
Annual Agreements	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0
Totals	\$105,860

11.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.01.2.1 Flood to Pivot – DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas & Sharon Martin) – SW 07-19-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 95 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 108 acres flood (13 acres added in 1985)
- Converting: 108 flood acres to pivot; 25 acres required (previously approved)
- New Assessment: 133 acres, all under pivot
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding
- Note: increase in irrigation acres application approved in 2024 (motion 2024-09-221)

2025-01-022 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for DLM Feeders Inc for the conversion of 108 acres flood to pivot in SW 07-19-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$10,800 (108 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.01.2.2 Increase – Brian & Michele Slenders and Wayne & Cindy Slenders – N 15-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 119 acres
- Current Assessment: 130 acres wiper pivot (4 acres added with Farm Improvement in 2001 and 7 acres added for General Assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 15 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 145 acres, all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit not required; project must be completed by January 31, 2026

2025-01-023 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Brian & Michele Slenders and Wayne & Cindy Slenders for 15 infill acres in N ½ 15-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$22,950 (15 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[1:04 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

11.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.02.1 Grazing Waterline Projects – Update and Approval

Waterline projects are being proposed for the Rolling Hills Regrass, Newell/Eyremore, East Tilley Swing Field, and Coxon areas of community pastures. These extensions will convey water to new or existing dugouts and water tanks. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Consensus was to install 2 dugouts for the Coxon project, rather than 1 as first proposed.

2025 GRAZING WATERLINE PROJECTS				
Project Details	Rolling Hills Regrass	Newell/Eyremore	East Tilley Swing Field	Coxon
Total Length	3,200 m	6,750 m	13,000 m	2,000 m
New Water Tanks	3	3	2	1
Lined Dugout	-	-	-	2
Cost	\$60,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$70,000

2025-01-024 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Grazing Waterline Projects in Rolling Hills Regrass, Newell/Eyremore, East Tilley Swing Field, and Coxon community pastures be approved as revised, at a total estimated cost of \$430,000. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.2 Direction for Renewal of Private Grazing Leases

The following PGL's have expired and direction for renewal is being requested. Maps and details of each lease were presented to Directors for discussion.

11.02.2.1 Annual PGL #7077

PGL #7077 is located east of Rolling Hills in N ½ 30 & SW 31-14-12 W4M and E ½ 36-14-13 W4M. It consists of 798 acres and has supported 175 AUM.

2025-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7077 be tendered out for a 4 year term at 160 AUM, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.2.2 Short Term PGL #7083

PGL #7083 is located east of Gem in SW 06-24-15 W4M. The PGL previously consisted of the NW quarter as well, but as that parcel was approved in November 2024 for irrigation development, it now consists of 160 acres. Grazing details were reviewed and discussion of this lease continued in the In Camera portion of the meeting.

**11.02.2.3 Short Term – PGL #7167**

PGL #7167 is located south of Rolling Hills in NW 16 & SW 21-14-13 W4M. It consists of 314 acres and supports 70 AUM.

2025-01-026 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

11.02.2.4 Long Term – PGL #7079

PGL #7079 is located NE of Patricia in S ½ 03 & Pt W ½ 04-21-12 W4M. It consists of 433 acres and supports 80 AUM. Due to extreme terrain and adjacent deeded land, a proposal was presented to change the boundaries and create a new lease. Through discussion it was requested that this PGL be brought back to the February meeting to allow time for Director consultation with the lessees.

11.02.3 Request to Transfer Long Term Private Grazing Leases – PGL #7071 and PGL #7081

Marlin & Heather Maldaner are requesting to transfer Private Grazing Leases #7071 and #7081 to Darren & Sophia Torkelson. These leases are long-term, 15 + 15 year agreements, expiring in 2038, hold 14 remaining lease years, and are transferrable to any eligible irrigator. Darren & Sophia Torkelson meet all land and residency eligibility requirements.

2025-01-027 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7071 and #7081 be transferred from Marlin & Heather Maldaner to Darren & Sophia Torkelson. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[2:08 p.m. – 2:14 p.m. Short break; R. Volek exited the meeting, J. Thompson entered.]

2025-01-028 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 Safety Program Update

[2:31 p.m. J. Thompson exited the meeting.]

13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up**13.01 Summary & Action Item Follow-Up****13.02 Questions to Irrigators**

[3:07 p.m. N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

11.0 Lands cont'd**11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas**



11.02.1 Requests to Purchase Land

11.02.1.1 Alberta Transportation – Pt NE 31-15-13 W4M & Pt NW 32-15-13 W4M

11.02.1.2 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

11.02.1.3 Scott Douglass – PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M

[3:57 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

14.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

15.0 Commercial Update

16.0 Legal Update

**2025-01-029 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Ketchmark.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

12.0 Safety Program Update

Directors will be notified of dates to join EID supervised safety tours of construction projects in their area, or elsewhere within the District.

13.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

13.01 Summary & Action Item Follow-Up

Summaries and action items from Corporate Planning were reviewed for follow-up.

13.02 Questions to Irrigators

The draft Questions to Irrigators are to be further developed and brought back to the February Board Meeting for further discussion. It is intended to ask irrigators these questions verbally at the AGM, and then to repeat the questions in the following spring newsletter.

11.0 Lands cont'd

11.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

11.02.1 Requests to Purchase Land

11.02.1.1 Alberta Transportation – Pt NE 31-15-13 W4M & Pt NW 32-15-13 W4M

A motion was made once reconvened.

11.02.1.2 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

A motion was made once reconvened.

11.02.1.3 Scott Douglass – PGL #7083 in SW 06-24-15 W4M

A motion was made once reconvened.

14.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

A few edits and revisions were noted for the final draft of the Annual Report Book.

15.0 Commercial Update

Direction was given to Admin. This matter will be brought back to the Board, likely in February.

16.0 Legal Update

Directors were updated on a legal matter.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.02.1.1 Alberta Transportation – Pt NE 31 & Pt NW 32-15-13 W4M

Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors is requesting to purchase 2 small parcels of land located in Pt NE 31 & Pt NW 32-15-13 W4M to accommodate bridge repair work. Operations and Engineering have no concerns.

2025-01-030 Moved by B. Schroeder that the District sell to Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors an approximate 0.49 acre parcel of land in NE 31-15-13 W4M and an approximate 0.46 acre parcel of land in NW 32-15-13 W4M to accommodate bridge repair work, 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

11.02.1.2 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

In follow up to the Silver Sage Ag Society's presentation in December, further discussion was held regarding their proposed development plans. Anticipated local and regional impact, and the District's opportunity for community investment were also discussed.

2025-01-031 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District investigate selling for \$1.00 to the Silver Sage Agricultural Society the grounds currently leased to them, to facilitate their development plans moving forward. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.1.3 Scott Douglass – PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M

In continuation of the review earlier in the meeting, it was advised that Scott Douglass is requesting the District put SW 06-24-15 W4M up for auction. As there is no water source on this parcel and installing a necessary waterline to operate this reduced PGL was deemed inefficient, this request was denied and the following motion carried.

2025-01-032 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7083 be offered as a 1 year lease to the adjacent lessee of PGL #7076 at 26 AUM, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Selling unfragmented small parcels or portions of EID lands not contemplated within the current Sale of District Owned Lands Policy remains a topic of continued Board discussion.

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | 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] |
| 17.02 | Agriculture and the Alberta Economy | - Thur, Feb 6 th , Sheraton Suites Eau Calgary Eau Claire
[T. Hemsing, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen] |
| 17.03 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, February 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.04 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 3 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.05 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 4 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 17.06 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 5 th , 5:00 p.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 4:21 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

February 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of February 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Vice-Chair	[Division 2] <i>[online]</i>	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corp Serv
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Ops
<i>[vacant]</i>	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	<i>[online]</i>		

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 9.02.2 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update

2025-02-033 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 January 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes were corrected through the following:

- 4.01 Remove "T. Hemsing" from having attended the referenced meeting.

2025-02-034 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the January 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as corrected. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the January 28th Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA 2025 Conference

T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel attended the AIDA 2025 Conference, this year held in Calgary on February 3rd – 5th. Several presentations were heard in the categories of water legislation, water management, water quality, asset management, chemical control technologies, and water infrastructure technical sessions.

4.02 Conversation on Agriculture and the Alberta Economy

T. Hemsing, J. Ketchmark, and I. Friesen attended the "Conversation on Agriculture and the Alberta Economy", held February 6th in Calgary. Opportunities were given for attendees to hear from and speak directly with opposition government representatives.

[9:19 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

5.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

5.01 Financial Statements to January 31, 2025

The financial statements to January 31, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$15.19 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$11.5 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$3.6 million.

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

2025-02-035 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to January 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2025 Rate Bylaw #978 – 3rd Reading

The 2025 Rate Bylaw was presented at the January 28th Board Meeting, revised as directed, and given 1st and 2nd readings. The bylaw includes a \$6.00/acre water rate with the direction that all revenue generated by sections 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 not already pledged for repayment of the AIM loan be held in an internally restricted account for the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion Project to be used following issuance of the Environmental Impact Assessment approval and at the discretion of the Board. The bylaw also includes an Annual Agreement rate of \$85.00/acre, a surcharge rate of \$61.00/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 \$15.00/acre. The bylaw was given 3rd and final reading.

**2025-02-036 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #978 (2025), 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
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Schroeder**

The 2025 Rate Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

[9:38 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

With recent cold days, crews will start working some Saturdays to stay on schedule. Substantial completion is planned for all projects by the end of the first week of April. Most projects will still need final cleanup through to the end of April.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Rock Lake Drain	- 100% complete
West Bantry Phase 3	- 100% complete
Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	- 60% complete
PIPELINE	
14-H West Bantry (AIM)	- 70% complete
J Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
V Tilley (AIM)	- 70% complete
U-02 Tilley (AIM)	- 5% complete, prepared for pipeline install
03 East Branch	- 5% complete, to begin construction on February 25 th

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
West Bantry Armouring (IRP)	- 90% complete, armouring underway

[9:39 a.m. B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

6.02 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update

The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project is nearing completion. 22 individual sections have been written to evaluate the existing conditions and to define the impacts of building the reservoir. All sections are being finalized and are currently being reviewed by third party engineers, consultants, and the EID. Technical documents have also been developed to assist in the design of the reservoir and include detailed investigations of the ground conditions under the proposed dam, the ground conditions within the reservoir where the borrow material will be excavated, the impacts of major storm events on the expanded reservoir, the impacts of a dam breach on the downstream lands and infrastructure, a preliminary investigation into a new outlet structure with an increased capacity, and investigations into riprap and filter sand supply and transport to site. Currently aiming to submit the EIA to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) by March 31st. Following submission to AEPA, the document will be reviewed for completeness and to ensure it meets the Final Terms of Reference. The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) will also review the submission. AEPA will also require approval under the Alberta Water Act prior to construction.

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report

The snowpack continues to trend below average in all the ranges affecting the Bow Basin, with most being below last season. At this point, there is still time for the ranges to improve prior to the 2025 water season.

[9:55 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work on the next phase of the fibre project has begun which includes the Gem, Patricia, and Rolling Hills towers.

[10:01 a.m. – 10:07 a.m. Short break. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

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

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

9.01.1 Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground – Set 2025 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 irrigator portion of the draw. The Irrigator Draw is set for April 2nd and the Public Draw will be April 3rd.

2025-02-037 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the 2025 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 Irrigators,**
 - **\$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 B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-02-038 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the 2025 Camping Season at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground open Monday, May 12th and close Sunday, September 7th. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2 Expiring Irrigated Leases

8 Irrigated Leases are due to expire December 31, 2025. These leases were originally 20 year agreements and upon expiry, leaseholders were given the option to A) let the lease revert to the District; B) extend the lease for a further 10 years for a one-time payment equal to the annual rental, with no rights beyond the 10 year term; or C) request the lease be put up for sale whereby the District sets the minimum bid amount and the leaseholder has the right to match the highest bid. All 8 lessees chose the option to extend the lease for a further 10 years; the lease agreements expire December 31, 2025.

In follow up from discussion at Corporate Planning, it was directed to align these leases with the format of the new irrigation leases auctioned in January 2024, with the exception of not posting a minimum bid and reducing the maximum acre per lessee from 640 to 320 irrigated lease acres.

~~2025-02-039 Moved by B. Schroeder that upon expiry of Irrigated Leases #8250, #8251, #8254, #8255, #8256, #8266, #8267, and #8271, the leases be:~~

- ~~• individually auctioned for a 5-year term with no minimum bid requirement;~~
- ~~• with a 320-acre maximum limitation per lessee of all current irrigated leases;~~
- ~~• with no lessee residency requirement, but the lessee must own irrigated acres within the EID;~~
- ~~• with subletting allowed, but no option to transfer, and no automatic renewal; and~~
- ~~• including a crop management plan for specialty crops (seed canola, sugar beets, potatoes, and beans), land stewardship clause, and pivot maintenance clause.~~

~~Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2025-04-089]~~

It was confirmed that current lessees are to be compensated for the mainline at 50% of the current install cost. Staff were directed to obtain 2 appraisals each for pivots and pumps to assist in determining whether to offer to purchase the existing pivots and pumps or to instruct the lessees to remove them at the end of term.

9.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.02.1 Long Term PGL #7079

In follow up to the January Meeting and further lessee discussion, Private Grazing Lease #7079, located NE of Patricia in S ½ 03 & Pt W ½ 04-21-12 W4M, was brought back to the Board. A recommendation was further reviewed to change the lease boundaries, due to extreme terrain and cattle access from adjacent deeded land. Through Board discussion on a number of factors, it was agreed that the boundaries for this PGL will be left as is, with direction to note the file for re-assessment upon expiry in 2038.

[10:51 a.m. N. Fontaine and 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 Flood to Pivot – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – S ½ 10-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres
- Current Assessment: 121 acres (13 acres removed for general assessment in 1995 and 2 acres removed for subdivision approval)
- Converting: 15 acres flood to pivot (addition of small wiper pivot and extension of large wiper pivot); 3 additional acres required
- New Assessment: 124 acres, all under pivot (1 large wiper, 1 small wiper, 1 small pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2025-02-040 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd for the conversion of 15 acres flood to pivot in S ½ 10-20-14 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$1,500 (15 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$4,590 (3 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:54 a.m. B. Deschamps declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.03.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Brad & Kelly Deschamps Livestock Ltd (Brad & Kelly Deschamps) – NE 18 & SE 19-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 86 acres (53 irrigation acres and 33 terminable acres)
- Current Assessment: 106 acres (12 acres added for general assessment in 1988, 8 acres added and 33 terminable acres converted in 2003)
- Converting: 65 acres flood to pivot and wiper pivot; 12 additional acres required
- New Assessment: 118 acres, all under pivot (45 acre wiper pivot, 73 acre pivot)
- Parcel has reached its maximum grant funding

2025-02-041 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Brad & Kelly Deschamps Livestock Ltd for the conversion of 65 acres flood to pivot in NE 18 & SE 19-20-12 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant available and payable to the Landowner is \$6,500 (65 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$18,360 (12 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:56 a.m. B. Deschamps rejoined the meeting.]

9.03.1.3 Increase – Drost Seed Potatoes Ltd (Jan & Grada Drost) – SW 23-14-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 137 acres
- Current Assessment: 122 acres wiper pivot (29 acres removed for Farm Improvement in 2000, 16 acres purchased for general assessment and 2 acres removed for subdivision consent)
- Proposal: infill wedge; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 133 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2026



2025-02-042 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Drost Seed Potatoes Ltd for 11 infill acres in SW 23-14-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$13,770 (9 acres x \$1,530/acre) + \$7,344 (2 acres x \$3,672) = \$21,114. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:00 a.m. J. Ketchmark declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.03.2 Alternate Parcel Transfer – John Miller to John Ketchmark

For the 2025 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.

2025-02-043 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 B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:02 a.m. J. Ketchmark rejoined the meeting.]

2025-02-044 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.3 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Rating System

[11:09 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek re-entered.]

9.02 Grazing cont'd

9.02.2 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update

[11:27 a.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

10.0 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Application

[11:56 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break.]

11.0 Commercial Update

12.0 Legal Updates

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Presentations

13.02 Questions to Irrigators

[2:07 p.m. – 2:14 p.m. Short break.]

13.03 Information Booklet

2025-02-045 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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9.03.3 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Rating System

A motion was carried once reconvened.

9.02.2 Grazing cont'd

9.02.2 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update

This matter was addressed at the January 28th Board Meeting but the Board requested to have further discussion. PGL #7083 is located east of Gem in SW 06-24-15 W4M. The PGL originally included NW 06-24-15 W4M as well, but as that parcel was approved in November 2024 for irrigation development, it now consists of just the SW parcel, with 160 acres. The 2024 lessee of this PGL, Douglass Agro Ltd (Russell & Pam Douglass), and the current lessee of adjacent PGL 7076, Paul Paetkau, both expressed interest to lease. Furthermore, Scott Douglass had requested the District put SW 06-24-15 W4M up for auction; however, selling unfragmented small parcels or portions of EID lands not contemplated within the current Sale of District Owned Lands remains a topic of continued Board discussion. As there is no approved water source on this parcel and installing a necessary waterline to operate this reduced acre lease as an independent PGL was deemed inefficient, it was the preference of the Board to temporarily amalgamate the parcel with the adjacent PGL.

2025-01-032 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7083 be offered as a 1 year lease to the adjacent lessee of PGL #7076 at 26 AUM, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre limitation. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Through revisited discussion, the motion from last month was upheld.

10.0 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Application

A motion was carried once reconvened.

11.0 Commercial Update

A motion was carried once reconvened.

12.0 Legal Updates

12.01 Court Sentence to OHS Charge re Diving Fatality on October 19, 2022

M. Koochin provided the Board with the following updates:

On February 19, 2025, the EID entered a guilty plea to one of the ten (10) Occupational Health & Safety Code charges arising from the work-related diving fatality on October 19, 2022. All other charges were withdrawn by the Crown.

The EID entered a guilty plea to the following charge:

On or about October 19, 2022, at or near Brooks, Alberta, being an employer, did fail to ensure that the flow through the intake of a pipe, tunnel, duct or similar installation in the vicinity of a dive, was stopped and the intake mechanism was locked out before the dive begins, contrary to section 437 of the Occupational Health and Safety Code.

Pursuant to section 49 of the Occupational Health & Safety Act the EID was ordered by the Court to pay \$300,000.00 to the Central Alberta Rescue Diving Society, operating as Underwater Search Team for equipment and training and \$65,000.00 to the Alberta Underwater Council (AUC) for a safety campaign directed towards divers and employers.

The EID extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the deceased, Terry Ferner. In this regard, the EID recently established a trust in favour of Terry Ferner's children and contributed \$330,000.00 to provide educational and financial support for his 3 children.

Terry's tragic passing has profoundly impacted our entire organization. The EID recognizes the seriousness of this loss and the responsibility the EID bears in ensuring workplace safety.

In response, the EID has strengthened its safety management system and implemented significant measures to prevent such a tragedy from occurring again. The EID remains committed to fostering a culture where safety is paramount and will continue working to uphold the highest standards to protect its workers.

Our thoughts remain with Terry Ferner's loved ones.

12.02 Legal Matter

Directors were also updated on a separate legal matter.

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Presentations

The General Manager AGM presentation was reviewed. It will be revised somewhat and brought back to the March 3rd Meeting for further discussion.

13.02 Questions to Irrigators

The draft Questions to Irrigators was also reviewed. A lengthy discussion was held and consensus obtained regarding overviews and limiting questions around both the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy and the Irrigation Acres Bylaw. It will also be brought back to the March 3rd Meeting for further discussion.

13.03 Information Booklet

W. Enns advised that an overarching EID Information Booklet was developed for PR use. Expanded information and accompanying links are in the formatting stage and will be posted to the website as companion materials to the booklet. The booklet is available digitally, but will be provided to attendees at the AGM, updated annually or semi-annually, and used for PR use throughout the year.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

9.03.3 Irrigation Acres Bylaw – Rating System

Annual applications for irrigation development are ranked according to Article 10 of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw. 6 criteria categories of various weighting comprise the overall score of an application.

Criteria	Weighting
Ability to Deliver Water	0 – 25
Efficiency of Water Storage Infrastructure	0 – 12
Land Classification	0 – 15
Size of Parcel being Irrigated as One Field	0 – 15
Intensification & On-Farm Efficiency Changes	0 – 50
Efficiency of Overall Delivery	0 – 30

Within the last criteria, several factors are used in the formula to tabulate “Efficiency of Overall Delivery”, one being the distance of the parcel from the Bassano Dam. This factor considers efficiency losses from open canal and reservoir evaporation, depending on its distance range from the main diversion dam. Over recent years, deliberation has been given to whether this component is outdated due to the level of the District’s infrastructure rehabilitation. In follow up to Corporate Planning, this matter was discussed further and a motion was carried to revise procedure.

2025-02-046 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the “Distance from Dam” component be removed from the ranking procedure for the “Efficiency of Overall Delivery” criteria for 10.01(f) of the Irrigation Acres Bylaw. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Application

The Board discussed Doerksen Farms Ltd.’s request dated February 13, 2025, for an extension to the July 31, 2025, deadline contained in the Irrigation Council Appeal Panel decision dated December 20, 2024.

2025-02-047 Moved by D. Peltzer that prior to the Board considering an extension to the July 31, 2025 deadline contained in the Irrigation Council Appeal Panel decision dated December 20, 2024, Doerksen Farms Ltd. (“Doerksen”) is to provide the Eastern Irrigation District with consents from any third party whose lands will be crossed by the Doerksen pipeline from the North Branch Canal delivery point to the Doerksen project pivots and Doerksen is to have all of its pipe on site at or along the pipeline right of way on or before July 21, 2025. Consents include easement agreements and road crossing approvals. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, B. Schmidt, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing OPPOSED – R. Hiebert

The Board is to assess if the above conditions have been satisfied at its regularly scheduled July Board meeting to determine if a reasonable extension to the July 31, 2025, deadline may be granted by the Board. Directors requested staff to prepare a response letter to Doerksen for its review at the March 3rd Board Meeting.

**11.0 Commercial Update**

The EID and the Hutterian Brethren of Bow City executed a purchase agreement dated February 18, 2025, for the purchase by EID of approximately 372.60 acres of land located within SE 11, E ½ 02, E ½ 01-18-18 W4M and Pt of NW, NE & SE 36-17-18 W4M. Gravel deposits on the purchased lands will support the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion and/or other EID projects.

2025-02-048 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approves the purchase and sale agreement dated February 18, 2025, entered into between the Hutterian Brethren of Bow City, as Vendor and the Eastern Irrigation District, as Purchaser. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Upcoming Events

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| 14.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Monday, March 3 rd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 14.02 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 4 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 14.03 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 5 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 14.04 | JBS Lunch Meeting | - Tuesday, April 1 st , 12:00 noon, JBS |
| 14.05 | AIDA AGM & Board of Directors Mtg | - Thursday, April 3 rd , Lethbridge Lodge, 10:00 a.m. |
| 14.06 | Election <i>[if required – Div 2, 4, 7]</i> | - Tuesday, April 8 th |
| 14.07 | Aggie Days – AIDA Booth | - Thursday, April 11 th , Calgary Stampede Grounds |
| 14.08 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |

B. Deschamps moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**March 3, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 3rd day of March 2025. 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] [apologies]		
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 agenda was adopted as presented.

2025-03-049 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Business Arising

No matters were raised from the February 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting.

3.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the Engineering Report.

3.01 Patricia Rodeo Grounds

A letter was received from the Patricia Rodeo Club requesting assistance with preparing a gravel pad beneath new grandstands which are to be installed in early July. Were it to be charged out, the estimated cost to prepare the site (level and pack), and to provide and haul gravel is \$20,000 + GST.

2025-03-050 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District complete in-kind work for the Patricia Rodeo Club by levelling, packing, and gravelling a new grandstand pad; subject to the Patricia Rodeo Club obtaining all regulatory permits and approvals required to perform the work. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:07 a.m. R. Summach and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

3.02 Cost-Share – Pete & Barbara Nielsen – SW 29-16-13 W4M

R. Summach advised that the 14-H West Bantry Canal is currently being converted to pipeline. Alignment changes in SW 29-16-13 W4M for Pete & Barbara Nielsen will result in the elimination of a Rural Water Use (RWU) delivery on the west boundary; however, water will continue to be

delivered to the quarter in the NE corner of the quarter. This delivery point is farther from the yard site than the RWU delivery. The landowners are requesting a District cost-share for a new domestic line. As per policy, the EID will cost-share 50%, up to \$15,000 District share. The project is estimated to cost \$37,339.

- 2025-03-051 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Rural Water Use pipeline cost-share for Pete & Barbara Nielsen in SW 29-16-13 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 estimated to be \$37,339; of which the landowners will pay \$22,339 + GST. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the Operations Report.

4.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to average below normal ranges for this time of year. Typically, most of the snowpack is received in March and April which could allow levels to recover closer to average conditions.

4.02 Set Water Delivery Date

Water is expected to be available May 1st in some locations, with the entire system becoming fully operational by May 8th. Where maintenance issues arise, there could be further delays in the affected areas. It was advised that irrigators contact their Water Operator for availability in their area.

- 2025-03-052 Moved by B. Deschamps that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set as May 1st – May 8th, 2025. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:17 a.m. R. Summach and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; B. Doerksen and D. Buell entered.]

5.0 Requests for Funding

B. Doerksen presented the following Requests for Funding.

5.01 Ag for Life – Know Your Food

A letter was received from Ag for Life requesting operational funding in 2025 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 ag related careers. The program provides a platform for ag and ag business and includes commodity specific and irrigated agriculture information.

- 2025-03-053 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$10,000 be contributed towards the operating costs of the Ag for Life “Know Your Food” mobile unit. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5.02 Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce

A letter was received from the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce requesting sponsorship for hosting the 87th Alberta Chambers of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Plenary Session and their 125th Anniversary Celebration for the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place May 29-31, 2025. The EID has recently become a member of the SE AB Chamber of Commerce.

2025-03-054 Moved by B. Deschamps that \$1,000 be donated to the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce in support of hosting the 87th Alberta Chambers of Commerce AGM and Plenary Session. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:27 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

6.0 Lands

6.01 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

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

6.01.1 2024 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary

A detailed 2024 Access, Habitat & Wildlife Summary was presented as follows:

- Public Access:
 - 831 individuals received hunting permission; this is estimated to be two thirds of all hunters utilizing EID lands; 3 individuals received permission to trap on EID lands
 - 35.5% of hunters are local, 61.5% are from other parts of Alberta, 1.8% from other provinces, and 1.2% from the U.S.A.
 - local ads will again be run to notify the public of the required permission; it is hoped the District's on-line authorization system will be operational in 2025
 - hunter activity was average in early fall and much lower in late fall; 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
 - 8 warnings/information tickets were issued; 6 for being off trail/designated route, 1 for random camping, and 1 for entering an area with restricted public access
 - day use around Lake Newell, Rolling Hills, and Crawling Valley reservoirs was normal, although an increase in paddleboard and kayak users was seen in some locations
 - 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 26 warnings issued by EID staff and 3 issued by CPO staff, for failure to participate in the program or launching watercraft where prohibited; at least 23 of these were at Lake Newell Reservoir
 - the EID pays for approximately 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 3 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 dealing with a stolen and abandoned truck left in a Community Grazing Lease and fish poaching on a Private Grazing Lease
- Research Access:
 - Alberta Conservation Association, Calgary Zoo/Wilder Institute, Government of Alberta, Royal Tyrrell Museum, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, and the University of Alberta conducted research on EID lands in 2024; focus of activities included:
 - Pronghorn Antelope winter survival and migration, Burrowing Owl research and population enhancement program, Northern Leopard Frog monitoring, Prairie Rattlesnakes and hibernacula research, access to excavation sites within Dinosaur Provincial Park, duck banding program, and vegetation surveys
- Ducks Unlimited:
 - a total of 25,778 acre-feet of water was conveyed for DU projects, approximately 83% of their 31,122 acre-feet license
 - GIS mapping is being developed of irrigation turnouts for all DU projects in the EID
- 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 2025

6.01.2 2024 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Program Summary

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

- 2024 PHD Program:
 - 7,145 trees & shrubs were planted on 7 new sites; 4 sites received a total of 1,900 m of fencing materials to prevent livestock access
 - 2,249 replacements were planted on three 2023 sites to replace winterkill seedlings
 - mowing and weeding maintenance was performed on 10 sites
 - 1 large site, some watering issues, and poor survival of Caragana seedlings affected overall seedling survival after planting to be below average at 64%; long term average is 73%
 - 4 summer students were hired, and the County of Newell partnered at different times with 2 of their summer students totaling approximately 250 man-hours
 - drive-by and satellite imagery site inspection preliminary data indicates that 218 of the approximate 258 PHD tree planting sites are still in existence, of these 140 are in good to excellent condition and 78 are in poor to fair condition
 - snowpack in the EID in January and February 2024 was insufficient to complete any winter upland gamebird surveys
 - Sharp-tailed Grouse lek surveys indicated an average of 17.5 grouse/lek; 20-year average is 18.4 grouse/lek
 - incidental observations of Pheasants and Partridge showed 2024 being another good year

- 2025 PHD Program:
 - 9 new planting sites have been selected, near Bantry, Brooks, Rainier, Rolling Hills, Rosemary, and Tilley
 - 4 Seasonal Habitat Aides will be hired for the full May – August PHD season
 - 10,750 seedlings were ordered (approximately 8,000 going to new habitat and approximately 2,750 for 2024 replacements); mulch, landscape staples, and fencing materials will be ordered
- 2025 Budget:
 - \$165,000 is allotted for staffing and supplies: \$115,000 core funding from the EID, approximately \$25,000 from the Agroforestry Woodlot Extension Society, 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 funding as a long-term soil erosion prevention strategy
- Advertising:
 - enough sites have been secured for the program to run at capacity until 2028; advertising in 2025 will take place to secure additional sites
- Long Term Plans:
 - if the pattern of preventable poor survival of seedlings continues, an increase to the landowner deposit amount will be considered
 - as a potential cost-savings, contract growing options for seedlings will be investigated
 - PHD site data and mapping overlays will continue to be developed
 - additional fundraising opportunities will be explored

[9:50 a.m. D. Buell exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

6.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

6.02.1 Approval of Tender – PGL #7077

In follow up to the January 28, 2025, meeting, Private Grazing Lease #7077 in N ½ 30 & SW 31-14-12 W4M and E ½ 36-14-13 W4M was tendered for a 4 year term at 160 AUM, with no community grazing lease deduction and no 640 acre or 1 parcel limitation, due to the potential for irrigation development. This lease will expire at the same time as adjacent short term PGL's 7078 and 7048.

PGL #7077 4 Year 788 acres 160 AUM				
Bidder	Amount	\$/AUM	GST	Total/Year
Greg & Linnea Andrew	\$15,210.00	\$95.06	\$760.50	\$15,970.50
Joel Kropf	\$8,000.00	\$50.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00

2025-03-055 Moved by J. Ketchmark that as high bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, a 4 year agreement for PGL #7077 be awarded to Greg & Linnea Andrew. Seconded by B. Schmidt. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.02.2 Set Turn-Out Dates**

Due to dry conditions and below average carryover grass from 2023, the maximum number of cattle per member was reduced in 2024 from 65 to 60 head. With normal spring precipitation in 2024, combined with lower cattle numbers, the EID pastures showed significant improvement. Heading into the 2025 grazing season, there is an increase in reserve grass and soil moisture conditions are good. Pasture conditions will be discussed at the upcoming GAC Meeting to see if there is a consensus to increase the maximum listing per member or to leave it as is.

2025-03-056 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 3, 2025, and for native pasture be May 15, 2025. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The grazing associations can place cattle after the set dates and will only be charged for pasture fees for the time spent on pasture.

[9:57 a.m. – 10:02 a.m. Short break. R. Volek exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

2025-03-057 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Lands, Oil & Gas**6.03.1 Private Boat Docks****7.0 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M**

[10:52 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

8.0 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application**9.0 Annual General Meeting****9.01 General Manager Presentation****9.02 Questions to Irrigators**

2025-03-058 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**6.03 Lands, Oil & Gas****6.03.1 Private Boat Docks**

The Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy will be brought to a future Board Meeting for review.

7.0 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

A motion was carried was reconvened.

8.0 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application

Further to motion 2025-02-047, it was directed that the drafted response letter be emailed and mailed to Doerksen following the meeting.

9.0 Annual General Meeting**9.01 General Manager Presentation**

A few minor revisions will be made to the General Manager's presentation.

9.02 Questions to Irrigators

Questions to Irrigators were reviewed; there were no requests for revisions.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

7.0 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M cont'd

N. Fontaine updated the Board as to key discussion points from a recent meeting with representatives of the Silver Sage Ag Society (SSAS) and their grant writer. Conversations with the SSAS have been occurring over the past year as they have kept the EID, as lessor, informed of tentative proposals for the leased lands. Continued Board discussion was held in regards to the SSAS strategic development plans, motion 2025-01-031, anticipated local and regional impact, and the District's opportunity for community investment.

2025-03-059 Moved by B. Deschamps that the District is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to donate and transfer to the Silver Sage Agricultural Society a portion of NW Section 20-18-14-W4M, being approximately 106.3 acres (the "Lands") by way of transfer of land for consideration of \$1.00 and subject to the District retaining a right of first refusal to repurchase the Lands, and to further execute and deliver all necessary documents and instruments required to finalize the transaction. Silver Sage will be responsible for payment of all related survey, subdivision, legal and land titles charges incurred by the District. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Once remaining matters have been investigated, further discussion will be held at the April Board Meeting to confirm direction to move forward.

10.0 Upcoming Events

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| 10.01 | Annual General Meeting | - Tuesday, March 4 th , 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn |
| 10.02 | Nominations Close | - Wednesday, March 5 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 10.03 | JBS Lunch Meeting | - Tuesday, April 1 st , 12:00 noon, JBS Facility |
| 10.04 | AIDA AGM & Board of Directors Mtg | - Thursday, April 3 rd , Lethbridge Lodge, 10:00 a.m. |
| 10.05 | Election <i>[if required – Div 2, 4, 7]</i> | - Tuesday, April 8 th |
| 10.06 | Aggie Days – AIDA Booth | - April 11 th , Calgary Stampede Grounds |
| 10.07 | Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs | - Tuesday, April 22 nd , 9:00 a.m. |
| 10.08 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |



B. Schmidt moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

A black ink signature, appearing to be 'B. Schmidt', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

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

General Manager

**April 22, 2025, Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held an organizational meeting and regular meeting on the 22nd day of April 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

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

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

2025-04-060 Moved by B. Deschamps that Tracy Hemsing be nominated for Chair. Seconded by R. Hiebert.

Mr. Hemsing accepted the nomination. Mr. Friesen called for nominations a second time.

2025-04-061 Moved by D. Peltzer that nominations cease.

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.

2025-04-062 Moved by R. Hiebert that David Peltzer be nominated for Vice-Chair. Seconded by B. Schroeder.

Mr. Peltzer accepted the nomination. Mr. Hemsing called for nominations a second time.

2025-04-063 Moved by J. Ketchmark that nominations cease.

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. Schroeder will act as Alternate.

2.03 Prairie Conservation Forum

B. Deschamps will act 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 continue as JSSC Representative.

2.06 Scholarship Selection Committee

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

2.07 Newell Regional Tourism Association

The NRTA has been removed from the Board of Directors Appointments and will be represented by staff, with B. Doerksen stepping in.

2025-04-064 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the appointments as stated. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 are added as needed from time to time.

3.01 Calling a Late March Board Meeting if No Election for Director

Going forward, in years when an election for Director is not required, a late March Board Meeting will be called.

REGULAR MEETING**1.0 Approval of Agenda**

A couple of agenda items were re-ordered for the convenience of staff.

2025-04-065 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 February 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the February 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-04-066 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the February 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 March 3, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the March 3, 2025, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-04-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the March 3, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters needing to be addressed from the February 25th or March 3rd Regular Directors Meetings.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 AIDA Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting – April 3rd

J. Alberts and I. Friesen attended the AIDA AGM and Board of Directors Meeting on April 3rd in Lethbridge. Discussion topics included the provincial government's Water Availability Engagement, district water sharing agreements, government relations, past AIDA conference, upcoming inter-district tour, Northwest Irrigation Operators tour in southern Alberta, water quality program, veliger sampling, financial statements, and an update from Irrigation Council.

4.02 Aggie Days – April 11th

D. Peltzer, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, and D. Buell worked at the AIDA booth for Aggie Days at the Calgary Stampede Grounds on Friday, April 11th. On a busy day of elementary class attendance, the AIDA booth offered agricultural related activities for children and opportunities to discuss various aspects of irrigated agriculture with adult supervisors. New interactive activities are in the plans for future events.

4.03 Aquatic Invasive Species – April 15th

In follow up to an introductory meeting at the County of Newell, T. Hemsing and I. Friesen hosted an in-person and online meeting on April 15th at the EID with Richard Philips – BRID General Manager, Margo Jarvis Redelback – AIDA Executive Director, Arno Doerksen – County of Newell Reeve, Martin Shields – MP for Bow River, and Nicole Kimmel – Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, Environment & Protected Areas. Boat decontamination dip tank technology, sourcing, and funding were discussed, along with other prevention methods. Directors were advised that the provincial government has increased funding for the Conservation Risk Mitigation Section of EPA and the number of inspection stations. AIDA and the provincial government will continue their efforts and it was reiterated that all levels of government need to be engaged in prevention measures.

[9:35 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, 2025

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at March 31, 2025, was \$5.34M or 5.81% less than the book value at September 30, 2024.

2 nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT to March 31, 2025		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$1,600,000	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$4,200,000	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000

2025-04-068 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report to March 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.02 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – March 31, 2025

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

2025-04-069 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to March 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.03 Financial Statements to March 31, 2025

The financial statements to March 31, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$22.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$16.7 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$5.8 million.

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

2025-04-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to March 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:57 a.m. – 10:04 a.m. Short break. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status Costs-to-Date

All projects are functionally complete and ready for the irrigation season. Crews are working diligently to get the projects cleaned up to enable landowner access to begin spring fieldwork. In response to a question about actual project cost totals, Mr. Gagley explained that projects were brought back to the Board for approval of re-estimated costs in response to notification from the pipe supplier of projected rising costs in materials for last year.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
Project	Status	Estimate	Actual
EARTHWORKS			
Rock Lake Drain	- complete	\$2,767,000	\$2,507,000
West Bantry Phase 3	- final cleanup remains	\$1,076,000	\$740,000
Rolling Hills Canal (AIM)	- final cleanup remains	\$1,776,000	\$1,570,000
PIPELINE			
14-H West Bantry (AIM)	- final cleanup remains	\$6,910,000	\$6,638,000
J Tilley (AIM)	- final cleanup remains	\$414,000	\$350,000
V Tilley (AIM)	- final cleanup remains	\$2,840,000	\$2,845,000
U-02 Tilley (AIM)	- final cleanup remains	\$225,000	\$218,000
03 East Branch	- final cleanup remains	\$3,179,000	\$2,532,000

IRP PROJECTS			
Project	Status		
PIPELINE			
West Bantry Armouring (IRP)	- final cleanup remains	\$1,300,000	\$910,000

6.02 Drain Relo – John Niznik – SE 29-18-16 W4M

J. Kabut advised that John Niznik is requesting a drain relocation in SE 29-18-16 W4M to allow the pivot to complete a full circle without crossing the drain. The drain currently runs east through the south portion of the quarter and the landowner is requesting that it be relocated to the SW corner, outside the pivot area, emptying into the County road ditch. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; the estimated eligible project costs are \$47,865.

2025-04-071 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for John Niznik in SE 29-18-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000. The estimated eligible project costs are \$47,865; of which the landowners will pay \$23,932.50 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.03 Drain Relo – Faye Pedersen Jones – NW 30-16-13 W4M

R. Summach advised that Faye Pedersen Jones is requesting a drain relocation in NW 30-16-13 W4M. The drain currently runs straight south, east of the middle of the quarter and the landowner is requesting that it be relocated to the quarter's north boundary to flow west. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; the estimated eligible project costs are \$69,960.

2025-04-072 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approved the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Faye Pedersen Jones in SE 29-18-16 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000. The estimated eligible project costs are \$69,960; of which the landowner will pay \$34,980 + GST. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:22 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

6.04 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

The Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy was presented to Directors with clarification and updating regarding:

- realignments of rehabbed canals affecting rural water use or household turnout locations;
- temporary and permanent fencing standards; and
- schedule of approved fees for payment when working on easements and rights-of-way.

A Director requested that braces and brace posts for permanent fencing be a minimum of 8' long instead of a minimum of 7' long. The revised document was given approval and it was suggested that this policy be brought to the next Corporate Planning sessions for review of cost-share amounts.

2025-04-073 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy as revised and corrected. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.05 Request for In-Kind Work – Rolling Hills Community Facilities

A letter was received from Rolling Hills community representatives requesting in-kind work in support of 3 of their facilities: the hall, arena, and golf course. All 3 locations need gravel supplied and grading and leveling of their parking lots, at an estimated cost of \$8,800 + GST. As the Board reasoned this request to be more of a maintenance project than a structural project, it was deemed suitable to offer free access to gravel, with the facility boards arranging and paying for gravel hauling and leveling of parking lots.

2025-04-074 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District make available gravel at the Eyremore pit for the Rolling Hills community hall, arena, and golf course parking lots. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Snowpack Report and Reservoir Status

Although it has increased, the snowpack supplying the Bow River basin remains below average. Diversion began on April 7th with priority going to filling reservoirs and as of April 16th there is 262,736 acre-feet in storage for the upcoming irrigation season. It is anticipated that all reservoirs will be at or near full by the beginning of May.

7.02 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. It was the consensus of the Board to have the District's Operating Stage remain at Stage 2 (max 18" with up to 6" of transfers). The earliest date for water delivery to farmers remains at May 1st – May 8th.

7.03 District Housing – Unforeseen Costs

Some maintenance issues (cracked foundation, flooring) for District housing have now been identified which need addressing, primarily in 2 houses. As these projects were unanticipated when setting this year's budget, it is being requested that funds be made available to correct the problems in a timely manner.

2025-04-075 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District approve \$30,000 to be added to the District Housing budget for this year to accommodate unforeseen maintenance work. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:07 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work continues on the last phase of fibre project funded by the Universal Broadband Fund which includes the Gem, Patricia, and Rolling Hills towers. The upcoming District budget will include the separate Bassano fibre proposal.

2 nd QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to March 31, 2025	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	23
Residential Accounts	1,449
Business Accounts	360
EID Automation	5
Total	1,837

[11:12 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

9.01.1 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Report

The 2025 Oil & Gas Mid-Year Summary from October 1, 2024, to April 7, 2025, 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
2025 Mid-Year	5	20	59.53 ac (10 miles)	2 permits (331.805 miles)	150	97
2024	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

9.02 Habitat, Wildlife & Access

9.02.1 2024 Partners in Habitat Development (PHD) – Annual Report

Partners in Habitat Development has planted 1,000,000 tree and shrub seedlings across southern Alberta since its inception in 1998. The program was started by the EID and Pheasants Forever with the intent of restoring upland gamebird habitat in southern Alberta. The current focus of the program is planting shelterbelts in the EID, but other habitat development or enhancement opportunities are considered on a case-by-case basis. Typically, planting sites are pivot corners, field edges, tame pasture, bale yards, etc. Site size may range from a couple of hundred to a couple of thousand seedlings. The full Annual Report was received as information; a summary can be seen in the March 3rd minutes.

[11:15 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.03.1 Assessment Report to March 31, 2025

The Assessment Report for the period of January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025, was presented, summarized as follows.

2 nd QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to March 31, 2025					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
January 1, 2025	316,281	2,782	0	374	319,437
March 31, 2025	316,321	2,862	0	367	319,550
Net increase	40	80	0	< 7 >	113
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)					40
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					< 80 >
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

2 nd QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$94,500
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$17,250
Annual Agreements	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0
Totals	\$111,750

9.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.03.2.1 Increase – AFAR Farms Ltd (Robert & Nicola Peltzer) – NW 09-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 40 acres
- Current Assessment: 90 acres pivot (14 acres, 25 acres, and 11 acres added for general assessments in 2000, 2001, and 2016 respectively)
- Proposal: installation of pivot; 12 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Wheels and Class A Flood to pivot; $90 \times 1.15 = 14$ efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 102 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2026

2025-04-076 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AFAR Farms Ltd for 12 efficiency acres in NW 09-21-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$18,360 (12 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:18 a.m. T. Hensing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.03.2.2 Increase – Davidson Family Farms Ltd (Kyle & Desirae Davidson) – NW 01-15-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (9 acre decrease in 1982 and 5 acres removed for general assessment in 1995)
- Proposal: addition of corner arm; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2026

2025-04-077 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Davidson Family Farms Ltd for 11 infill acres in NW 01-15-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,830 (11 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:19 a.m. T. Hensing rejoined the meeting.]

9.03.2.3 Increase – Luke & Brenda Kropf – NE 36-17-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 125 acres
- Current Assessment: 131 acres pivot (5 acres and 1 acre added for general assessments in 2002 and 2016 respectively)
- Proposal: addition of corner arm; 13 acres needed (infill)

- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 144 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by April 30, 2026

2025-04-078 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Luke & Brenda Kropf for 13 infill acres in NE 36-17-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$19,890 (13 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2.4 Increase – Major Trading Inc (Stirling Fox) – NW 17 & Pts NE, SE, & SW 17-20-17 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 203 acres
- Current Assessment: 230 acres pivot (27 acres added for various general assessments)
- Proposal: change from 1 pivot and 1 wiper pivot to 1 large wiper pivot and 2 small corner pivots; 33 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 263 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by April 30, 2026

2025-04-079 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Major Trading Inc for 33 infill acres in NW 17 & Pts NE, SE, & SW 17-20-17 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$50,490 (33 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-04-080 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on NW 17 & Pts NE, SE, & SW 17-20-17 W4M; all lands being owned by Major Trading Inc. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.3 Alternate Parcel Transfer – Wiebe to Berg

For the 2025 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.

2025-04-081 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2025 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 D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:22 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

9.04 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.04.1 Report on Grazing Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting

9.04.1.1 Draft GAC Minutes

Draft minutes were provided to Directors of the GAC Meeting held April 10th. Regular spring management and specific topics were addressed such as pasture conditions, listings, AUM rate, discontinued loan provision, PGL deductions, flexible grazing season dates, water allocation for DU

projects, solar project update, irrigated pastures, waterline projects, fireguards, fencing, crossing highways, and compensation for cattle hit on roads within leases.

9.04.1.2 GAC Motions to the EID Board of Directors

There were 4 motions for recommendations to the EID Board of Directors; 3 were carried.

GAC 25-03 *Moved by Leonard Retzlaff that the GAC recommend to the EID Board of Directors to increase the maximum listing for 2025 to 70 head per member. Seconded by Joey Stadnicki. DEFEATED*
IN FAVOUR – 5
OPPOSED – 12

Directors concurred that the maximum listing per member not be increased for the 2025 grazing season.

GAC 25-04 *Moved by Daniel Doerksen that the GAC recommend to the EID Board of Directors that the EID fund infrastructure upgrades for Community Grazing Associations, with the costs to be repaid through the grazing rates of the individual community grazing associations over a 10 year amortization period. Seconded by Duane Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Financing agreements for Community Grazing Associations (CGA) were discontinued in November 2023. The request to reinstate the loan provision was given some discussion by the Board and a summary of the background to this matter was provided. It was requested that M. Koochin review potential consequences of the District entertaining requests for loans from CGA's and will explore further questions posed by the Board.

GAC 25-05 *Moved by Duane Hale that the GAC recommend to the EID Board of Directors that each Community Grazing Association has the discretion that, if selecting a later turnout date, the Association can extend their grazing season past the set roundup date by the EID Board by the same number of deferred days or up to October 31st of the grazing season. Seconded by Landon Hopp. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Directors were in agreement with the proposal to allow each CGA as a whole, flexible turn-out and round-up dates, up to October 31st of each year. Individual members or grazing fields will not be offered this option. If cattle are required to come home earlier than their CGA's flexible round-up date, the Association will not be charged for the lost number of days of grazing.

2025-04-082 **Moved by R. Hiebert that each Grazing Association as a whole be permitted to select a date to enter their leased community pastures which is later than the date approved by the Board of Directors and remain on the pastures for a corresponding number of days past the date approved by the Board of Directors; subject to not remaining on the pastures past October 31st. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

GAC 25-06 *Moved by Greg Andrew to increase compensation for cattle hit on roads in community pastures where no one claims responsibility, to \$4,000/cow and \$2,200/calf. Seconded by Ron Schmidt. CARRIED*
IN FAVOUR – 12
OPPOSED – 5

Compensation is available for cattle hit and killed 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. Typically there are 1 – 3 claims per year. If the responsible party is found, they are invoiced directly, at market value. In 2024, the compensation was increased to \$2,500/cow and \$1,800/calf.

2025-04-083 Moved by D. Peltzer that the compensation for cattle hit and killed on roads within Community Grazing Pastures where no one claims responsibility, be increased to \$4,000/cow and \$2,200/calf. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.2 Request to Transfer PGL #7076 – Paul & Kristie Paetkau to Travis & Edith Simo

Paul & Kristie Paetkau are requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7076 to Travis & Edith Simo. 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. Travis & Edith Simo meet all land and residency eligibility requirements.

2025-04-084 Moved by J. Ketchmark that PGL #7076 be transferred from Paul & Kristie Paetkau to Travis & Edith Simo. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.3 Request to Transfer PGL #7030 – Speargrass Cattle Co Ltd (Murray & Robyn Jorgensen) to Levi Hale

Speargrass Cattle Co is requesting to transfer Private Grazing Lease #7030 to Levi Hale. This lease is a long-term 15 year agreement, expiring in 2038, is transferrable to any eligible irrigator, and holds 14 remaining lease years. Levi Hale meets all land and residency eligibility requirements.

2025-04-085 Moved by J. Ketchmark that PGL #7030 be transferred from Speargrass Cattle Co Ltd to Levi Hale. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:08 p.m. – 12:44 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine re-entered the meeting.]

2025-04-086 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.04.4 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update

[12:53 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

9.01.2 Request to Purchase/Trade Land – Brad Calvert – (various)

9.01.3 Expiring Irrigated Leases

[2:26 p.m. – 2:33 p.m. Short break. S. Connauton and B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

[2:52 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd

9.03.4 Rural Water Use Agreements – Pasture Irrigating Agreements

[3:28 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.06 Terminable Acres

10.0 Barry Fleming

[4:07 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Drader entered.]

11.0 Safety Program Update

[4:18 p.m. R. Drader exited the meeting; N. Fontaine re-entered.]

12.0 Commercial Update

12.01 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

[4:30 p.m. – 4:34 p.m. Short break.]

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Review of the March 4, 2025 AGM

[4:44 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

13.02 Review of the AGM Draft Minutes

14.0 Legal Updates

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.04 JBS Lunch Meeting & Tour – April 1st

[5:36 p.m. B. Doerksen entered the meeting.]

15.0 Requests for Funding

15.01 Donations Overview

15.02 Brooks Farmers' Market – Bikes & Baskets Event

15.03 Brooks Composite High School – Skills Alberta Provincial Competition

[5:51 p.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.05 Invitation to Alberta NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable – July 8th**16.0 Newsletter – Draft**

2025-04-087 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**9.04.4 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update**

A motion was carried once reconvened.

9.01 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd**9.01.2 Request to Purchase/Trade Land – Brad Calvert – (various)**

N. Fontaine was requested to order soils testing on District land in Pt N ½ 15 and Sec 22-17-16 W4M and request B. Calvert to obtain soils testing for SW 27-17-16 W4M.

9.01.3 Expiring Irrigated Leases

A motion was carried once reconvened.

9.03 Assessment, Water & Lands cont'd**9.03.3 Rural Water Use Agreements – Pasture Irrigating Agreements**

S. Connauton advised that signing up landowners with Country Residential agreements for Pasture Irrigating Agreements has begun and is ongoing as per requests received. Subsequent monitoring by field staff will be required. There was no direction or intent by Directors or Admin to offer this provision to irrigators with Farmyard Agreements.

6.0 Engineering cont'd**6.06 Terminable Acres**

In 2023, irrigators and other users were operating under reduced water allotments due to diminished river supply, temperature extremes, and user demand. Water availability for terminable acres is not guaranteed and when the system was at its peak of supply stress, terminable acres were denied access to water for a period of time. It has been the ongoing practice of the District to encourage landowners to convert from terminable acres to irrigation acres where possible. To progress further conversions, R. Gagley presented an overview of the 2,862 terminable acres currently assessed within the District, involving approximately 80 landowners. Parcels were categorized into the following and in certain cases there would be an opportunity to purchase additional irrigation acres:

- landowner would need to install necessary works to access EID infrastructure and then convert to irrigation acres
- landowner would need to consolidate with existing irrigation acres to meet the minimum acre rule and then convert to irrigation acres
- landowner would need to test for soils and if meeting soils requirements and the minimum acre rule, convert to irrigation acres

- parcel does not meet the minimum acre rule and there is no room for expansion; therefore, terminable acres should be removed and if there is a yard site a Country Residential Agreement would be offered

It was requested that Directors take additional time to review the aerial maps and consider the current 40 acre minimum rule, proposed accommodating timelines to convert to irrigation acres, and intent of the District to continue to reduce the amount of terminable acres. Admin will gather additional details to help define the differing issues. This topic will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

10.0 Barry Fleming

A recent meeting with Barry Fleming, Tyler Fleming, T. Hemsing, J. Ketchmark, I. Friesen, and R. Gagley was held and subsequent information conveyed through J. Ketchmark. Through follow up discussion with all Directors, there was no change in direction from the Board. It was deemed that a response letter to repeat the Board's previously communicated position was not required. J. Ketchmark will communicate back to the landowner.

11.0 Safety Program Update

Rob Drader – Safety Manager, was introduced to the Board of Directors. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Drader and Admin.

12.0 Commercial Update

12.01 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M

A motion was carried once reconvened.

13.0 Annual General Meeting

13.01 Review of the March 4, 2025 AGM

The letter received from George Graham regarding the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy will be discussed at a later date and/or at Corporate Planning. Lorin Doerksen's request to investigate twinning the referenced pipeline and to also investigate flow in pipelines for additional capacity is to be discussed by the Board and Admin at a later date. A meeting with a group of Gem landowners may be arranged once all soils testing, including the District's, are obtained.

13.02 Review of the AGM Draft Minutes

The AGM draft minutes will be proofread and posted on the website.

14.0 Legal Updates

Directors were updated as to a couple of legal matters.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.04 JBS Lunch Meeting & Tour – April 1st

Admin will reach out to JBS to reiterate the District's willingness to take the treated industrial wastewater as per the EID's requirements in the previous corresponding letter. A tour of the JBS facility for EID staff may be requested for a later date.

15.0 Requests for Funding**15.01 Donations Overview**

As a refresher for Directors, B. Doerksen presented a summarized guideline of the various requests that the District receives for donations/sponsorship/in-kind work and the categorized response of the District. Directors were in agreement with the outline.

15.02 Brooks Composite High School – Skills Alberta Provincial Competition

A request was received from the Brooks Composite High School for sponsorship of its skills technology team. This request was declined.

15.03 Brooks Farmers' Market – Bikes & Baskets Event

A request was received from the Brooks Farmers' Market for sponsorship of its proposed Bikes & Baskets program. This request was declined.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd**4.05 Invitation to Alberta NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable – July 8th**

In addition to an invitation for 2 Directors to participate in an NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable in Calgary, a request was received from Heather Sweet, MLA for Edmonton-Manning, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation to meet directly with the EID Board. I. Friesen will arrange a meeting in May or June at the EID Office.

16.0 Newsletter – Draft

The spring newsletter will be given final edits, posted to the website, and mailed to irrigators next week.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

9.0 Lands cont'd**9.04.4 PGL #7083 – SW 06-24-15 W4M – Update**

In follow up to the January 28th and February 25, 2025 Board Meetings and subsequent circumstances, Private Grazing Lease #7083 was brought back to the April Meeting to authorize direction of the Board. Motion 2025-01-032 to offer the PGL to the adjacent leaseholder was in the end declined by the recipient and prior leaseholder Douglass Agro Ltd then expressed interest in leasing the parcel. Furthermore, they requested access to the lease prior to the scheduled April Meeting. Direction was given by the Board of Directors to offer a 9 month lease to Douglass Agro Ltd as per the conditions outlined in the agreement concerning livestock, fencing, waterline, and permits.

2025-04-088 Moved by R. Hiebert that PGL #7083 be offered to Douglass Agro Ltd for a 9 month period from April 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, for a fee of \$2,575; with no 640 acre or 1 parcel limitation; subject to conditions as stated in the agreement. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark

9.01.3 Expiring Irrigated Leases

In follow up to Corporate Planning and the February 25th Board Meeting, N. Fontaine presented irrigation equipment appraisals from 2 dealers for the 8 expiring irrigated leases, questions from current lessees, and a request for direction on these matters.

The Board advised to:

- average the 2 pivot company quotes per machine and submit individual offers to lessees of #8271 E, #8271 W, 8250, 8251, 8255, 8267, and 8266 to purchase the used pivots;
- request lessees of #8254 and 8256 to remove their pivots from their lease parcels by a determined date; and
- maintain the District's standard payment to lessees of 50% of the current day mainline materials and installation cost, with no compensation for the power cable, pump pads, or any other items.

It was confirmed that the new irrigated lease agreements will:

- be leased for a 5 year term;
- have no minimum bid;
- permit subletting;
- not require corporate entity searches; however,
- the 320 acre maximum as previously stated will revert back to the standard 640 acre maximum.

~~2025-02-039 Moved by B. Schroeder that upon expiry of Irrigated Leases #8250, #8251, #8254, #8255, #8256, #8266, #8267, and #8271, the leases be:~~

- ~~• individually auctioned for a 5-year term with no minimum bid requirement;~~
- ~~• with a 320 acre maximum limitation per lessee of all current irrigated leases;~~
- ~~• with no lessee residency requirement, but the lessee must own irrigated acres within the EID;~~
- ~~• with subletting allowed, but no option to transfer, and no automatic renewal; and~~
- ~~• including a crop management plan for specialty crops (seed canola, sugar beets, potatoes, and beans), land stewardship clause, and pivot maintenance clause.~~

~~Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [rescinded by motion 2025-04-089]~~

2025-04-089 Moved by J. Ketchmark that motion 2025-02-039 be rescinded and that upon expiry of Irrigated Leases #8250, #8251, #8254, #8255, #8256, #8266, #8267, and #8271, the leases be:

- **individually auctioned for a 5-year term with no minimum bid requirement;**
- **with a 640 acre maximum limitation per lessee of all current irrigated leases;**
- **with no lessee residency requirement, but the lessee must own irrigated acres within the EID;**
- **with no option to transfer and no automatic renewal; and**
- **including a crop management plan for specialty crops (seed canola, sugar beets, potatoes, and beans), land stewardship clause, and pivot maintenance clause.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder

OPPOSED – T. Hemsing

The irrigated lease auction is anticipated to be held in August 2025.

12.0 Commercial Update cont'd

**12.01 Silver Sage Ag Society – Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M**

In continuation of discussions with the Silver Sage Ag Society (SSAS) and regarding the associated leased parcel Pt NW 20-18-14 W4M, a concluding motion was made to finalize the transfer of the parcel to the SSAS. This District contribution was made in support of the SSAS development plans and for the benefit of the greater community. Preparation of the documentation will proceed, with an official public announcement to be held at a later date.

2025-04-090 Moved by B. Deschamps that in follow up to motion 2025-03-059, the agreement and related documentation to donate and transfer to the Silver Sage Agricultural Society a portion of NW Section 20-18-14 W4M not include a right of first refusal in favour of the District. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.0 Upcoming Events

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| 17.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, May 27 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 17.02 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, June 24 th , 9:00 a.m. |

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 6:07 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

**May 27, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of May 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[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:

- 7.05 Secondary C North Branch

The following item was deferred to the July 22, 2025, Meeting:

- 11:00 a.m. MLA Heather Sweet, Edmonton – Manning

2025-05-091 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 April 22, 2025, Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings**

The minutes of the April 22, 2025, Organizational & Regular Directors Meetings were accepted as presented.

2025-05-092 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Minutes of the April 22, 2025, Organizational & Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the April 22nd Organizational and Regular Directors Meetings.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society – Annual General Meeting – April 28th**

D. Peltzer attended the AGM of the CVRS on April 28th. A number of matters were discussed at the meeting and applicable items had been conveyed to I. Friesen. It was noted that the CVRS financial statements are in good shape.

4.02 Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Phase 2 – May 21st, Brooks

R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, and I. Friesen attended a Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Phase 2 session on May 21st in Brooks. This town hall was held as one of the updates to the initial engagement in late 2024/early 2025. As provided in the online information, the government's proposed *Water Act* amendments are: 1) streamline decision making for water licensing and transfers, 2) enhance water use information to support effective and transparent management by all users, 3) enable lower risk inter-basin transfers, and 4) enable use of alternative water sources. The government's objectives are to: 1) support continued water conservation, efficiency, and productivity, 2) free up and optimize use of available water, and 3) improve access to existing water sources, including timely decision-making. Mr. Friesen conveyed that at this point AIDA's discussion points have been heard concerning the irrigation industry; Directors were also comfortable with the government's response. It is anticipated that follow up sessions will be held this fall.

4.03 Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Phase 2 – May 26th, Online

T. Hemsing attended an online Provincial Water Availability Engagement – Phase 2 session on May 26th. He concurred with the views expressed regarding the May 21st meeting and noted that most of the comments online trended towards environmental concerns vs industry.

5.0 Upcoming Events**5.01 Newell Pro Rodeo – June 6th & 7th, Silver Sage Agribition Grounds**

Attending: R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, and N. Fontaine.

5.02 2025 AIDA Inter-District Tour – Friday, June 20th, Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District

Attending: R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, B. Kroschel, R. Summach, J. Kabut.

5.03 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 24th, 9:00 a.m.

All attending.

5.04 Northwest Irrigation Operators (NWIO) Tour – June 25th in EID

Attending: D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen; B. Schroeder if tour availability. EID Staff will be touring conference attendees at the Eyremore dam site and RHR Campground.

5.05 Alberta NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable – July 8th, Calgary

Attending: R. Hiebert, T. Hemsing.

5.06 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

All attending.

[9:20 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to April 30, 2025

The financial statements to April 30, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$26.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$20.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$6 million.

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

2025-05-093 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Financial Statements to April 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 Appointment of Auditor

Mrs. Barlow advised of fees and presented an engagement letter from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Accountants, which engages Bevan and Partners for purposes of conducting the upcoming annual audit of the District's 2025 financial statements.

2025-05-094 Moved by R. Hiebert that the engagement letter, dated May 13, 2025, from Bevan and Partners, Chartered Professional Accountants, for the audit of the Eastern Irrigation District's 2025 financial statements be approved and execution authorized. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:38 a.m. S. Barlow exited; R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Drain Relo – Loren & Geneva Weaver – SW 30-16-13 W4M

R. Summach advised that Loren & Geneva Weaver are requesting a drain relocation in SW 30-16-13 W4M to allow the pivot to complete a full circle without crossing the drain. The drain currently runs diagonally through the quarter from the NE to the SW. Previously, the landowner bought culverts, and the EID installed them as pivot crossings, contributing \$2,150 to the Farm Improvement project. It is now being requested that the drain be relocated to run south along the east boundary. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; the estimated eligible project costs are \$81,200. The previous drain relocation was discussed with Directors and the following motion was carried.

2025-05-095 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approved the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Loren & Geneva Weaver in SW 30-16-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000; less the previous EID contribution. The estimated eligible project costs are \$81,200; of which the landowners will pay \$42,750 + GST. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 17-G Springhill

R. Summach presented the 17-G Springhill Pipeline project synopsis. This project would begin approximately 10 km NW of Patricia, ending approximately 14.5 km directly north of Patricia where the canal ties into an existing pipeline; currently irrigating 3,780 acres, of which 450 are flood. Due to this project being in the 5 year plan, maintenance has been deferred and many of the structures and crossings are due for replacement. The canal has significant silt and weed growth and is treated

regularly for algae. The proposed pipeline would be 7.7 km long, tie into 2 existing pipelines, and be sized for an additional 900 acres of irrigation. The project would save water by eliminating seepage and evaporation and would reduce spill. The project is slated for the 2025/2026 construction year at an estimated cost of \$11,730,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Through discussion of the project, it was requested that a tour be arranged for Directors.

[10:16 a.m. – 10:23 a.m. Short break; R. Summach exited the meeting.]

7.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Lower North Branch

Justin Kabut presented the Lower North Branch project synopsis for preliminary discussion. This project is located approximately 11 km NE of Gem and currently supplies 4,065 irrigation acres. This stretch of canal has significant algae concerns. The proposed pipeline would be sized to supply 5,924 acres for existing irrigation and future development, would reduce chemical treatment, reduce spill, and eliminate evaporation. The preliminary estimated cost of the project is \$13,000,000. Discussion of this item was continued during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

7.04 Irrigating in Excess of Assessment

Every 3 years the EID cost-shares with the County of Newell aerial photography of the District. The EID uses this information in conjunction with underground utilities, property lines, contours, and soils testing, etc. for such things as aligning infrastructure rehabs, drain relocations, and fibre projects, creating pivot drawings and Farm Improvement maps, assisting in 1st calls and line locates, managing surface leases, monitoring eroding reservoir shorelines, adding grazing pipelines and identifying fence lines, rights-of-way, and road allowances, etc., moreover supporting all the day-to-day work of both the office and field staff. The aerial photos are also used in-house to identify actual areas of irrigation, infrastructure encroachments, and fence lines so that any inconsistencies may be dealt with as they arise.

In 2017, in order to determine the amount of remaining irrigation acres within the 311,000 expansion limit and to maintain an accurate assessment roll under Part 5 of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, a full review of all parcels containing irrigation or terminable acres was undertaken that had staff working with landowners to reconcile assessment and encroachment discrepancies over the following years.

R. Gagley advised that the 2024 aerial photos are now active and requested direction from the Board following presentation to the Board of a generic form of draft letter that could be sent to irrigators, to remind irrigators of requirements and offences under the *Irrigation Districts Act* and the general assessment audit penalty provision under the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw. With some instances of potential unauthorized irrigation having come to light, it was considered prudent to once again conduct a full review this summer. As discrepancies are found, landowners will be forwarded individualized letters and maps outlining any unauthorized irrigation or encroachments that have been identified and advising of action required by the landowner. A number of questions were responded to by Admin. Directors supported the draft letter and were in agreement for it to be sent to applicable irrigators.

7.05 Secondary C North Branch

Through discussion with the Board, staff were directed to bring to the June meeting a project proposal and cost estimate to install an isolation valve on the Secondary C North Branch pipeline.

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Snowpack Report

The snowpack is now on a downward trend, with most ranges below average and tracking below last year.

8.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The system was largely up and running the week of May 5th, with the usual leaks being fixed on the systems as they arose. As of May 20th, all reservoirs are near their upper end of operating levels (FSL). 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 – as of May 20, 2025		
	May 2025	May 2024
Water Diverted to Date	98,856 ac-ft (3.72")	70,284 ac-ft (2.66")
Water Applied to Land to Date	.6"	0
Range of Parcels Irrigating	0 – 327	0 – 50
Parcels Using Over 12"	0	0
Parcels Using Over 16"	0	0
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	283,406 ac-ft	294,808 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

8.03 Review Current Operating Stage

It was confirmed with the Board that the District's Operating Stage will remain at Stage 2 (max 18" with up to 6" of transfers).

[11:22 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work continues on the last phase of fibre project funded by the Universal Broadband Fund which includes the Gem, Patricia, and Rolling Hills towers. R. Moen and J. Kabut responded to comments concerning the placement of above ground fibre connection boxes.

[11:28 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting.]

2025-05-096 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 Engineering cont'd

7.06 16 Springhill**7.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Lower North Branch cont'd**

[12:00 p.m. – 12:35 p.m. Lunch break; J. Kabut and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

10.0 Lands**10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas****10.01.1 Private Boat Docks****10.01.2 Request to Lease Land – Universal Kraft**

[1:04 p.m. S. Connauton entered the meeting; B. Kroschel re-entered.]

10.01.3 Encroachment Review of Landowner in Division 7 (Rolling Hills)

[1:32 p.m. N. Fontaine and B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

2025-05-097 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**7.0 Engineering cont'd****7.06 16 Springhill**

It was requested of Admin to enquire if the 16 Springhill project can be canceled from the AIM program. The project may be revisited by the Board at a later date.

7.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Lower North Branch cont'd

A tour of 17-G Springhill and Lower North Branch proposed rehab projects was arranged for Friday, May 30th, 8:00 a.m., for Directors and applicable Staff and landowners.

10.0 Lands**10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas****10.01.1 Private Boat Docks**

Directors were in support of each of the 57 residential lots at Kinbrook Island Provincial Park as referenced in the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy remain eligible for 1 boat dock and up to 2 boat lifts in Lake Newell Reservoir, if meeting all additional requirements as disclosed in the Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy. As an aside, it was noted that staff have not been notified of any functioning Lake Newell Reservoir Land Use Policy Committees representing Lake Newell Resort, Kinbrook Island, Bantry Bay, North Headgates, Greenwald Inlet, or Bantry Bay Estates.

10.01.2 Request to Lease Land – Universal Kraft

Direction was given to Admin to continue discussions with the applicant.

10.01.3 Encroachment Review of Landowner in Division 7 (Rolling Hills)

Staff have become aware of a landowner's unauthorized pivot infrastructure located on a parcel within Division 7 (Rolling Hills). Staff are to complete a full assessment and encroachment review of the landowner's lands and provide a letter with supporting documentation to the landowner requiring him to remove the unauthorized pivot infrastructure, reseed the cultivated land to grass, and comply with any further requirements on other lands where discrepancies are identified. Furthermore, the landowner will not be considered to be in good standing with the EID and not eligible to bid on any upcoming leases, until all matters have been reconciled.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

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 Dugout and Drain Infill – Gordon Musgrove – NW 25-20-13 W4M**

Gordon Musgrove is requesting a dugout and old drain be infilled in the north half of NW 25-20-13 W4M to extend the pivot to run full circle. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$60,000.

2025-05-098 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon Musgrove for the infill of a dugout and drain in NW 25-20-13 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 \$60,000; of which the landowner's share is \$45,000 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.2 Flood to Pivot – Gordon Musgrove – NW 25-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 108 acres
- Current Assessment: 114 acres wiper pivot and flood (6 acres added for 1995 general assessment)
- Converting: 29 acres flood to pivot and infilling pivot; 19 additional acres required
- New Assessment: 133 acres, all under pivot

2025-05-099 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Gordon Musgrove for the conversion of 29 acres flood to pivot in NW 25-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,900 (29 acres x \$100/acre). The capital assets charge is \$29,070. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.3 Wheels to Pivot – Joel & Charity Kropf – Pt SE 13-16-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 39 acres
- Current Assessment: 26 acres wheels and 9 acres pivot (4 acres removed for subdivision consent in 2016)

- Converting: 26 acres wheels to wiper pivot; 10 additional acres required (increase in acres approved by motion 2024-07-182)
- New Assessment: 45 acres, all under pivot (9 acres wiper pivot extending from south, 36 acres new wiper pivot)
- Note: subject to landowners entering into a 3.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement

2025-05-100 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Joel & Charity Kropf for the conversion of 26 acres wheels to wiper pivot in Pt SE 13-16-14 W4M; subject to entering into a 3.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$2,600 (26 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.4 Flood to Pivot – Adam Wolfer – NW 26-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 55 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 60 acres flood (5 acres transferred in)
- Converting: 57 acres flood to corner arm pivot; keeping 3 acres
- Assessment remains the same at 60 acres (57 corner arm pivot, 3 outside pivot area)
- Note: 55 acres eligible for grant

2025-05-101 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Adam Wolfer for the conversion of 55 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NW 26-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$5,500 (55 acres x \$100/acre) – \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area) = \$4,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.5 Increase – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – Sec 10-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 136 acres
- Current Assessment: 124 acres (13 acres removed for general assessment in 1995, 2 acres removed for subdivision approval, and 3 acres added to increase pivot area)
- Proposal: increase large wiper pivot area; 17 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 141 acres, all under pivot (1 large wiper, 1 small wiper, 1 small pivot)
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by May 30, 2026

2025-05-102 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd for 17 infill acres in Sec 10-20-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,010 (17 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.6 Increase – Johan & Margaretha Fehr – NE 20-14-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 45 acres wheels
- Proposal: increase wheel area; 6 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 51 acres wheels
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by May 30'26

2025-05-103 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Johan & Margaretha Fehr for 6 infill acres in NE 20-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$9,180 (6 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.1.7 Increase – Jacob & Agatha Penner – NW 23-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot
- Proposal: add corner arm; 13 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 147 acres corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by May 30, 2026

2025-05-104 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jacob & Agatha Penner for 13 infill acres in NW 23-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$19,890 (13 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2 Alternate Parcel Transfers

10.02.2.1 John Graham and William Graham to Darryl Graham – NE 02-21-17 to SE 11-22-17 W4M

For the 2025 irrigation season, John Graham and William Graham are requesting an alternate parcel transfer of 22 irrigation acres from NE 02-21-17 W4M to Darryl Graham in SE 11-22-17 W4M to further extend an existing wiper pivot. Soils meet requirements, and Operations has no concerns with the transfer.

2025-05-105 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 2025 alternate parcel transfer of:

- 22 irrigation acres from NE 02-21-17 W4M, lands being owned by John Graham and William Graham;

to Darryl Graham in SE 11-22-17 W4M.
Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02.2.2 Terry Edge, 1717875 AB Inc (Rod Johnson), 1717866 AB Inc (Reid Johnson), and Hutterian Brethren of Lathom to Hutterian Brethren of Lathom – (various) to NW 22-19-17 W4M

For the 2025 season, Terry Edge, 1717875 AB Inc, 1717866 Alberta Inc, and the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom are requesting to transfer a total of 135 irrigation acres to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom for a pivot project in NW 22-19-17 W4M. The Hutterian Brethren of Lathom applied for irrigation development for this parcel; however, the application rating fell below the 1,200 acres approved. Soils meet requirements and there are no operational issues identified with the alternate parcel transfer.

2025-05-106 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 2025 alternate parcel transfer of:

- 19 irrigation acres from NW 04 & S ½ 09-20-17 W4M, lands owned by Terry Edge;
- 20 irrigation acres from SE 15 & NE 22-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717875 Alberta Inc;
- 35 irrigation acres from NW 10-19-14 W4M, lands owned by 1717866 Alberta Inc; and
- 61 irrigation acres from Sec 13, Sec 22, & Sec 23-20-17 W4M, all lands owned by Hutterian Brethren of Lathom;

to the Hutterian Brethren of Lathom in NW 22-19-17 W4M; subject to the removal of end guns on 4 pivots in Sec 13, Sec 22, & Sec 23-20-17 W4M. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



[1:47 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

2025-05-107 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Letter from JBS Foods Canada ULC

12.0 Legal & Corporate Services

12.01 Legal Updates

12.01.1 Financing Agreements for Community Grazing Associations

[2:19 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

12.01.2 Legal Update

[2:20 p.m. I. Friesen, R. Gagley, and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[2:43 p.m. I. Friesen, R. Gagley, and W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

2025-05-108 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

11.0 Letter from JBS Foods Canada ULC

The Board was in consensus on maintaining the District's requirements as conveyed earlier to JBS.

12.0 Legal & Corporate Services

12.01 Legal Updates

12.01.1 Financing Agreements for Community Grazing Associations

The decision in 2023 to no longer entertain requests for loans from Community Grazing Associations will be maintained.

12.01.2 Legal Update

Directors were given an update on a legal matter

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

June 24, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24th day of June 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[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:

- 16.0 Barry Fleming

2025-06-109 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 May 27, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-06-110 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the May 27th Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 2025 AIDA Inter-District Tour – Friday, June 20th, Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District

R. Hiebert, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, R. Summach, and J. Kabut attended the 2025 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association Inter-District Tour in the LNID. Directors gave comment on the tour stops which included the LNID headworks diversion canal and flume, along with a pump station serving approximately 11,000 acres and conveyance canal.

5.0 Upcoming Events

5.01 Northwest Irrigation Operators (NWIO) Tour – Wednesday, June 25th in EID

Attending Full Day Tour: D. Peltzer, T. Hemsing, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen.
Attending EID Portion of Tour: applicable Staff

5.02 Alberta NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable – Tuesday, July 8th, Calgary

Attending: R. Hiebert, T. Hemsing.

5.03 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 22nd, 9:00 a.m.**5.04 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 26th, 9:00 a.m.**

[9:18 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to May 31, 2025

The financial statements to May 31, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$30.9 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$23.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$7.1 million.

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

2025-06-111 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to May 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:33 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; R. Summach, J. Kabut, and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 Encroachment Review of Landowner in Division 7 (Rolling Hills)

In follow up to the May 27th Meeting, R. Gagley advised that the landowner in question is now compliant and assessment issues that were earlier identified have been resolved by way of the Irrigation Acres and Capital Assets Charges bylaws. Further instructions were given to the landowner to completely resolve all encroachment issues. A number of questions from the Board were responded to by Mr. Gagley. It was advised by Admin that although a general assessment audit penalty of 150% is included in the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw concerning irrigation acres, an additional penalty for the prior illegal use of irrigation water may be discussed at this winter's Corporate Planning.

7.02 17-G Springhill

Further to the May 27th Meeting and May 30th site tour for Directors, R. Summach presented the 17-G Springhill Pipeline project synopsis. This project would begin approximately 10 km NW of Patricia, ending approximately 14.5 km directly north of Patricia where the canal ties into an existing pipeline; currently irrigating 3,780 acres, of which 450 are flood. Due to this project being in the 5-

year plan, maintenance has been deferred and many of the structures and crossings are due for replacement. The canal has significant silt and weed growth and is treated regularly for algae. The proposed pipeline would be 7.7 km long, tie into 2 existing pipelines, and be sized for an additional 900 acres of irrigation. The project would save water by eliminating seepage and evaporation and would also reduce spill. The project is slated for the 2025/2026 construction year at an estimated cost of \$11,730,000; to be funded under the AIM program. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Summach and Mr. Gagley.

~~2025-06-112 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 17-G Springhill rehabilitation project to convert the canal to a closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$11,730,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY~~

[rescinded by motion 2025-09-175]

7.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Lower North Branch

Further to the May 27th Meeting and May 30th site tour for Directors, through discussion it was requested that Admin enquire if the Lower North Branch rehab project can be canceled from the AIM program. In its place, Directors were in agreement that the U-03 Tilley, U-04 Tilley (south), U-04 Tilley (north), and X Tilley rehab projects be moved up in the AIM construction schedule, to be completed in the 2025/2026 construction season.

[10:19 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Short break. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting; R. Summach exited.]

[10:48 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

Direction was given regarding the deliveries for a couple of parcels near the U-03 and U-04 Tilley rehab project. Staff will continue to bring parcels with terminable agreements to the Board, with suggestions on how to convert the terminable acres to irrigation acres, cancel the terminable acres, or replace the acres with water agreements.

[10:52 a.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

7.04 S Tilley and T Tilley

J. Kabut presented the S Tilley and T Tilley project synopsis, advising that this rehabilitation project is located 4 km south of Tilley. This project continues the conversion of ditches to pipelines which stem from the Tilley Canal. The proposed rehab would consist of a closed gravity pipeline which would tie 2 canals into 1 pipeline system, supplying 1,164 acres. As this system experiences significant aquatic weeds, a gabion rock wall will be installed for filtration. It is recommended that this project be funded under AIM program at an estimated cost of \$2,477,000.

2025-06-113 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the S and T Tilley rehabilitation project to convert the canal to a closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$2,477,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The landowner in SE 07-17-12 W4M – Dick & Veronica Vossepoel and NE 06 – Vossepoel Cattle Co Ltd (Dick Vossepoel) will be installing 2 pivots greater than 55 acres each, both being served from the new pipeline, becoming eligible for a \$20,000 grant per quarter section under 1.1 of the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy. As provided in 1.2 of the policy, the same landowner is also eligible for another \$20,000 grant per quarter section for eliminating a delivery in SE 07 and another in NE 06, reducing the size and cost of the project.

2025-06-114 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Dick & Veronica Vossepoel and Vossepoel Cattle Co Ltd for converting from flood to pivot in SE 07 & NE 06-17-12 W4M at the time of the S and T Tilley rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$40,000. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-115 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants for Dick & Veronica Vossepoel and Vossepoel Cattle Co Ltd for eliminating deliveries in SE 07 & NE 06-17-12 W4M at the time of the S and T Tilley rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$40,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lyndon & Shirley Wester are requesting that an existing domestic delivery be serviced in the NW 06-17-12 W4M as part of the rehabilitation. Under 3.4 of the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy, a 50/50 cost-share is available, up to \$15,000 District contribution. It is estimated that the 130 m, 6" PVC pipe project will cost \$6,972 of which the landowner would pay \$3,486 + GST.

2025-06-116 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the domestic delivery cost-share for Lyndon & Shirley Wester in NW 06-17-12 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 \$6,972; of which the landowner will pay \$3,486 + GST. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.05 Secondary C North Branch – Isolation Valves

In follow up to the May 27th Meeting, J. Kabut presented a proposal to install 2 isolation valves in the Secondary C North Branch Pipeline. The purpose of the isolation valves is to mitigate future interruption of water conveyance in the large-scale system, when repair work or maintenance of the pipeline may be required. This system currently serves over 7,000 irrigation acres. It is being proposed to install a knife gate valve in a CSP well in 2 locations – SE 14-22-17 W4M and SW 12-22-17 W4M, for a total project cost of \$255,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program.

2025-06-117 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the installation of a 30" knife gate valve in SE 14-22-17 W4M on the 02-C North Branch Pipeline and 36" knife gate valve in SW 12-22-17 W4M on the Secondary C North Branch Pipeline to isolate portions of the conveyance system for an estimated cost of \$110,000 and \$145,00 respectively; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.06 Drain Relo – Will Henrickson – SW 11-20-13 W4M

J. Kabut presented a drain relocation project for Will Henrickson in SW 11-20-13 W4M. Currently, a number of drains run through the quarter. A drain relocation is being requested to divert the flow along the south boundary of the quarter section, then north along the west boundary to tie into the County road ditch. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations. The estimated project costs are \$95,000; of which the landowner would pay \$47,500 + GST.

2025-06-118 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Will Henrickson in SW 11-20-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000. The estimated project costs are \$95,000; of which the landowner will pay \$47,500 + GST. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.07 Gem Soils Testing Results

R. Gagley advised that soils testing results for 30 quarters in Twp 22 Rge 16, Twp 23 Rge 15, and Twp 23 Rge 16, part of the Rosemary Grazing lease lands, have been recently received. In discussion of the initial overview map, it was requested that further information be provided at the July 22nd or August 26th meeting, showing possible pivot layouts.

7.08 Snake Lake Canal

R. Gagley presented the Snake Lake Canal project synopsis. The 300 cfs canal starts at the east dam of the existing reservoir and runs east and north under the CPR tracks and Trans Canada Highway, delivering into the Springhill Canal. Part of the expansion plan for the Snake Lake Reservoir is to upgrade the Snake Lake Canal to 800 cfs to be able to supply the +50,000 downstream irrigation acres when the reservoir is completed. The rehabilitation consists of widening the canal on the 5 km stretch outside the expanded reservoir footprint, installing gravel armour, upgrading the concrete syphon at the tracks, and open-cutting across the highway to install a concrete pipe, all to handle the increased flow. It is recommended that this project be funded under the IRP program for an estimated cost of \$19,500,000; to begin construction in late summer or fall of 2025. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

2025-06-119 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Snake Lake Canal rehabilitation project to expand the canal from 300 cfs to 800 cfs and replace crossings for an estimated cost of \$19,500,000; to be funded under the IRP program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-120 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update

2025-06-121 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**8.0 Snake Lake Reservoir Project – Update**

R. Gagley provided the Board with an update on the status of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**9.0 Operations**

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

9.01 Snowpack Report

The snowpack came off quicker than average with all pillows being exhausted at this point. Given the early melt, it is most likely that below average river flows will be seen for the rest of the irrigation season.

9.02 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The majority of the District has experienced appreciable recent rainfall; however, as of June 16th, usage for 2025 has been higher at this point than compared to last year; diversion is up as well. Overall, river flows have been less than normal for this time of year. While there were instances where diversion was not meeting demand on certain days, storage is comparable to last season with reservoirs being at or near full capacity.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of June 16, 2025		
	June 2025	June 2024
Water Diverted to Date	182,152 ac-ft (8.16")	145,904 ac-ft (5.52")
Water Applied to Land to Date	3.36"	1.8"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	257 – 893	60 – 735
Parcels Using Over 12"	12	1
Parcels Using Over 16"	2	0
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	291,459 ac-ft	298,642 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

9.03 Review Current Operating Stage

It was confirmed with the Board that the District's Operating Stage will remain at Stage 2 (max 18" with up to 6" of transfers).

[11:39 a.m. J. Kabut and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. McLean entered.]

10.0 Equipment

R. MacLean presented the following Equipment Report.

10.01 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 twist bucket for each machine were also included. Mr. McLean responded to a number of questions.

PURCHASE OF 250 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Finning Canada	2025 Cat 326-07	\$368,500.00
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2025 Deere 250P	\$373,200.00
Wajax Limited	2025 Hitachi ZX250LC-7	\$390,000.00
Weldco-Beales Mfg	72" Twist Bucket	\$32,540.92

PURCHASE OF 350 EXCAVATOR		
Company	Year & Make	Quote
Wajax Limited	2025 Hitachi ZX350LC-7	\$415,000.00
Brandt Tractor Ltd	2025 Deere 350P	\$441,500.00
Finning Canada	2025 Cat 336-08	\$446,800.00
Weldco-Beales Mfg	84" Twist Bucket	\$36,633.00

- 2025-06-122 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the purchase of a:**
- **2025 Deere 250P Excavator plus 72" Weldco Twist Bucket for \$405,740.92 from Brandt Tractor Ltd; and**
 - **2025 Hitachi ZX350LC-7 Excavator plus 84" Weldco Twist Bucket for \$451,633; from Wajax Ltd.**
- Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.02 Sale of Used Pickups

Invitations for bids on the purchase of 10 used trucks as listed below were sent to 2 auctioneers. Bids were received from Annett Auction Services and Team Auctions.

SALE OF USED TRUCKS			
Amount	Make	Year	Km
4	1500 GMC Sierra	2013	111,000 – 197,000
5	1500 Dodge Ram	2014 – 2019	216,000 – 260,000
1	2500 GMC Sierra	2020	252,000

- 2025-06-123 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District sells the specified 10 used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 5% commission. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

11.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

11.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work continues on the last phase of fibre project funded by the Universal Broadband Fund which includes the Gem, Patricia, and Rolling Hills towers. Construction commencement is anticipated for early July.

[11:48 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

12.0 Lands

12.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

12.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

[11:50 a.m. R. Hiebert declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

12.01.1.1 Increase – Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert – E ½ 35-21-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 125 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 125 irrigation acres (converted from term) and 20 terminable acres
- Proposal: increase pivot area; 7 acres needed (infill), and install wiper pivot and convert 20 terminable acres to irrigation acres; 14 acres needed (infill)

- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 166 acres all under pivot (132 large south pivot, 34 north wiper pivot)
- Note: subject to landowners entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by June 30, 2026

2025-06-124 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert for 21 infill acres in E ½ 35-21-16 W4M; subject to entering into a 2.5 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$32,130 (21 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-125 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the application for Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert to convert 20 terminable acres to irrigation acres in E ½ 35-21-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,300(20 terminable acres x \$750/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-126 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on SE & Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-06-127 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE & NE 35-21-16 W4M; all lands being owned by Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:59 a.m. R. Hiebert rejoined the meeting.]

12.01.1.2 Increase – Klassen Farms Ltd (Dave Klassen) – SE 08-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 40 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres (93 acres added for Farm Improvement in 2010 and 1 acre added for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 12 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to meeting soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by June 30, 2026

2025-06-128 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Klassen Farms Ltd for 12 infill acres in SE 08-15-15 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$18,360 (12 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.1.3 Increase – Klassen Farms Ltd (Dave Klassen) – SW 08-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 135 acres (135 acres added in 2014)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 17 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres all under corner arm pivot

- Notes: subject to meeting 5R soils requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by June 30, 2026

2025-06-129 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Klassen Farms Ltd for 17 infill acres in SW 08-15-15 W4M; subject to meeting 5R soils requirements. The capital assets charge is \$26,010 (17 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.1.4 Increase – Klassen Farms Ltd (Dave Klassen) – NW 08-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 85 irrigation acres and 40 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 132 irrigation acres (40 terminable acres converted, 2 acres transferred in and 5 acres purchased for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: project must be completed by June 30, 2026

2025-06-130 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Klassen Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in NW 08-15-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$24,480 (16 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:03 p.m. – 12:34 p.m. Lunch break; S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine and R. Volek entered.]

12.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

12.02.1 Irrigated Lease Auction Date & Draft Newsletter

Parameters for the auction of 4 new and 8 expiring irrigated lease agreements were set by motion at the April 22nd Board Meeting. A draft newsletter summarizing the parcels, lease agreements, and auction, scheduled for August 14th, 2:00 p.m. at the EID Office, was presented for review. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine and Admin and Directors requested that 5-year crop history reports be provided in the bid packages for the 8 pre-existing irrigated leases. In addition to the irrigator newsletter, ads will be placed in the newspapers, radio, website, and Facebook. The draft newsletter, which includes additional information on other matters, will be given final edits and mailed out within the week.

[12:51 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

12.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

12.03.1 Grazing Season Update

The entry dates for tame and native pastures were set for May 3rd and 15th, respectively; and the maximum listing was held at 65. New grass growth was slow due to cooler temperatures, progressed well in May, then slowed due to no significant moisture. Recent general rainfall improved conditions; however, the optimum growth period may be almost over in the drier areas. Pasture conditions will be reviewed and the round-up date set at the August Board Meeting. Cattle

placements totaled 14,495 head; this is up 704 head from 2024. The average for the past 10 years is 16,662 head. Total membership has dropped to 249 (257 in 2024). 341 cow/calf pairs are utilizing the Kitsim Pivots irrigated pasture. 317 pairs are utilizing Pivots A and B near Rock Lake Reservoir. Fall grazing is planned for Pivot D, and reseeding of Pivot C is scheduled for the end of June.

Spring runoff was very good in the south part of the District, filling most dugouts; less runoff occurred in the north. Where able, dugouts were filled via pressure waterlines. Waterline upgrades in 4 community pastures will be installed this summer.

Approximately 12 km (7.5 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 (\$3,500/mile) have increased significantly over the past few years.

The first pass of spraying fireguards is completed. Some fireguards have been spot sprayed again if weed growth is active. Control of Downy Brome has been taking place over the past month; most patches controlled now are mowed, bagged, and sprayed. New small patches have been identified at Rock Lake Reservoir, west of Lake Newell Resort, and Kininvie. Other areas that are monitored and controlled over the past few years have seen significant reductions in weed growth.

12.03.2 Hay Tender – Pivot D – NE 02 & SE 11-20-15 W4M

Pivot D near Rock Lake Reservoir was reseeded to permanent pasture in 2024. Growth was exceptional and it was decided to tender out this parcel for hay production in July and allow it to regrow for fall grazing. Results of the tender will be brought to the July 22nd Meeting.

2025-06-131 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03.3 Letter to JBS Foods Canada ULC

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

13.0 Letter from John Miller

14.0 Legal & Corporate Services

14.01 Legal Update

15.0 Commercial Update

16.0 Barry Fleming

2025-06-132 Moved by B. Schroeder that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

12.03.3 Letter to JBS Foods Canada ULC

Directors were provided with a copy of a letter recently forwarded to JBS Foods.



13.0 Letter from John Miller

A letter was received from John Miller regarding SE 23-17-17 W4M; Admin will respond to his concerns.

14.0 Legal & Corporate Services

14.01 Legal Update

Directors were provided with an update on a legal matter.

15.0 Commercial Update

The Board provided direction for I. Friesen.

16.0 Barry Fleming

Further communication with the landowner was not required.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

17.0 Provincial Water Availability Engagement

The provincial government is in Phase 2 of the Water Availability Engagement. In-person and online sessions have been held, and feedback is being received on the proposed *Water Act* amendments. I. Friesen advised that AIDA has forwarded their collective submission and presented a draft letter in support of the submission, outlining the District's support of AIDA's comments and reiterating key perspectives. It was the consensus of the Board to forward the document to the provincial government.

D. Peltzer moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**July 22, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 22nd day of July 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2025-07-133 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 June 24, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the June 24, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-07-134 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the June 24, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:00 a.m. R. Summach entered the meeting.]

3.0 Engineering**3.01 Main Bantry Canal Bank Lift**

R. Summach presented the Main Bantry Canal Bank Lift project synopsis. The Main Bantry Canal supplies water from Lake Newell Reservoir to Rolling Hills, Tilley, One Tree, and Patricia areas. The earthen Brooks Aqueduct, which replaced the concrete aqueduct in 1978, allows the EID to get water across a low area to these regions. The earthen aqueduct is 4 km long, includes a syphon under a railway, and has a capacity of 950 cfs. Although the canal was designed with a maximum height of 16 m it has settled up to 50 cm over the past near-50 years. While it is currently possible to convey 950 cfs there would only be 40 cm of freeboard instead of the designed 90 cm. It is being recommended to increase the height of the banks with clay material and add armour at an estimated cost of \$708,000 to be funded under the Capital Works program. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Summach.

- 2025-07-135 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Main Bantry Canal Bank Lift rehabilitation project to increase the height of the canal banks for an estimated cost of \$708,000; to be funded under the Capital Works program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[9:04 a.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

4.0 Business Arising

A Director gave comment to a follow up meeting with a landowner concerning the Lower North Branch conveyance system.

5.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

5.01 Crawling Valley Recreation Society – June 24th

D. Peltzer attended a CVRS Meeting on June 24th. A number of miscellaneous matters from the meeting were conveyed to the Board.

5.02 Northwest Irrigation Operators (NWIO) Tour – Wednesday, June 25th in EID

D. Peltzer, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, and I. Friesen attended one day of the NWIO Tour in southern Alberta. The morning of June 25th, sites within the BRID were toured, stopping in at current and proposed reservoir sites, a pipeline project, a weed control system, and a landowner's demonstration of pivot technology for variable irrigation. In the afternoon, EID staff and Admin toured the group at the Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, Rolling Hills Reservoir pump station, Kitsim Reservoir, and proposed Eyremore dam site.

5.03 Alberta NDP Agriculture Stampede Roundtable – Tuesday, July 8th, Calgary

Along with other irrigation district representatives, T. Hemsing and R. Hiebert took part in the Alberta NDP Agriculture Roundtable in Calgary on July 8th to foster an understanding of the economic, social, and environmental benefits of irrigated agriculture and associated matters.

5.04 Tour of Crop Diversification Centre – South – July 10th

Directors were invited by the County to tour the Crop Diversification Centre – South on July 10th. D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, and J. Alberts were toured through administrative buildings, greenhouses, and grounds, and were advised of possible uses for the site.

6.0 Upcoming Events

6.01 Irrigated Lease Auction – Thursday, August 14th, 2:00 p.m., EID Office

4 new and 8 previously leased EID parcels will be individually live-auctioned for a term of 5 years.

6.02 Alberta Open Farm Days – Bassano Dam Tours – Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th

A Director requested that a tour of the Bassano Dam be arranged for the Board in the near future.

6.03 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 26th, 9:00 a.m.

6.04 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

[9:18 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

7.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2025

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at June 30, 2025, was \$6.65M or 7.24% less than the book value at September 30, 2024.

3 rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT to June 30, 2025		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$2,200,000	-
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

2025-07-136 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report to June 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2025

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

2025-07-137 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the 3rd Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to June 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Financial Statements to June 30, 2025

The financial statements to June 30, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$41.3 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$27.3 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$13.9 million.

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

2025-07-138 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Financial Statements to June 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:37 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

3.0 Engineering cont'd

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

3.02 Drain Relo – Meyer Farms Ltd (Ben Meyer) – NW 07-17-13 W4M

R. Gagley advised that Ben Meyer is requesting a drain relocation in NW 07-17-13 W4M to allow for more irrigation on the parcel. The drain severs the SE corner of the quarter, and the landowner is requesting that it be relocated to the boundary lines. By policy, the EID pays 50% up to \$50,000 on approved drain and canal relocations; the estimated eligible project costs are \$26,672.

2025-07-139 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approved the Farm Improvement Drain Relocation for Meyer Farms Ltd in NW 07-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$50,000. The estimated eligible project costs are \$26,672; of which the landowner will pay \$13,336 + GST. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The majority of the region continued to experience appreciable rainfall over the last month. Reservoirs are at near-full capacity and canals have been cut back to minimum flows as overall usage has dropped across the District.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of July 15, 2025		
	July 2025	July 2024
Water Diverted to Date	296,826 ac-ft (11.52")	230,181 ac-ft (8.64")
Water Applied to Land to Date	5.52"	4.2"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	11 – 875	169 – 1,052
Parcels Using Over 12"	55	12
Parcels Using Over 16"	6	0
Parcels Using Over 20"	0	0
Total Firm Live Storage*	290,106 ac-ft	288,183 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

8.02 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, soil moisture levels, and particular crop requirements.

2025-07-140 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District move effective as of Tuesday, July 22, 2025 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 2025 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. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:49 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

9.0 Equipment

9.01 Sale of Used Pickups

Invitations for bids on the purchase of 10 used trucks as listed below were sent to 2 auctioneers. Bids were received from Annett Auction Services and Team Auctions.

SALE OF USED TRUCKS			
Amount	Make	Year	Km
8	1500 Dodge Ram	2010 – 2021	140,000 – 270,000
2	2500 Dodge Ram	2012 & 2016	270,000 & 268,000

2025-07-141 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the District sells the specified 10 used pickups through Annett Auction Services at 5% commission. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:52 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

10.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

Some operational issues resulted from Friday's rainstorm, but most customers have had their service resumed. The Brooks tower was hit by lightning and 1 sector radio was lost; however, it was previously scheduled for replacement. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen.

3 rd QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to July 14, 2025	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	23
Residential Accounts	1,437
Business Accounts	372
EID Automation	93
Total	1,925

[9:59 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

11.0 Lands

11.01 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

11.01.1 Results of Hay Tender – Pivot D – NE 02 & SE 11-20-15 W4M

Pivot D near Rock Lake Reservoir was reseeded to permanent pasture in 2024. Growth was exceptional and it was decided to tender out this parcel for hay production in July and allow it to regrow for fall grazing. Only 1 bid was received. The bid was based upon an estimated yield of 225 tons for the 107 acre irrigated parcel.

STANDING HAY – PIVOT D		
Bidder	\$/Ton (2,000 lb)	Total Bid \$
DLM Feeders Inc (Dallas Martin)	\$91.25	\$20,531.25

Upon review, the bid reflected current market values and was accepted. The hay was baled on July 12th and 13th, and the yield is higher than the bid estimate. The bidder will be invoiced for the extra tons at the bid price. Regrowth on the pasture looks favourable.

[10:03 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

11.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

11.02.1 Assessment Report to June 30, 2025

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, was presented, summarized as follows.

3 rd QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to June 30, 2025					
Acres on the Water Roll	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	Annual Agreement	5R Soils Acres	Total
April 1, 2025	316,321	2,862	0	367	319,550
June 30, 2025	318,810	2,862	0	367	322,039
Net increase	2,489	0	0	0	2,489
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)					< 4 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)					2,493
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					< 0 >
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 0 >

3 rd QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$8,981,500
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0
Annual Agreements	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0
Totals	\$8,981,500

11.02.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

11.02.2.1 Flood to Pivot – David Virovec – NW 24-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 103 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 107 acres flood (4 acres added for 1995 general assessment)
- Converting: 103 acres flood to corner arm pivot; landowner is choosing to sell back the 4 acres outside the pivot area to the EID
- New Assessment: 103 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2025-07-142 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David Virovec for the conversion of 103 acres flood to corner arm pivot in NW 24-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$10,300 (103 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-07-143 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the purchase of David Virovec's 4 irrigation acres in NW 24-17-13 W4M; 4 acres x \$3,672/acre = \$14,688. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres flood
- Current Assessment: 138 acres flood (5 acres removed for subdivision consent in 1990)
- Converting: 117 acres flood to wiper pivot; landowner is choosing to keep 21 acres outside the pivot area
- Assessment remains the same at 138 acres (117 acres wiper pivot, 21 flood acres outside)

2025-07-144 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for WB Alberts Produce Co Ltd for the conversion of 117 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 30-19-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$11,700 (117 acres x \$100/acre) – \$10,500 (21 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area) = \$1,200. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.2.3 Increase – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – SE 09-20-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 127 acres
- Proposal: increase pivot size; 12 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 139 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by July 31, 2026

2025-07-145 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd for 12 infill acres in SE 09-20-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,360 (12 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.02.2.4 Increase – Cinsan Enterprises Ltd (Sandy Bartman) – NE 04-20-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 140 acres
- Current Assessment: 145 acres (5 acres added in 1995)
- Proposal: increase pivot size; 7 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by July 31, 2026

2025-07-146 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Cinsan Enterprises Ltd for 7 infill acres in NE 04-20-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$10,710 (7 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:10 a.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]



11.02.2.5 Increase – Hemsing Farms Ltd (Tracy & Michele Hemsing) – SW 13-15-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 150 acres
- Proposal: extend corner arm where previously obstructed; 2 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by July 31, 2026

2025-07-147 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Hemsing Farms Ltd for 2 infill acres in SW 13-15-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,060 (2 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:11 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

[10:12 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting; B. Kroschel re-entered.]

2025-07-148 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.0 District Housing

[10:31 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

[10:31 a.m. Michelle Phaneuf – Consultant, connected to the meeting.]

10:30 a.m. Workplace Fairness – Michelle Phaneuf

[10:35 a.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, and W. Enns exited the meeting.]

[10:55 a.m. M. Phaneuf disconnected from the meeting.]

[10:56 a.m. I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, and W. Enns rejoined the meeting.]

[10:57 a.m. R. Drader entered the meeting.]

13.0 Safety Program Update

[11:36 a.m. – 12:12 p.m. Lunch break; R. Drader exited the meeting]

591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application

[12:53 p.m. J. Kabut entered the meeting.]

14.0 Letter from John Miller

[1:03 p.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

[1:03 p.m. Arno Doerksen, Daniel Doerksen, Lorin Doerksen, and Barry Doerksen entered the meeting.]

1:00 p.m. 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application



[2:09 p.m. A. Doerksen, D. Doerksen, L. Doerksen, and B. Doerksen exited the meeting.]

[2:30 p.m. – 2:36 p.m. Short break.]

14.0 Letter from John Miller cont'd

[2:44 p.m. J. Kabut re-entered the meeting.]

15.0 Dick Vossepoel - NW 05-17-12 W4M

[3:19 p.m. J. Kabut exited the meeting.]

16.0 Legal & Corporate Services

16.01 Legal Update

17.0 Commercial Update

2025-07-149 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

12.0 District Housing

Direction was given to staff.

10:30 a.m. Workplace Fairness – Michelle Phaneuf

The Board was updated as to this matter.

13.0 Safety Program Update

A quarterly Safety Program update was presented to the Board and questions responded to by Mr. Drader and Admin. In response to a Director's question, Admin confirmed that EID employees are to continue telling the public that they are not to swim in EID canals, ditches, ponds, and dugouts. The primary purpose of EID works is for irrigation purposes and there are various known and unknown hazards that could arise from time to time from factors such as unexpected water fluctuations, currents, objects under water, and surface run-off.

591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application

Board and Admin pre-discussion was held.

14.0 Letter from John Miller

Discussion of this matter was continued after a scheduled presentation.

1:00 p.m. 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) Irrigation Development Application

Further to motion 2025-02-047, the landowner presentation at this meeting, and subsequent Board discussion, a letter of response is to be forwarded following the meeting stating that the Board has determined that Doerksen has not satisfied the conditions of the EID on or before July 21, 2025 and is unwilling to extend the July 31, 2025 deadline for the landowner to complete its irrigation

development project as applied for in 2023 and reviewed by the Irrigation Council Appeal Panel in 2024.

14.0 Letter from John Miller cont'd

Direction was given to staff.

15.0 Dick Vossepoel - NW 05-17-12 W4M

A motion was carried once reconvened.

16.0 Legal & Corporate Services

16.01 Legal Update

Directors were provided with an update on a legal matter and direction was given to Admin.

17.0 Commercial Update

Directors were provided with an update on a commercial matter and direction was given to Admin

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

15.0 Dick Vossepoel - NW 05-17-12 W4M cont'd

A request was received from Dick Vossepoel to purchase approximately 9 acres of District land in NW 05-17-12 W4M. This triangular parcel in the NE corner of the quarter section is currently severed from the quarter by a District drain. Mr. Vossepoel is requesting to purchase the property to enable his corner arm pivot to make a full rotation within the quarter.

2025-07-150 Moved by B. Deschamps that the District sell to Dick Vossepoel an approximate 9 acre parcel of land in NW 05-17-12 W4M to accommodate a full quarter section rotation of the existing corner arm pivot, for \$2,500/acre on dry acres and \$10,500 on irrigated acres; subject to:

- the cost of moving the drain being the responsibility of the purchaser;
- all survey costs, subdivision costs, legal fees, consolidation fees, and any other fees associated with the land purchase (such as fencing) being the responsibility of the purchaser; and

provided soils meet the required criteria.

Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, T. Hemsing

OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder

It was advised that current land sale values are to be examined at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions, along with the Sale of District Owned Lands Policy.

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:46 p.m.



Chairman



General Manager

August 26, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 26th day of August 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[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. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 7.06 Lower North Branch – Hutterian Brethren of Spring View

2025-08-151 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 July 22, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the July 22, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-08-152 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the July 22, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the July 22nd Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting

T. Hemsing attended an AIDA Executive Committee meeting on July 24th in Vauxhall. Fisheries & Oceans Canada, a meeting with Hon. RJ Sigurdson – Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation, Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project, water sharing agreements, districts' 7-year infrastructure plans, AIS prevention strategies, and the deadline for projects under the AIM program were among the discussion topics. Directors were also advised that the 2026 AIDA Conference will be held February 2 – 4, 2026, in Lethbridge.

4.02 Tour for University of Calgary Students

On August 12th, I. Friesen presented an overview of the EID to a class of Environmental Sciences students from the U of C. Following the presentation, staff toured the group at the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project site and the Bassano Dam & Emergency Spillway.

4.03 Tour for Provincial Government Representatives

I. Friesen also hosted tours on August 22nd for Jason Hale – Deputy Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation and David James – Deputy Minister of Affordability & Utilities, at the Bassano Dam & Emergency Spillway and at the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project site.

4.04 Canadian Foodgrains Bank

D. Peltzer informed the Board that a Canadian Foodgrains Bank project is being grown this year south of Gem and requested that the 2025 water rate be waived for these acres. The funds raised from this project will assist overseas with emergency food needs.

2025-08-153 Moved by D. Peltzer that in consideration of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank project for 152 acres in NE 24-22-17 W4M, the 2025 water rate be waived; lands being owned by Russel & Dorie Pickett. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Upcoming Events

5.01 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

5.02 Special Budget Meeting – Thursday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

5.03 Ag for Life Harvest Gala – Friday, October 24th, 5:30 p.m., Heritage Park, Calgary

5.04 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 28th, 9:00 a.m.

[8:20 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 Financial Statements to July 31, 2025

The financial statements to July 31, 2025, were reviewed, noting the following overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$45.8 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$30.9 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$14.9 million.

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

2025-08-154 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Financial Statements to July 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[8:32 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered.]

7.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

7.01 S Tilley & T Tilley – Update

Directors were provided with an update on landowner concerns for the S Tilley & T Tilley rehab project. Although approved at the June 24, 2025, Board Meeting this project will be brought back to the September meeting for an additional update, discussion on landowner consents, and project go-ahead.

7.02 U Tilley Pipeline (03-U, 04-U North, 04-U South Canals)

Prior to excusing himself from the discussion, B. Schroeder gave comment to opportunities specific to his farm operation that could be included in the scope of the proposed rehab project.

[8:54 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

R. Summach presented the U Tilley (03-U, 04-U North and 04-U South Canals) Pipeline project synopsis, advising that this rehabilitation project begins 5.5 km south of Tilley at the intersection of Hwy #876 and #535. The total area served is 240 irrigation acres, of which 87 are currently flood. Information provided was the road borrow being used as a head ditch, the canal condition restricting flow, and canals overflowing when checked up to adequate levels. The proposed rehab would consist of a single 4 km long closed gravity pipeline sized for pivots to receive 3.0 cfs. It is recommended that this project be funded under the AIM program at an estimated cost of \$1,180,000. Admin and staff responded to a number of questions regarding the project and the suggested alternatives. It was the consensus of the Board that any requested modifications to the project would have to be borne by the landowner as the parcel in question is currently being served by another pipeline.

2025-08-155 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the U Tilley rehabilitation project as presented to convert 3 canals to a single closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$1,180,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:17 a.m. – 9:27 a.m. Short break; B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

Both a Farm Improvement Grant and an Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant are applicable to this rehab project; however, it was requested by Admin that revisions be made at this time to add clarity to both policies. A short discussion was held on each policy.

7.03 Farm Improvement Policy

The following revisions were presented regarding the Farm Improvement Policy, which reinforces current practices:

- adding: "2.1 (b) Hauling of fill material is the landowner's responsibility."; and
- removing from 4.0: "and which improvement is on the landowner's timeline and is not part of the District project".

2025-08-156 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Policy as revised. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy

One revision for clarity was presented regarding the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, and another point was opened for discussion. It was requested that the draft policy be further revised and brought back to a later meeting.

[9:45 a.m. B. Schroeder declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

7.02 U Tilley Pipeline (03-U, 04-U North, 04-U South Canals) cont'd

The landowner in NW 36-16-13 W4M – 768976 Alberta Ltd (Brent & Rhian Schroeder) currently has the pivot pump site situated at the center of the north boundary of the quarter. With an open ditch feeding this location there is spill past the pump. The landowner is requesting that the District's pipeline be extended to his pump site to eliminate spill. Through the Farm Improvement Policy, the landowner is eligible for a 50/50 cost-share, up to a \$15,000 District contribution. The cost to install 365 m of 16" pipe is \$49,900; of which the landowner would pay \$34,900 + GST.

2025-08-157 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Grant for 768976 Alberta Ltd for eliminating spill past a pump in NW 36-16-13 W4M at the time of the U Tilley rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$15,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The same landowner is choosing to eliminate a delivery in the SE corner of NW 36-16-13 W4M, which will result in a savings of \$29,900 for the District. Under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant, the landowner is eligible for 50% of the realized construction cost savings, to a maximum EID contribution of \$20,000 per quarter section.

2025-08-158 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for 768976 Alberta Ltd for eliminating a delivery in the SE corner of NW 36-16-13 W4M at the time of the U Tilley rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is \$14,950. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The acreage owner affected by the project will be contacted regarding his terminable acres and the options available to him after cancelation.

[9:52 a.m. B. Schroeder rejoined the meeting.]

7.05 X Tilley

J. Kabut presented the X Tilley Pipeline project synopsis, advising that this rehabilitation project is located 9 km south of Tilley and is slated for the 2025/2026 construction year. The proposed rehab would consist of 2 closed gravity pipelines which would replace 2 separate canals. The west pipeline would have a stilling pond and gabion wall installed; the east line would not. The combined systems would supply 630 irrigation acres. The proposed pipeline could improve the ability to meet the needs of the downstream irrigators early in the season, if/when Bantry 1 and Bantry 2 reservoirs are low. It is recommended that this project be funded under the AIM program at an estimated cost of \$3,889,000.

Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott & Julie Tateson) has requested that the proposed EID pipeline supply 5 existing pivots, currently being supplied by Bantry 1 Reservoir. The cost to extend the pipeline to

the landowner's property is \$125,000 and the cost to upsize the EID pipeline for additional capacity is \$234,000. A lengthy discussion followed.

~~2025-08-159 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the X Tilley rehabilitation project to convert 2 separate canals to 2 closed gravity pipelines, and upsize a portion of the west pipeline and extend the pipeline into the SW corner of NW 19-16-12 W4M to serve an additional 5 existing pivots, for an estimated total cost of \$4,248,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED~~
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder [rescinded by motion 2025-09-173]

The X Tilley rehab project was approved; however, staff were subsequently given direction to investigate a couple options to more feasibly mitigate issues on the east canal. This project will be brought back to the September meeting. A single Irrigable Unit will be required for the 5 existing pivots once they are added to the pipeline.

7.06 Lower North Branch – Hutterian Brethren of Spring View

Admin has been contacted by a landowner concerning suspected seepage along the lower end of the North Branch Canal, NE of Gem. The Lower North Branch rehab project has been toured and given preliminary discussion; however, the project was not given Board approval. It was advised by Admin that budgeting for geotechnical survey work to investigate the groundwater movement and source in Sec 13-24-16 W4M should be undertaken as prior analysis has shown the groundwater could be naturally occurring. Any future engineering of the project, or any portion thereof, will be delayed until the information is received.

8.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

8.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

The District remains in Stage 1 of the Drought Plan: maximum 24"/acre and up to 4"/acre of additional water deliveries that may be purchased. So far, no landowners have applied to purchase additional deliveries of water.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of August 15, 2025		
	August 2025	August 2024
Water Diverted to Date	323,871 ac-ft (12")	374,528 ac-ft (14.12")
Water Applied to Land to Date	6.12"	8.52"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	30 – 194	270 – 1,086
Parcels Using Over 12"	176	436
Parcels Using Over 16"	11	82
Parcels Using Over 20"	1	15
Total Firm Live Storage*	277,034 ac-ft	279,524 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

8.02 Set Water Shut-Down Date

A water shut down date of Thursday, October 9th 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.

2025-08-160 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board set the Water Shut Down date for irrigation water to be Thursday, October 9, 2025. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:09 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Short break; J. Kabut, R. Summach, B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Elliott entered.]

9.0 Equipment

R. Elliot presented the following Equipment Report.

9.01 Sale of Used Equipment

Invitations for bids on the purchase of 3 used excavators and a used quadtrac and scraper as listed below were sent to auction houses and advertised locally:

2025-08-161 Moved by B. Schroeder that as highest bid, the District sell the:

- **2016 John Deere 350GLC Excavator for \$63,377 + GST to Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers Ltd,**
- **2019 Hitachi ZX250LC-5N Excavator for \$145,500 + GST to BYZ Enterprises Inc,**
- **2021 Hitachi ZX350LC-6N Excavator to Second Chance Excavating for \$220,000 + GST, and**
- **2012 Case 5505 Quadtrac & 2012 Humdinger H619 Scraper to Smith Trucking Service 1976 Ltd for \$232,000 + GST.**

Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:18 a.m. R. Elliott exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

It was expected that all customers affected by the severe wind and hailstorm on August 20th would be up and running by the end of day on the 26th. The last fibre phase is running behind schedule and may need to be completed in the spring of 2026. In response to a Director's question concerning internet service at Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground, it was advised that due to the height and volume of trees, providing individual hotspots to each campsite is cost prohibitive, as it also would be at Crawling Valley Campground.

[11:26 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

11.0 Requests for Funding

B. Doerksen presented the following Request for Funding.

11.01 Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

A request was received from the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) for sponsorship of the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference to be held in Saskatoon, SK, May 5 – 7, 2026. The conference is held once every 3 years, rotating between Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, and target audience includes environmental NGOs, consultants, educators, landowners, government, and research institutes. The chosen support category includes advertising and 2 conference registrations.

2025-08-162 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District donates \$2,500 to the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference to be hosted in Saskatoon, SK, May 5 – 7, 2026. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:29 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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

12.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications**12.01.1.1 Increase – 764002 AB Ltd (Tony & Petra Brummelhuis) – NW 16-16-16 W4M**

- Current Assessment: 82 acres pivot
- Proposal: add wiper pivot; 27 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 109 acres, all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2026

2025-08-163 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for 764002 AB Ltd for 27 infill acres in NW 16-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$41,310 (27 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.1.2 Increase – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NE 33-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 135 acres pivot (2 acres added for 2016 General Assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 18 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 153 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to landowners entering into a 2.12 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2026

2025-08-164 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for S & K Farms Ltd for 18 infill acres in NE 33-15-15 W4M; subject to entering into a 2.12 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$27,540 (18 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.1.3 Increase – S & K Farms Ltd (Stephen & Kim Anderson) – NW 34-15-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 133 acres pivot
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (3 acres added for 2016 General Assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 18 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 154 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: subject to landowners entering into a 2.25 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2026

2025-08-165 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for S & K Farms Ltd for 18 infill acres in NE 33-15-15 W4M; subject to entering into a 2.25 cfs maximum instantaneous flow agreement. The capital assets charge is \$27,540 (18 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.1.4 Increase – Jelmer Tilma & Engelen Tilma-Timmermans – NW 08-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 153 acres
- Current Assessment: 146 acres pivot (7 acres sold back to the EID in 2012 as part of a Farm Improvement Grant)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 5 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres, all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by August 31, 2026

2025-08-166 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jelmer Tilma & Engelen Tilma-Timmermans for 5 infill acres in NW 08-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$7,650 (5 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:32 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

12.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

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

12.02.1 Irrigated Lease Auction – Results of Bids

The Irrigated Lease Auction held August 14th for 8 existing and 4 new irrigated leases resulted in an average of just over \$413/acre. 33 irrigators preregistered and 29 were present for the auction. Auction results were discussed by the Board and preliminary discussion on adding more District irrigated leases was positive. Results are as follows:

IRRIGATED LEASE AUCTION – August 14, 2025				
IL #	Location	Irrigated Acres	Winning Bid	Successful Bidder
8250	NE 28-14-13 W4M	130	\$250/acre	Meeuwsen Farms Ltd (Martin Meeuwsen)
8251	SE 29-14-13 W4M	137	\$470/acre	Davidson Family Farm Ltd (Kyle Davidson)
8254	SE 22-14-13 W4M	135	\$330/acre	Halsema Farms (Eise Halsema)
8255	SE 21-14-13 W4M	135	\$360/acre	Ralph Nannt
8256	SE 15-14-13 W4M	115	\$400/acre	Ralph Nannt
8266	NE 32-15-15 W4M	134	\$520/acre	S-Scan Farms Ltrd (Stuart Kanegawa)
8267	SE 32-15-15 W4M	134	\$600/acre	S-Scan Farms Ltd (Stuart Kanegawa)
8271	SE 11 & S 12-15-13	320	\$320/acre	Jozef Versteegan
8481	NE 27-14-13 W4M	153	\$510/acre	Eastwood Farms Ltd (Tjark Stikker)
8482	SE 34-14-13 W4M	124	\$430/acre	Meyer Farms Ltd (Ben Meyer)
8483	NW 14-14-14 W4M	148	\$460/acre	Drost Seed Potatoes (Yorian Drost)
8484	NW 06-24-15 W4M	153	\$310/acre	Charmark Charolais Inc (Leigh Marquess)

[11:47 a.m. – 12:24 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

12.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

12.03.1 Set Round-Up Date

The 2025 grazing season began with good spring moisture, cooler temperatures, and normal pasture development. In general, rains then held off until significant moisture was received in late June to mid-August, with the north and west parts of the District being in very good shape and the south and east parts being fair. The exception being 2 of the Rock Lake pivots and many private parcels being devastated by the recent hailstorm. Consensus from Grazing Associations supports extending the normal grazing season past October 15th and a tentative increase in next year's maximum listing from 65 head to 70. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2025-08-167 Moved by J. Ketchmark that for the 2025 grazing season:

- **cattle turned out on community leases June 1st are to be out of leases by the end of day on Saturday, October 25, 2025; and**
- **cattle turned out on community leases prior to or after May 15th are to be out of leases by the same number of days prior to or after the end of day on Saturday, October 25, or October 31st, 2025, whichever is earliest.**

Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was agreed that the maximum listing for 2026 be tentatively raised to 70 head, from 65 head. This number will be set by motion in December and revisited in the spring.

2025-08-168 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.0 JBS Update

[12:39 p.m. R. Volek exited the meeting.]

**14.0 Commercial Update****15.0 Legal Update****11.0 Requests for Funding cont'd****11.02 Grasslands Soccer Association**

2025-08-169 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING**13.0 JBS Update**

The Board was updated as to this matter. Admin will follow up by requesting soils data on pivots leased by JBS west of Hwy #36.

14.0 Commercial Update

The Board was updated as to this matter and direction was given to Admin.

15.0 Legal Update

I. Friesen reiterated that EID employees are to continue telling the public that they are not to swim in EID canals, ditches, ponds, and dugouts. The primary purpose of EID works is for irrigation purposes and there are various known and unknown hazards that could arise from time to time from factors such as unexpected water fluctuations, currents, objects under water, and surface runoff. Additional signage and other educational strategies may be utilized, consistent with messaging used by other irrigation districts. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Friesen.

11.0 Requests for Funding cont'd**11.02 Grasslands Soccer Association**

A motion was carried once reconvened.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA**11.0 Requests for Funding cont'd****11.02 Grasslands Soccer Association cont'd**

A letter was received from the Grasslands Soccer Association requesting the District's assistance with parking lot development at their new soccer pitch area. A number of fields of varying size and age uses are proposed to be developed directly south of the Brooks quad ballpark, with a parking area to be constructed on the east boundary. As this is a new community development, and not maintenance of an existing facility, the request for 1 ½" gravel to be provided and hauled to the site was approved.



2025-08-170 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District supplies and hauls gravel for the Grasslands Soccer Association's parking lot at the new soccer pitch area to be developed directly south of the Brooks quad ballpark. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

A black ink signature, appearing to be 'B. Schroeder', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

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

General Manager

**September 23, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 23rd day of September 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 6.04 Secondary C North Branch Canal

2025-09-171 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 August 26, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the August 26, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-09-172 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the August 26, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the August 26th Regular Directors Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

There were no reports on meetings or events.

5.0 Upcoming Events

5.01 Kinbrook Connection Pathway – Thursday, September 25th, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Grand Opening
County of Newell Administration Building
[Attending: T. Hemsing, J. Alberts, I. Friesen]

5.02 Special Budget Meeting – Wednesday, October 8th, 9:00 a.m.

5.03 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 28th, 9:00 a.m.

5.04 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 25th, 9:00 a.m.

[9:19 a.m. J. Kabut, R. Summach, and B. Kroschel entered the meeting.]

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 S Tilley and T Tilley – Update

J. Kabut provided Directors with an update on landowner concerns for the S Tilley and T Tilley rehab project. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

6.02 X Tilley – Update

The X Tilley rehab project, although approved at the August 26th Board Meeting, was brought back at the request of Directors for consideration of an alternative east pipeline alignment. J. Kabut advised that the original proposal consisted of a west pipeline with stilling pond and gabion wall, and a separate east pipeline with no filtration. Operationally, the preference is to have 1 pipeline with 1 filtration system for all acres being served. The new proposal is for 1 extended closed gravity pipeline with stilling pond and gabion wall, at a cost increase of \$90,000. The new single pipeline would not meet the current delivery point on the eastmost parcel; however, the landowner – Tateson Ranching Ltd, has agreed to move their legal delivery points west to reduce the cost of that reach of the pipeline. A lengthy discussion followed.

~~2025-08-159 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the X Tilley rehabilitation project to convert 2 separate canals to 2 closed gravity pipelines, and upsize a portion of the west pipeline and extend the pipeline into the SW corner of NW 19-16-12 W4M to serve an additional 5 existing pivots, for an estimated total cost of \$4,248,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder~~

2025-09-173 Moved by D. Peltzer that motion 2025-08-159 be rescinded. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2025-09-174 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the X Tilley rehabilitation project to convert 2 separate canals to 1 closed gravity pipeline, upsize a portion of the pipeline, and extend the pipeline into the SW corner of NW 19-16-12 W4M to serve an additional 5 existing pivots, for an estimated total cost of \$4,338,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – B. Schroeder**

6.03 17-G Springhill – Update

The 17-G Springhill rehab project, approved at the June 24th Board Meeting, was brought back with updated information. R. Summach advised that since the original acre count on this system, 148 irrigation acres have been added, reducing the capacity of the current design. It was proposed that 700 m of 48" pipe be increased to 54" pipe to support the 3,928 existing and 900 proposed

expansion acres, at an additional cost of \$230,000. A number of questions were responded to by Admin.

~~2025-06-112 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 17-G Springhill rehabilitation project to convert the canal to a closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$11,730,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY~~

2025-09-175 Moved by R. Hiebert that motion 2025-06-112 be rescinded. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-09-176 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 17-G Springhill rehabilitation project to convert the canal to a closed gravity pipeline for an estimated cost of \$11,960,000; to be funded under the AIM program. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:21 a.m. – 10:29 a.m. Short Break; J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting.]

7.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

7.01 Reservoir Status and Water Use to Date

As of September 17th, water usage reached 7.56"/acre. Most reservoirs are now near winter levels, while still supplying requests for water. A dry fall has prompted an uptick in fall irrigating but it was noted that there are no operational concerns in providing the water.

WATER USE TO DATE – as of September 17, 2025		
	September 2025	September 2024
Water Diverted to Date	377,574 ac-ft (14.04")	418,522 ac-ft (15.78")
Water Applied to Land to Date	7.56"	9.84"
Range of Parcels Irrigating	207 – 375	20 – 224
Parcels Using Over 12"	453	942
Parcels Using Over 16"	96	216
Parcels Using Over 20"	14	57
Total Firm Live Storage*	243,592 ac-ft	263,862 ac-ft

* Only includes main reservoirs

[10:33 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

8.0 EIDNet

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

8.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work continues on the last phase of the fibre project. The conduit has been run to the Patricia tower and is currently being installed to the Gem tower. The Rolling Hills section will not be completed this year.

[10:36 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.0 Lands

9.01 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

9.01.1.1 Increase – Rod & Kim Johnson – NW 27-19-14 W4M

- Current Assessment: 65 acres wiper pivot
- Proposal: increase pivot area; 12 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 77 acres all under wiper pivot
- Note: irrigable unit required; project must be completed by September 30, 2026

2025-09-177 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Rod & Kim Johnson for 12 infill acres in NW 27-19-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$18,360 (12 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-09-178 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on W ½ NW 27 and E ½ NW 27-19-14 W4M; all lands being owned by Rod & Kim Johnson. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:40 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; B. Kroschel re-entered.]

2025-09-179 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.0 District Housing

6.0 Engineering cont'd

6.04 Secondary C North Branch Canal

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

11.0 Legal & Corporate Services

11.01 Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) and Access to Information Act (ATIA)

2025-09-180 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

10.0 District Housing

The Board was updated as to this matter and direction was given to B. Kroschel.

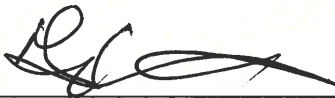
6.0 Engineering cont'd**6.04 Secondary C North Branch Canal**

The Board was provided information regarding this matter and direction was given to R. Gagley.

11.0 Legal & Corporate Services**11.01 Protection of Privacy Act (POPA) and Access to Information Act (ATIA)**

M. Koochin provided the Board with an update on the Alberta Protection of Privacy Act and Access to Information Act which was recently enacted in June 2025, and updates on a couple of legal matters.

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 11:26 a.m.



Chairman

General Manager

**October 8, 2025, Special Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a special meeting on the 8th day of October 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[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. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

2025-10-181 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-10-182 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 2025/2026 Budget Discussion**2.01 Overview**

[9:53 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Short break; B. Kroschel – Operations Manager entered the meeting.]

2.02 Operations & Maintenance

[10:10 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. McLean – Equipment Superintendent and R. Elliott – Assistant Equipment Superintendent entered.]

2.03 Equipment & Shop

[10:39 a.m. R. McLean and R. Elliott exited the meeting; R. Volek – Land Administrator – Grazing, S. Connauton – Land Administrator – Assessment, Water & Lands, and B. Doerksen – Land Administrator – Aquatic Invasive Species entered.]

2.04 Lands

[11:59 a.m. – 12:33 p.m. Lunch break; R. Volek, S. Connauton, and B. Doerksen exited the meeting; M. Porter – Information Services Supervisor and R. Moen – Internet Services Supervisor entered.]

2.05 EIDNet & Information Services

[12:50 p.m. M. Porter and R. Moen exited the meeting.]

2.06 Administration

[1:02 p.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

3.0 Engineering**3.01 S Tilley and T Tilley – Update****4.0 Corporate Planning – Topics for Discussion**

2025-10-183 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**2.0 2025/2026 Budget Discussion****2.01 Overview**

S. Barlow presented a general overview of the proposed budget for 2025/2026, 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 \$31.50/acre. R. Gagley advised of the replacement process for the light truck fleet under the Enterprise program, miscellaneous purchases, and reviewed upcoming AIM, IRP, and Capital Works construction projects noting that some projects have already been Board approved. As well, special project for Geotech investigation is included in the budget. In response to a Director's question, it was confirmed by Mrs. Barlow that all capital asset charges revenue and water rate revenue not dedicated to fulfilling the AIM program loan repayment is being earmarked for the funding of the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. To date, annual costs for the project are greater than the annual earmarked revenue received.

Throughout the meeting, Mrs. Barlow, Admin, and staff welcomed comments 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 a replacement generator, repairs and renovations for the Water Operator houses in Gem and SE of Brooks, and storage and security for the Duchess shop. Comment was also given to various maintenance expenses and aquatic weed control.

2.03 Equipment & Shop

Standard Equipment and Shop capital purchases, including several heavy and light pieces of equipment, were discussed. 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 this year 90% of the Alberta Road Builder Rate will be used when calculating the District's heavy equipment work. Increased gravel pit royalties, trucking, truck rentals, and some seasonal positions all related to the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project were noted. Safety supplies, courses, and seminars have been increased, as well as insurance, amortization, and depreciation.

2.04 Lands

Various Community Grazing waterline extensions, pump, pumphouse, and rock weir projects were reviewed and budgeted for north and south Gem, south Patricia, Scandia, Bantry, and Tilley Swingfield areas. Downy Brome control will be moved from general Lands expenses to Grazing. Projected 2026 Community grazing expenses were reviewed, which are budgeted to recover through the AUM rate. A thorough discussion was held regarding modifying the long-standing practice of setting the AUM rate to result in a break-even budget; discussion continued once reconvened.

Included in the proposed budget were capital asset and pivot costs for the potential development of 3 new District irrigated lease parcels. This matter and the additional carry forward acres that are available will be discussed with the Board in the coming months.

As a trending decline has been seen in the remaining parcels converting to pivot irrigation, \$150,000 was budgeted for the Farm Improvement Grant program.

Capital Assets charges are projected to produce approximately \$12.5M in revenue for the District. The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw will first be reviewed by the Board in October and upon confirmation includes a minimum 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 2025, a \$6.00 water rate was approved by bylaw. The 2026 Rate Bylaw is scheduled to be reviewed in January 2026.

Both Oil & Gas surface lease and powerline revenues are projected to see a slight decrease overall, as compared to last year.

An increase in watercraft traffic and out-of-province units has prompted that additional summer staff be included in the budget for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program, to boost staffing for inspections and registrations.

Partners in Habitat Development (PHD), Crawling Valley Campground, and Rolling Hills Reservoir campgrounds are expected to have expenses and revenues similar to or somewhat above last year.

2.05 Information Services & EIDNet

A replacement off-site backup server, in-house email exchange server, and photocopier are being budgeted in addition to standard IS purchases.

Phase 4 of the fibre project (Gem, Patricia, Rolling Hills) could not be completed this year and will be carried over for completion in 2026. The Bassano fibre project, independent of the Universal Broadband Funding, is budgeted for 2026. The fibre projects, sector radios, antennas, and power backup for towers account for the vast majority of EIDNet capital purchases.

2.06 Administration

The Administration budget includes funds for a new HR position, training, and proposed office and parking lot improvements. Legal fees are estimated to be lower. It is expected that return on short term investments will also decrease as rates are presently dropping.

In response to Directors' questions concerning the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project, it was estimated that, including the land purchase, approximately \$32.2M has been spent to date. A brief project status was also provided.

3.0 Engineering

3.01 S Tilley and T Tilley – Update

Directors were provided an update as to the status of this project. The Board supported Admin in moving ahead with the complete project as designed.

4.0 Corporate Planning – Topics for Discussion

A number of topics, policies, and bylaws were presented to Directors for consideration for the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

2.0 2025/2026 Budget Discussion cont'd

2.04 Lands cont'd

2.04.1 Set AUM Rate for the 2026 Grazing Season

The District has been setting the AUM grazing rate to cover the costs associated with the administration and operation of the community grazing leases on a minimum break-even basis. The 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 is based on a standard 5.0 month grazing period. Based on a probable 70 head maximum listing per member and an approximate break-even rate of \$25.00/AUM, it was projected that after all expenses and revenues are finalized, the 2026 grazing season would result in a tentative surplus of approximately \$42,000. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek. Further Board discussion resulted in direction to implement a minimum break-even plus 10% profit calculation, and the following motion.

2025-10-184 Moved by R. Hiebert that the AUM Grazing Rate for the 2026 season be set at \$28.00/AUM. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 5.01 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, October 28 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 5.02 | AIDA Board Development Seminar | - Monday, November 3 rd , 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Lethbridge Lodge [Attending: T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, R. Hiebert, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen] |
| 5.03 | AIDA Board Meeting | - Monday, November 3 rd , 4:00 p.m., Lethbridge Lodge |
| 5.04 | Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, November 18 th , 10:00 a.m. [Attending: all but B. Schroeder] |
| 5.05 | Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |

J. Ketchmark moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**October 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of October 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2025-10-185 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 September 23, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the September 23, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-10-186 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the September 23, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 October 8, 2025, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 8, 2025, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-10-187 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the October 8, 2025, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the September 23rd Regular Board Meeting or the October 8th Special Board Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

One item was deferred to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 5.01 AIDA Board Development Seminar & AIDA Board Meeting | - Monday, November 3 rd , 9:00 a.m. Lethbridge Lodge
<i>[Attending: T. Hemsing, R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen, R. Gagley]</i> |
| 5.02 Remembrance Day Ceremonies | - Tuesday, November 11 th , 10:00 a.m. at the JBS Centre,
11:00 a.m. at the Cenotaph <i>[J. Alberts laying wreath]</i> |
| 5.03 Scholarship Committee Meeting | - Tuesday, November 18 th , 10:00 a.m.
<i>[Attending: all but B. Schroeder]</i> |
| 5.04 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, November 25 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 5.05 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 16 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 5.06 Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 18 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 5.07 Corporate Planning | - Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 5.08 Corporate Planning | - Thursday, January 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |

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

6.0 2025/2026 Budget – Further Review/Approval

S. Barlow presented the following Budget and Cash Flow Forecast.

6.01 Supplemental Budget Review

A few adjustments that had been made to the budget since the October 8th Special Board Meeting were highlighted. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin.

6.02 Cash Flow Forecast

A 2026 – 2030 Cash Flow Forecast was also reviewed and discussed.

6.03 Budget Approval

The budget was then approved through the following motion.

2025-10-188 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board of Directors approve the 2025/2026 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Although the overall budget was approved at this meeting, rehabilitation projects, other large projects or large purchases, and any special items of significance will be brought back to the Board with additional detail, for individual review and approval.

7.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2025

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2025, was \$9.2M or 10% more than the book value at September 30, 2024.

4 th QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT to September 30, 2025		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$5,200,000	-
EID – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	-	-
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	\$9,700,000	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	\$4,000,000

2025-10-189 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2025

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

2025-10-190 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2025

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 2025 year-end financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2026. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about \$50.0 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$35.3 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$14.7 million.

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

2025-10-191 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2025, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:13 a.m. – 10:22 a.m. Short break; S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Antelope Creek Pipeline

This matter was given initial discussion, then moved to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

8.02 Gem Soils Testing Results

Soils testing results east and southeast of Gem were presented, showing possible pivot configurations for future irrigation development. It was directed that a minimum of 8 quarters of

additional lands further to the south and east are to be tested, as soils are showing to improve in that direction.

Secondly, it was advised that the Rolling Hills Reservoir pump station facility was constructed to accommodate another pump to service additional acres than are currently under irrigation. Consensus was obtained to test approximately 12 quarters northwest and southwest of the pump station.

[10:47 a.m. R. Moen entered the meeting.]

9.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

9.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. All but 5 EID automation sites have been shut down for the winter. Work continues on the last phase of the fibre project. The conduit has been run to the Patricia tower and is currently being installed to the Gem tower. The Rolling Hills section will not be completed this year.

4 th QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to September 30, 2025	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	21
Residential Accounts	1,429
Business Accounts	384
EID Automation	5
Total	1,839

[10:50 a.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 Irrigated Lease Rent Review – #8226

Long term irrigated Lease #8226 is a 160 acre parcel located in NE 12-15-14 W4M, consisting of 143 irrigation acres. In 2020, the lease was extended for a second 10-year term and is set to expire in 2030. The current annual rent is \$175/irrigated acre. A rate of \$350/irrigated acre was recommended, taking into consideration recent short term irrigated lease auction results and that the lessees of this lease own the irrigation infrastructure.

2025-10-192 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 5 year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8226 at \$350/irrigated acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2026 – 2030. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.02 Aquatic Invasive Species

B. Doerksen presented the following Aquatic Invasive Species Report.

10.02.1 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – 2025 Statistics

As movement of aquatic invasive species into new areas mainly occurs by travelling watercraft, the EID initiated the AIS Prevention Program in 2018. All boaters wishing to access EID reservoirs must follow approved prevention procedures and each year complete a watercraft information form. The District's major reservoirs and downstream canal systems continue to be monitored; no signs of mussels within District infrastructure have been found to date. Additional AIS information and reservoir access rules may be found on the District's website. It was 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. A number of questions were responded to by Ms. Doerksen.

AIS PREVENTION PROGRAM – Registered Watercraft							
Registration Location	Year	Low Risk	From Out of Province	From Out of Country	Total	High Risk	Disallowed Entry
Crawling Valley Campground	2025	1,622	146	18	1,704	82	3
	2024	1,552	51	13	1,582	30	12
	2023	1,281	39	0	1,299	18	3
Lake Newell Resort Marina	2025	163	5	0	165	2	1
	2024	109	3	0	111	2	1
	2023	110	0	0	110	0	0
Kinbrook Island Provincial Park	2025	1,692	210	29	1,792	100	2
	2024	1,444	93	15	1,513	69	16
	2023	1,571	51	9	1,601	30	1
Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground	2025	1,363	39	11	1,399	36	4
	2024	1,078	41	5	1,098	20	4
	2023	912	55	5	947	35	5
EID Office	2025	10	2	0	12	2	0
	2024	27	0	0	27	0	0
	2023	20	1	0	21	1	0
Other	2025	14	0	3	17	3	0
	2024	12	0	0	12	0	0
	2023	6	0	0	6	0	0
2025 Totals		4,864	402	61	5,089	225	10
2024 Totals		4,222	188	33	4,343	121	33
2023 Totals		3,900	146	14	3,984	84	9

In 2025, the EID registered 5,089 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 Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, California, Arizona, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Vermont, and Denmark.

[10:58 a.m. N. Fontaine and B. Doerksen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

10.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

10.03.1 Assessment Report to September 30, 2025

The Assessment Report for the period of July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025, was presented, summarized as follows.

4 th QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2025				
Quarter	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	5R Soils Acres	Total
July 1, 2025	318,810	2,862	367	322,039
September 30, 2025	319,450	2,487	367	322,304
Net increase	640	< 375 >	0	265
Irrigation Acres Removed from the Water Roll (acres sold back for new subdivisions or part of Farm Improvement)				< 385 >
Irrigation Acres Added to the Water Roll (acres purchased through Irrigation Dev. App. or Farm Improvement efficiencies)				1,025
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres				375
Terminable Acres Canceled				< 0 >
Annual Agreement Acres (*acres are not recorded on the Assessment Roll)				*381

4 th QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$1,281,030
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$184,475
Annual Agreements	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0
Totals	\$1,465,505

10.03.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

10.03.2.1 Budget Report – 2025 Fiscal Year Report

\$250,000 was budgeted for Farm Improvement grants for the 2025 fiscal year, and grants ended just under that amount. As a decline has been seen in conversions from flood to pivot, \$150,000 has been budgeted for the 2026 fiscal year.

10.03.2.2 Increase – AMN Farms Ltd (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) – NW 31-16-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 151 acres
- Current Assessment: 144 acres pivot (7 acres transferred out in 2024)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 10 acres needed (4 efficiency, 6 infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B Flood to Pivot; 11 acres x 1.40 = 4 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 154 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-193 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AMN Farms Ltd for 4 efficiency acres and 6 infill acres in NW 31-16-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$15,300 (10 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.3 Increase – AMN Farms Ltd (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) – NW 07-17-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 97 acres
- Current Assessment: 134 acres pivot (32 added in 1996, 6 transferred in and 3 sold back to the EID in 2013, 2 acres added in 2017)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 17 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 151 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-194 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AMN Farms Ltd for 17 infill acres in NW 07-17-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,010 (17 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.4 Increase – AMN Farms Ltd (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) – NE 07-17-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 123 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (9 transferred in in 2012, 4 added in 2017)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 152 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-195 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AMN Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in NE 07-17-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$24,480 (16 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.5 Increase – AMN Farms Ltd (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) – SE 11-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres
- Current Assessment: 124 acres pivot (19 sold back to the EID in 2015)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 140 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-196 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AMN Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in SE 11-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$24,480 (16 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.6 Increase – AMN Farms Ltd (Abraham & Margaret Neufeld) – SW 12-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 150 acres
- Current Assessment: 136 acres pivot (2 removed in 1995 and 12 sold back to the EID in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 16 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0

- New Assessment: 152 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-197 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for AMN Farms Ltd for 16 infill acres in SW 12-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$24,480 (16 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:03 a.m. D. Peltzer declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

10.03.2.7 Increase – David & Kathlyn Peltzer – NE 10-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 60 acres
- Current Assessment: 110 acres wiper pivot (6 transferred in and 44 purchased in 2003)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 3 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 113 acres all under pivot (110 large, 3 small)
- Notes: soils are 5R and must be retested in 5/10 years; project must be completed by October 31, 2026

2025-10-198 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for David & Kathlyn Peltzer for 3 infill acres in NE 10-21-15 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$4,590 (3 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:04 a.m. D. Peltzer rejoined the meeting.]

10.03.2.8 Transfer – Larry Hirsch & Rachelle Fiset – NE 36-14-14 W4M to Larry Hirsch – SW 20-14-13

The landowners have requested to transfer 13 flood irrigation acres from NE 36-14-14 W4M to SW 20-14-13 W4M to accommodate the addition of a corner arm.

2025-10-199 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the transfer of 13 irrigation acres from NW 36-14-14 W4M, lands being owned by Larry Hirsch & Rachelle Fiset, to SW 20-14-13 W4M, lands being owned by Larry Hirsch. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.03.2.9 Increase – Larry Hirsch – SW 20-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 155 acres
- Current Assessment: 148 acres pivot (21 acres sold back to the District in 2013, 1 acre purchased in 2017, 13 acres transferred in – motion 2025-10- 199)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 2 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 150 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by Oct 31'26

2025-10-200 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Larry Hirsch for 2 infill acres in SW 20-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$3,060 (2 acres x \$1,530/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.0 Irrigation Applications for 2026

S. Connauton presented the 29 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2026. 17 applications were received for off-river acres and 12 for under reservoir support. Notwithstanding initial conditional approval from the Board, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2026, 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 standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2026
- 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 #977 (2024):

- \$765/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres
- \$1,530/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$3,672/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- \$3,672/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 2026 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #976 (2024).

11.01.1 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – NE 20-19-15 W4M

- Assessment: 99 wiper pivot
- Proposal: complete 132 acre pivot circle; 33 acres needed (new)
- Notes: project not eligible for infill acres (infill acres have been maximized)

11.01.2 2382599 Alberta Ltd (Alisha Armstrong) – Sec 07-21-18 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install 2 pivots and 2 wiper pivots; 513 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.01.3 Brent & Shauna Deschamps and Two Tone Ranching Ltd (Lee Deschamps) – Pt SE 07-21-15 W4M

- Assessment: 24 terminable acres
- Proposal: install 43 acre pivot; convert 24 terminable acres to irrigation acres;

- Notes: 19 acres needed (new)
parcel not eligible for infill acres; subject to using turnout #4265 or #4905 and obtaining finalized easement through adjacent landowner's parcel

11.01.4 Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert – Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M

- Assessment: 34 acres wiper pivot (20 terminable acres converted to irrigation acres and 14 infill acres purchased)
- Proposal: complete 43 acre pivot; 9 acres needed (new)
- Notes: completing project; irrigable unit exists; project not eligible for infill acres (infill acres have been maximized); subject to entering into a rotational agreement

11.01.5 Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Sec 06 & S 07-20-16 W4M and E 01, Pt S 03, Sec 12 & S 14-20-17 W4M

- Assessment: 40 acres
- Proposal: install up to 12 pivots; 1,304 acres needed (new)
- Notes: up to 626 acres maximum may be granted; irrigable unit(s) required

[11:21 a.m. R. Hiebert declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

[11:21 a.m. B. Deschamps declared a possible pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

2025-10-201 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under River Support” irrigation applications for 2026:

- 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – NE 20-19-15 W4M;
- 2382599 Alberta Ltd (Alisha Armstrong) – Sec 07-21-13 W4M;
- Brent & Shauna Deschamps and Two Tone Ranching Ltd (Lee Deschamps) – Pt SE 07-21-15 W4M;
- Ethan & Ashleigh Hiebert – Pt NE 35-21-16 W4M; and
- Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Sec 06 & S 07-20-16 W4M and E 01, Pt S 03, Sec 12 & S 14-20-17 W4M (626 acres max).

Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:22 a.m. R. Hiebert and B. Deschamps rejoined the meeting.]

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,200 off river New Parcel irrigation acres had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95
- the application was incomplete

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dijk) – Sec 21-18-15 W4M
- 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – Pt W 22-18-15 W4M
- Van Hall Cattle Company Ltd (Henry & Janice Van Hall) – NW 26-15-16 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – Pt W 22 & Pt NW 15-17-16 W4M

- James Buteau – W 25-18-16 W4M
- John Miller – SE 23-17-13 W4M
- North Butte Land & Cattle (Nevin & Tammara Torkelson) – SW 25-20-14 W4M
- Thomas Parker – SW 06-22-15 W4M
- Bruce Takeda Cattle Company (Bruce Takeda) – Sec 12-18-15 W4M
- Harley Tateson – Sec 32-14-15 W4M (120 acres)
- Harley Tateson – Sec 32-14-15 W4M (140 acres)
- Elizabeth Wall – SE 09-19-14 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 2026 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #976 (2024). 130 unapproved, under reservoir, New Parcel irrigation acres remain, and when added to the Carry Forward acres from applications for 2024 and 2025, less the acres used for District irrigation development during that time, a balance of 1,562 Carry Forward acres remains. The District has priority to these acres for its own irrigation development.

11.02.1 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 31-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 133 acre pivot; 133 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.02.2 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 31-15-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (136 new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.02.3 The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt Sec 13-24-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 329 acre wiper pivot; 329 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.02.4 Alberta Forage Farming Inc (Joelle Faulkner) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 415 acre corner arm pivot; transfer 74 acres; 341 acres needed (341 new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required; subject to finalized easement through the landowner's adjacent parcel

11.02.5 The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt E 10-24-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 134 acre wiper pivot; 134 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.02.6 J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michelle Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SE 31-19-13

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 134 acre pivot; convert 10 terminable acres to irrigation acres; 124 acres needed (new)

11.02.7 1078828 Alberta Ltd (Lee Pickett) – W 21-22-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 134 acre pivot and 48 acre wiper pivot; 182 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required; County R/A approval required

11.02.8 Lee & Shirley Pickett – NW 16-22-17 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 81 acre pivot; 81 acres needed (new)
- Notes: irrigable unit required

11.02.9 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Berend Van Dijk) – Pending sale to Cruz Lite Farms Ltd (Albino Hildebrandt) – NE 07-18-14 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 74 acre wiper pivot; 74 acres needed (new)
- Notes: pending sale of land

11.02.10 C & L Beasley Cattle (2014) Ltd (Lee & Cindi Beasley) – SW 05-20-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0 acres
- Proposal: install 136 acre pivot; 136 acres needed (new)
- Notes: 5R soils - must be retested in 5/10 years

2025-10-202 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board approve the following “Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under Reservoir Support” irrigation applications for 2026:

- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SE 31-15-13;**
- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – SW 31-15-13;**
- **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt Sec 13-24-16 W4M;**
- **Alberta Forage Farming Inc (Joelle Faulkner) – Sec 04-21-13 W4M;**
- **The Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Pt E 10-24-16 W4M;**
- **J4 Ranch Inc (Jason & Michelle Hemsing and James & Tina Regan) – SE 31-19-13 W4M;**
- **1078828 Alberta Ltd (Lee Pickett) – W 21-22-17 W4M;**
- **Lee & Shirley Pickett (NW 16-22-17 W4M);**
- **1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dijk) – Pending sale to Cruz Lite Farms Ltd (Albino Hildebrandt) – NE 07-18-14 W4M; and**
- **C & L Beasley Cattle (2014) Ltd (Lee & Cindi Beasley) – SW 05-20-13 W4M.**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,800 under reservoir New Parcel irrigation acres located downstream of either Lake Newell Reservoir or Crawling Valley Reservoir had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet “land classification” requirements
- the application did not meet “ability to deliver” water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements

- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95
- the application was incomplete

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) – SW 08-22-16 W4M
- 591155 Alberta Ltd (Doerksen) – N 15, NW 16, W 21 & SW 22-22-16 W4M

2025-10-203 Moved by B. Schmidt that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[12:02 p.m. – 12:38 p.m. Lunch break.]

12.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

13.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

[1:58 p.m. – 2:06 p.m. Short break; S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine re-entered.]

14.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.01.2 Request to Trade Land – Brad Calvert (various)

[2:38 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; B. Kroschel entered.]

15.0 District Housing

[2:45 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Drader entered.]

16.0 Safety Program Update

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

17.0 Legal Updates

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.01 Antelope Creek Pipeline

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting

18.0 Draft Newsletter

2025-10-204 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

12.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

A draft Irrigation Acres Bylaw will be brought back to the November meeting for consideration of suggested revisions and 1st reading.

13.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

1st reading of the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was conducted once reconvened.

14.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

A motion was carried once reconvened.

10.0 Lands cont'd

10.01 Lands, Oil & Gas cont'd

10.01.2 Request to Trade Land – Brad Calvert (various)

A response to the landowner's request to be deferred until further policy discussions are held at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

15.0 District Housing

Direction was given to Admin.

16.0 Safety Program Update

A verbal summary was given of the Safety Program to date along with some near term public initiatives being considered. Directors will be involved in occasional project safety meetings again this construction season.

17.0 Legal Updates

Directors were provided with an update on a few legal matters.

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.01 Antelope Creek Pipeline

Direction was given to Admin.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting

Directors were provided with an update on AIDA matters.

18.0 Draft Newsletter

A completed draft newsletter will be brought back to the November meeting, for a likely distribution date of early December.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

13.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw will be brought back to the November meeting for further discussion and possible 2nd and 3rd readings.

2025-10-205 Moved by B. Schroeder that the capital assets charges be increased from:

- \$765/acre to \$2,000/acre for conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres;
- \$1,530/acre to \$2,000/acre for the purchase of infill and efficiency acres up to 50 acres per parcel; and
- \$3,672/acre to \$4,000/acre for the purchase of new acres or infill and efficiency acres over 50 acres per parcel;

within Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #981 (2025) and that the bylaw be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of October 2025. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing

OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark

14.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

The Sale of District Owned Lands Policy is to be presented for review by the Board in October of each year. Examples of recent land sales in various District locations were also examined. The following adjustments were made.

2025-10-206 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Sale of District Owned Land Policy:

- clause 2.04(a) be amended from \$2,500 to \$3,000/acre for acres without assessment, and
- clause 2.04(b) be amended from \$10,500/acre to \$14,000/acre for acres with assessment, inclusive of capital assets costs.

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED

IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing

OPPOSED – B. Deschamps

Policy parameters to undergo further review at the upcoming Corporate Planning sessions.

R. Hiebert moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:50 p.m.



Chairman

General Manager

November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 25th day of November 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[Division 7]		

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

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

2025-11-207 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 October 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the October 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-11-208 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Minutes of the October 28, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the October 28th Regular Board Meeting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 AIDA Board Development Seminar & Board Meeting – November 3rd**

R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing, I. Friesen, and R. Gagley attended the AIDA Board Development Seminar and Board Meeting on November 3rd in Lethbridge. The seminar was presented for all irrigation districts by Alberta Counsel and may continue to be offered through AIDA from time to time. The AIDA board meeting was held following the seminar and is the second of 2 meetings typically held each year.

4.02 Ag Connections Conference – November 13th

T. Hemsing and J. Ketchmark attend the 3rd Annual Cypress County Ag Connections Conference on November 13th in Medicine Hat. This event brings together cattle and crop producers, and agri-

business and industry specialists from across southeast Alberta to present and discuss the latest developments in ranching and farming.

4.03 Newell Region Ag Applied Research Meeting – November 20th

D. Peltzer and I. Friesen attended the Newell Region Ag Applied Research Meeting on November 20th in Brooks. This meeting focused on irrigation and rangeland best management practices, and research focusing on innovations and efficiencies.

5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 5.01 X Tilley Project Site Visit | - Thursday, November 27 th , 10:00 a.m.
<i>[Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley attending]</i> |
| 5.02 EID/County Joint Meeting | - Thursday, November 27 th , 12:00 noon, County Office
<i>[Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley attending]</i> |
| 5.03 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, December 16 th , 9:00 a.m. |
| 5.04 Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 18 th , 5:00 p.m. |
| 5.05 Corporate Planning | - Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 5.06 Corporate Planning | - Thursday, January 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 5.07 State of the Region | - Thursday, January 22, 2026, 7:30 a.m., Heritage Inn |
| 5.08 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. |

6.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following matters.

6.01 ATIA Head Designation Bylaw #982

The Access to Information Act (ATIA) came into force June 11, 2025, and along with the Protection of Privacy Act replaces the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). A Head Designation Bylaw under ATIA was presented to replace the prior bylaw issued under FOIP. The Head Designation Bylaw names the General Manager as the designated head of the District for the purposes of ATIA and sets the fees for information requests received by the District.

2025-11-209 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #982 (2025), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-210 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board read and approve Bylaw #982 (2025) the second time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2025-11-211 Moved by J. Ketchmark that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #982 (2025) this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-212 Moved by J. Alberts that Bylaw #982 (2025), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to designate the General Manager as head of the District for purposes of the Access to Information Act and set fees thereunder, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 AGM & 2025 Election

6.02.1 Set AGM, Nominations Close, Board Meetings & Election Dates

An election schedule for 2026 was presented that maintains the District's conventional sequence of events to accommodate the audit, preparation of annual report, and election requirements.

2025-11-213 Moved by B. Schroeder that:

- **the March Board Meeting be held on Monday, March 2, 2026;**
- **the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026;**
- **the right to file nominations expires on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.;**
- **another Board Meeting be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, if no Election is to be held;**
- **if necessary, an Election be held Tuesday, April 14, 2026; and**
- **an Organizational Meeting be held Tuesday, April 28, 2026.**

Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02.2 2026 Election Date Bylaw #983

The Election Date Bylaw was presented, reflecting the dates as per the previous motion. Director terms will expire in April 2026 for Division 1 (Gem/Bassano) and Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier). An election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2026, for Division 1 (Gem/Bassano) and Division 5 (Scandia/Rainier).

2025-11-214 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #983 (2025), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-215 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #983 (2025) the second time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-216 Moved by J. Ketchmark that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #983 (2025) this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-217 Moved by B. Deschamps that Bylaw #983 (2025), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Set the Date for the Election, if any, to be held in 2026, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2026 Election Date Bylaw #983 is available for viewing on the District website.

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

7.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 Preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2025

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 \$5.6 million and are tracking over YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$1.1 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is approximately \$4.5 million.

2025-11-218 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the preliminary Financial Statements to October 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:45 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut and B. Kroschel entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

The pipeline crew began installing pipe on November 3rd for the X Tilley project while earthworks crews continued to prep the other projects for this construction season. As of last Wednesday, 60% of the X Tilley pipeline project is installed. It is planned to begin the 17-G Springhill pipeline by the second week in December.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Main Bantry Bank Lift	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped
PIPELINE	
X Tilley	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project underway, 60% complete
S and T Tilley	- surveyed, approved, ROW signed, prepping underway
U-03, U-04 North, U-04 South Tilley	- surveyed, approved, ROW signed
17-G Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, prepping underway

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
Snake Lake Canal	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete

8.02 2025/2026 Structures Program

J. Kabut presented the 2025/2026 Structures Program, advising that Operations has requested:

- 3 nose pieces be replaced on:
 - 21 Bow Slope – SW 11-15-15 W4M (pipeline inlet)
 - 21 Bow Slope – SW 11-15-15 W4M (stilling pond inlet)
 - Bow Slope Canal – NE 05-16-15 W4M,
- 3 rock walls be added to existing settling ponds on:
 - 9 Rolling Hills – NW 03-15-14 W4M
 - 10 Rolling Hills – NE 33-14-14 W4M
 - 11 Rolling Hills – SE 33-14-14 W4M

The estimated total cost of the above projects is \$765,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering.

2025-11-219 Moved by R. Hiebert that the 2025/2026 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of \$765,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by B. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.03 IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for 2026/27 to 2028/29

The Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the provincial government's Irrigation Rehabilitation Program, for the years 2026/27 to 2028/29, was presented. Projects listed must be given final review and approval by the District. The completed project was armouring of the West Bantry Canal. The continuing project is Snake Lake 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 – 2026/27 to 2028/29		
Year	Project	Estimated Expenditure
Proposed Year 1 2026/27	11 Bow Slope (Upper)	\$900,000
Proposed Year 2 2027/28	[no project]	-
Proposed Year 3 2028/29	[no project]	-

2025-11-220 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board approve the IRP Annual Rolling 3-Year Plan for the years 2026/27 to 2028/29 as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

9.01 Drain Crossing – Brent & Shauna Deschamps and Two Tone Ranching Ltd (Lee Deschamps)

The landowners are requesting a culvert be installed in District drainage works to accommodate livestock and machinery; there is currently no crossing in this drain. This project is estimated to cost \$15,000 and is eligible for a 50/50 cost-share under 2.0 of the Farm Improvement Policy, up to \$15,000 maximum District share.

2025-11-221 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Drain Crossing for Brent & Shauna Deschamps and Two Tone Ranching Ltd in SE 07-21-15 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The estimated

cost of the project is \$15,000; of which the landowners will pay \$7,500 + GST. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – R. Hiebert

9.02 Pipeline Extension – WB Alberts Produce Co Ltd (Janice Alberts) – SE 30-19-13 W4M

The landowner is requesting the 08-G North Bantry pipeline along the north boundary line of SE 30-19-13 W4M be extended east approximately 210 m to replace an above ground drain out. The District drainage works in that location, and also running north to south through the quarter, are no longer present and aerial photos suggest the drain was pushed in around 2007 by the landowner. A pivot has recently been installed, and all sections of the original drain are being farmed through. In the fall of each year, the landowner pulls a ditch along the north boundary enabling the District to drain the pipeline. The cost to extend the pipeline east is \$20,000. The landowner is requesting a cost-share for this extension which may be administered through 4.7 of the Farm Improvement Policy. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Kroschel and Mr. Gagley.

[10:06 a.m. R. Hiebert declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

2025-11-222 Moved by D. Peltzer that the District approve the 08-G North Bantry pipeline extension for WB Alberts Produce Co Ltd in SE 30-19-13 W4M to be funded under the Farm Improvement Infrastructure Grant on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The estimated cost of the project is \$20,000; of which the landowner will pay \$10,000 + GST. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:18 a.m. R. Hiebert rejoined the meeting.]

[10:18 a.m. – 10:26 a.m. Short break. J. Kabut and B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Work continues on the last phase of the fibre project. The fibre has been blown in for Patricia and the splicing and termination is being arranged. The fibre crew is starting to work on the Gem leg and is making good progress. In response to questions, Directors were advised that with the new technology being deployed, customers can successfully be connected to towers through distances of over 30 km. This new alternative will be extended to potential customers.

[10:31 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

11.0 Requests for Funding

B. Doerksen presented the following requests for funding.

[10:32 a.m. T. Hemsing declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

11.01 Rolling Hills School

Rolling Hills School is in its 2nd programming year of their Agricultural Academy. The School is currently fundraising for the construction of a barn and is requesting in-kind work to provide water infrastructure to the barn, and excavation and groundwork to prepare the site for the barn's foundation. A number of questions were responded to by staff and Admin.

2025-11-223 Moved by B. Deschamps that for the Rolling Hills Agricultural Academy, the District donate approximately 2 days work to excavate and prepare for the barn foundation and install water infrastructure to the building, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:39 a.m. T. Hemsing rejoined the meeting.]

11.02 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.

2025-11-224 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$5,000 be contributed to the Alberta Invasive Species Council in support of the association's operating costs. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.03 HALO Air Ambulance

A letter was received from HALO Air Ambulance, requesting funding support for its ongoing operational expenses. HALO is based in Medicine Hat and serves the greater area, including southeast Alberta and reaching into the EID. The organization provides independent medical airlift services and companion services for STARS.

2025-11-225 Moved by B. Deschamps that \$10,000 be contributed to HALO Air Ambulance in support of the association's operating costs. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:52 a.m. B. Doerksen exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

12.0 Lands**12.01 Lands, Oil & Gas**

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

12.01.1 Oil & Gas Activity Report – Year End Summary (Oct 1, 2024 to Sep 30 2025)

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
2025	8	28	95.72 ac (16.1 miles)	2 permits (331.805 miles)	186	116
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

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

12.01.2 Irrigated Lease Rent Review – #8310

Long term irrigated Lease #8310 is a 175 acre parcel located in Pt NE 03 & Pt SE 10-14-13 W4M, consisting of 164 irrigation acres. In 2020, the lease was extended for a 10-year term and is set to expire in 2030. The current annual rent is \$175/irrigated acre. A rate of \$350/irrigated acre was recommended, taking into consideration recent short term irrigated lease auction results and that the lessees of this lease own the irrigation infrastructure.

2025-11-226 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 5 year rental rate for Irrigated Lease #8310 at \$350/irrigated acre, plus water and taxes for the years 2026 – 2030. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

2025-11-227 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:00 a.m. David Bexte, MP for Bow River connected to the meeting.]

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[11:20 a.m. D. Bexte disconnected from the meeting.]

2025-11-228 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

11:00 a.m. David Bexte, MP for Bow River

An introductory meeting was held with MP David Bexte to familiarize the area's representative with the EID.

[11:22 a.m. R. Volek entered the meeting.]

12.0 Lands cont'd

12.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

12.02.1 2025 Grazing Season Summary

Normal moisture conditions and an increase in previously reduced reserve grass supported May 3rd and May 15th respective entry dates for tame and native pastures. Total cattle placed was 14,495 head, up 704 from 2024. Membership dropped to 249 members, from 257 in 2024. Mid-summer the District received good general rains, somewhat less in the south; however, pastures were able to produce and maintain normal grass conditions. It was determined that extending the normal grazing season to October 25th would not be detrimental to the amount of reserve grass for next season.

341 cow/calf pairs were placed on pasture under the 2 Kitsim pivots. 317 cow/calf pairs were placed at the Rock Lake pivots. The severe hailstorm on August 20th caused significant damage on the 2 south pivot pastures (A & B) at Rock Lake and approximately \$6,500 damage to the pivots. Pivot C lands also incurred damage as it was reseeded 1 week prior to the storm. Pivot D was reseeded in 2024, and growth was better than anticipated. Through tender, 419 tons were harvested off the 107 acres at \$91.25 per ton. Pasture losses from the storm on both sides of Hwy #36 resulted in 1 less week of grazing for those cattle.

Spring runoff was very good in the south part of the District and most dugouts were filled. Less runoff occurred in the north. Dugouts that can be topped up with the pressure systems were filled as needed. Water allocation to Ducks Unlimited projects was normal; however, deterioration of the DU owned infrastructure remains a concern. Polypipe waterlines were installed in: Rolling Hills Regrass – 3.2 km, Newell/Eyremore – 6.8 km, and Tilley Swing – 13.3 km. Throughout the District, other improvements were: 1 new dugout, 1 cleaned dugout, 1 filled in dugout, 1 new ditch to fill a dugout, 2 tire-tank replacements, 1 Texas gate, and gravel and fill material for several sites. 17.5 miles (28 km) of new barbed wire fence was installed. Current costs are \$6,000/mile for materials and \$3,250 for labour.

There were no significant grass fires on EID pastures in 2024. Weed control on fireguards continued, with the best eradication results from chemical control. Control of Downy Brome is ongoing as new infestations have been identified; some now at Rock Lake, Lake Newell Resort, and Kininvie.

12.02.2 Set Total Number of Cattle for the 2026 Grazing Season

Good rains in mid-summer provided good growing conditions for most EID pastures. Assessed conditions then allowed for a 10 day extension to the normal grazing season. It is anticipated that an increase from 65 to 70 head maximum/member is sustainable for 2026. 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. A maximum AUM of 77,500, or 15,500 cow/calf pairs over 5 months, was recommended for the 2026 grazing season. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

2025-11-229 Moved by D. Peltzer that the maximum number of cattle for Community Grazing Pastures be set at 77,500 AUM for the 2026 grazing season. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:36 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

12.03 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

12.03.1 Cost-Share – Edward & Donna Timko – NW 20-17-13 W4M

The landowners are requesting that trees be removed from an EID drain easement and the drain be infilled to accommodate the conversion from flood to pivot in NW 20-17-13 W4M. By policy, the EID will pay 50% up to \$15,000 per parcel; this project is estimated to cost \$17,630.

2025-11-230 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Edward & Donna Timko for the clearing and infill of a drain in NW 20-17-13 W4M, to be funded on a 50/50 cost-share basis up to a maximum District contribution of \$15,000. The project is estimated to cost \$17,630; of which the landowner's share is \$8,815 + GST. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03.2 IU Registration – Albert & Joanne Dovichak and 394211 AB Ltd (Albert & Joanne Dovichak)

The installation of the new S & T Tilley pipeline provides a single delivery in the NW parcel for SW 06 & Pt NW 06-17-12 W4M, therefore requiring an irrigable unit be registered for both parcels.

2025-11-231 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SW 06 & Pt NW 06-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by 394211 Alberta Ltd and Albert & Joanne Dovichak. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03.3 IU Discharge & Registration – Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott & Julie Tateson)

The installation of the new X Tilley pipeline provides a single delivery in NW 19-16-12 W4M serving SW 19 & Sec 18-16-12 W4M. It is required that 3 existing irrigable units be discharged and 1 new all-encompassing irrigable unit be registered.

2025-11-232 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the discharge of 3 separate Irrigable Units on:

- **SW 19 & Pt NW 19-16-12 W4M;**
- **SW 18 & NW 18-16-12 W4M; and**
- **SE 18 & SW 18-16-12 W4M;**

all lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd (Scott & Julie Tateson). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-233 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt NW 19, SW 19, SW 18, NW 18, SE 18 & SW 18-16-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Tateson Ranching Ltd. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.03.4 IU Registration – Dick & Veronica Vossepoel

The installation of the new S & T Tilley pipeline provides a single delivery in SW 07 for Pt NW 06 & Pt SW 07-17-12 W4M, therefore requiring an irrigable unit be registered for both parcels.



2025-11-234 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on Pt NW 06 & Pt SW 07-17-12 W4M; all lands being owned by Dick & Veronica Vossepoel. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-11-235 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:45 a.m. B. Kroschel re-entered the meeting.]

13.0 Terminable Acres

[12:16 p.m. – 12:51 p.m. Lunch break.]

[1:17 p.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #984

[1:24 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #981

[1:37 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek re-entered the meeting.]

16.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres

[2:18 p.m. N. Fontaine and R. Volek exited the meeting.]

17.0 JBS Update

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.04 AGM Questions regarding Infrastructure & Development in the Gem Area

[2:50 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. Short break.]

18.0 Letter from John Miller

19.0 Board Governance

19.01 Review of AIDA Board Development Seminar

19.02 Board Code of Conduct

19.03 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw

20.0 Draft Newsletter

21.0 EID/County Joint Meeting – Draft Agenda

2025-11-236 Moved by R. Hiebert that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTION ARISING FROM THE IN CAMERA PORTION OF THE MEETING

13.0 Terminable Acres

Direction was given to Admin to draft communications to landowners who have acres subject to terminable agreements. This matter will be brought back for further discussion and to give additional direction.

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #984

Motions were carried once reconvened.

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #981

Motions were carried once reconvened.

16.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres

A motion was carried once reconvened.

17.0 JBS Update

Admin was provided with direction from the Board.

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.04 AGM Questions regarding Infrastructure & Development in the Gem Area/Capital Asset Charge Calculation

The Board discussed the above topics which had been noted at the 2025 AGM.

Taking into account the manner in which the District efficiently operates its irrigation works, the rates, fees and capital assets charged to its water users along with additional District revenues, parameters associated with the 2021 expansion limit plebiscite, debt repayment obligations associated with the Snake Lake Reservoir Expansion and other modernization projects, current and forecasted rehabilitation and construction projects which the Board schedules out over 3 years in advance to ensure the District continues expanding in a prudent and cost effective manner without taking on unreasonable risk in light of factors beyond anyone's control (i.e. climate change, years of drought, water restrictions, tariffs, supply chain issues, etc.), the Board's responses to the above topics are as follows:

The Board will not upsize or twin EID infrastructure at the cost of the EID for the benefit of a landowner unless it were to:

- increase available capacity in a rehabilitation project initiated and undertaken by the District, or
- increase available capacity in a development project initiated and undertaken by the District.

In both cases landowners still need to install at their cost their own infrastructure to access a delivery point on the District's irrigation works wherever it may be.

The Board will not reduce the capital asset charge to offset a developer's infrastructure costs. However, pursuant to the Capital Assets Charges Bylaw, the District currently cost-shares eligible District's works that are owned by and form part of the District's irrigation works (i.e, check structure, turnout, pipeline riser) on a 50/50 basis up to 10% of the developer's capital asset charge.

The above responses extend to any area in the District.

The following factors are taken into account when the Board is setting the annual capital asset charge:

- value of irrigated land
- cost of pivot, pump, mainline, power, etc. to develop land
- --cost to break land
- value of dry land

18.0 Letter from John Miller

A written response to the landowner was not required. J. Ketchmark will speak directly with Mr. Miller.

19.0 Board Governance

19.01 Review of AIDA Board Development Seminar

The AIDA Board Development Seminar materials were provided.

19.02 Board Code of Conduct

There were no requested revisions to the EID Board Code of Conduct.

19.03 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Election of Officers Bylaw

The bylaw is to be reviewed and updated if necessary.

20.0 Draft Newsletter

Final edits for the Fall Newsletter will be completed, with the newsletter projected to be mailed out around December 1st.

21.0 EID/County Joint Meeting – Draft Agenda

Suggestions were offered for additional information that could be added to Mr. Friesen's draft presentation to the County.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw #984 cont'd

This bylaw establishes the rules and procedures governing an application for an increase in irrigation acres and for an application to transfer irrigation acres. An amended bylaw including additional factors which would render applications for irrigation acres not reasonable or acceptable along with some additional administrative revisions was proposed. The additional factors are if:

- the proposed irrigation development project described in an application will be designed or operated using inappropriate or inferior infrastructure, equipment or materials, not be operationally efficient, or presents a potential danger or hazard to the public or environment.
- the applicant is in arrears to the District for payment of any amounts owing to the District.

- 2025-11-237 Moved by R. Hiebert that Bylaw #984 (2025), be introduced and read the first time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-11-238 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #984 (2025) the second time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-11-239 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #984 (2025) this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 2025-11-240 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #984 (2025), 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**

Irrigation Acres Bylaw #984 may be viewed on the District website.

The Board also plans to re-examine the "Infill Acre" category referenced in the bylaw at future Board meetings.

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #981 cont'd

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was initially reviewed by the Board in October and given 1st reading. This bylaw levies a charge on each irrigation acre added to a titled unit and shown on the assessment roll and sets the purchase price the District will pay for irrigation acres sold to the District by a landowner. It also contains a minimum 2% annual payment escalator. Purchase price and charges may be adjusted more than the automatic 2% annual escalator by Board decision. This bylaw is reviewed annually with annual adjustments to capital asset charges occurring December 1st of each year so that applicants for irrigation acres in the following year are aware of any adjusted charges.

As of December 1, 2025, Capital Asset Charges are changed from:

- \$765/acre to \$2,000/acre for conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres;
- \$1,530/acre to \$2,000/acre for the purchase of infill and efficiency acres up to 50 acres per parcel; and
- \$3,672/acre to \$4,000/acre for the purchase of new acres or infill and efficiency acres over 50 acres per parcel.

The audit penalty for prohibited irrigation of acres is retained but is now in the form of a capital asset charge, being 150% of the charge for new acres for any acres which are subsequently approved and added to the assessment roll.

- 2025-11-241 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board read and approve Bylaw #981 (2025) the second time this 25th day of November 2025. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark**



2025-11-242 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #981 (2025), 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 J. Alberts. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – J. Ketchmark

Capital Assets Charges Bylaw #981 may be viewed on the District website.

16.0 Reservoir Carry Forward Acres cont'd

4 parcels of District owned lands were approved for development as Irrigated Leases beginning in 2027. Equipment and infrastructure components will be ordered, and necessary construction work on the parcels will be completed during the summer of 2026. The leases will be auctioned in the summer of 2026, for a term of 5 years, with the successful bidders having access to the parcels in the fall of 2026. Further information regarding the leases and auction will be provided in the Spring Newsletter.

2025-11-243 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve moving forward with irrigated leases on the following parcels:

- **NW 16-14-13 W4M – approx. 151 acre corner arm pivot.**
- **SW 21-14-13 W4M – approx. 149 acre corner arm pivot;**
- **NW 23-14-13 W4M – approx. 150 acre corner arm pivot; and**
- **NE 23-14-13 W4M – approx. 148 acre corner arm pivot;**

Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager

**December 16, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 16th day of December 2025. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Ivan Friesen	General Manager
Mr. David Peltzer	Director	[Division 2]	Mr. Marvin Koochin	Assist. GM – Legal & Corporate Services
Mr. Brad Deschamps	Director	[Division 3]	Mr. Ryan Gagley	Assist. GM – Engineering & Operations
Mr. Jeff Alberts	Director	[Division 4]	Mrs. Wendy Enns	Executive Assistant
Mr. John Ketchmark	Director	[Division 5]		
Mr. Brent Schroeder	Director	[Division 6]		
Mr. Tracy Hemsing	Director	[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:

- 14.0 Commercial Update

2025-12-244 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The minutes of the November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2025-12-245 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising**3.01 Letter from John Miller**

J. Ketchmark advised that the landowner has been followed up with and that he will attend the office to meet with R. Gagley.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events**4.01 X Tilley Project Site Visit – November 27th**

On November 27th Directors, I. Friesen, and R. Gagley attended a Safety Stand Down with R. McLean and pipeline construction crew at the X Tilley project, south of Tilley. The casual meeting was coordinated by R. Drader and J. Thompson and gave the Board an opportunity to speak directly

with equipment operators and construction labourers. Additional site visits on other rehab projects will be arranged as part of the ongoing Safety Program.

4.02 EID/County Joint Meeting – November 27th

A Joint Meeting was held with the County of Newell on November 27th, with Directors, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, and R. Gagley attending. In addition to other agenda items, information was presented regarding the EID's expansion process, AIM projects, and Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. T. Hemsing requested that a similar presentation be arranged for City of Brooks Councilors.

4.03 Crawling Valley Recreational Society – December 4th

D. Peltzer attended a CVRS Meeting on December 4th. The Board was updated on a number of items, including campground rates, requests for a shower building replacement and 2 roofed gazebos, proposing a suitable fishing area for children, and possibility of future CVRS meetings being attended from time to time by a representative from the District Lands department.

4.04 Foremost Range Science Forum – December 11th

B. Deschamps attended the Range Science Forum in Foremost on December 11th. Topics included the history of range management and research in Alberta; drought planning and post-wildfire management; precision ranching, heat stress and animal behaviour; and annual brome grass control. This one-day conference was facilitated by the Alberta Prairie Conservation Forum.

4.05 Brooks Newell Region Intermunicipal Meeting – December 13th

T. Hemsing and J. Alberts attended the Brooks Newell Region Intermunicipal Meeting on December 13th in Bassano. This informal gathering facilitated discussions between the region's various municipal leaders along with Premier Danielle Smith and MP David Bexte.

5.0 Upcoming Events

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| 5.01 Scholarship Awards & Reception | - Thursday, December 18 th , 5:00 p.m.
<i>[Attending: all Directors, I. Friesen]</i> |
| 5.02 Corporate Planning | - Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 5.03 Corporate Planning | - Thursday, January 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| 5.04 State of the Region | - Thursday, January 22, 2026, 7:30 a.m., Heritage Inn
<i>[Attending: T. Hemsing, R. Hiebert, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder]</i> |
| 5.05 Meeting with Premier/MLA Smith | - Thursday, January 22, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., EID Office
<i>[Attending: J. Hale, M. Redelback, all Directors, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, B. Doerksen]</i> |
| 5.06 Regular Board Meeting | - Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. |
| 5.07 AIDA Annual Conference | - Feb 2 - 4, 2026, Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
<i>[Attending: Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley,</i> |

R. Summach, J. Kabut, B. Kroschel]

5.08 Regular Board Meeting

- Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

6.0 Engineering

R. Gagle presented the following Engineering Report.

6.01 Project Status

The installation of the PVC pipe was completed for the X Tilley project on schedule. The pipeline crew has moved north to the 17-G Springhill project which is now underway. A second crew will be assembled to start pipelining south of Tilley on the S & T Tilley project which has a planned start date of January 18, 2026.

EID CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	
Project	Status
EARTHWORKS	
Main Bantry Bank Lift	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped
PIPELINE	
X Tilley	- 100% complete, cleanup remains
S and T Tilley	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project prepped
U-03, U-04 North, U-04 South Tilley	- surveyed, approved, ROW signed
17-G Springhill	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed, project underway

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
Snake Lake Canal	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed

7.0 EIDNet Report

M. Koochin presented the following EIDNet Report on behalf of R. Moen.

7.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Fibre has been blown in for Patricia; splicing and termination is being arranged. The fibre crew is working on the Gem leg.

[10:05 a.m. D. Buell entered the meeting.]

8.0 Request for Funding

D. Buell presented the following request for funding.

8.01 Pheasant Research – Dani Nadeau, U of A MSc Student

Ms. Nadeau, a student at the University of Alberta, is planning to do her Master of Science on Ring-necked Pheasants in the EID in 2026 and 2027. Part of her work will include looking at Pheasant occurrence and abundance in areas around release sites and areas without release sites and factors contributing to those findings, i.e. hunting, predators, habitat, etc. This work is an offshoot of work done in the EID back in 2006/2007 by another U of A student, at which time in-kind PHD and IT staff time was contributed. Ms. Nadeau is requesting from the EID a financial contribution towards purchasing 8 trail cameras. The study may be used to establish a connection between PHD shelterbelt sites and Pheasant numbers, and due to a carryover of supplies, may be supported through the PHD budget. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Buell.

2025-12-246 Moved by D. Peltzer that \$2,500 be contributed from the EID PHD Budget to Dani Nadeau for the purchase of trail cameras for her Master of Science research of Ringneck Pheasants in the EID. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:11 a.m. D. Buell exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

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

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

9.01.1 Set Rates for Land Spraying, Seismic & Dirt

It was recommended that the 2026 rates for land spraying, seismic, dirt fill, and topsoil be retained from 2025. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Fontaine.

2025-12-247 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Oil & Gas rates for 2026 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 Irrigators - \$3.00/m³;**
- **Fill for Commercial Use - \$7.00/m³; and**
- **Topsoil - \$20.00/m³.**

Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.01.2 Irrigated Lease Rent Reviews – Revisit

This topic was brought back at the request of T. Hemsing. Rates for irrigated leases that had recently been up for review were set at the October and November meetings. These long term leases are structured with 5 year rent reviews, with the rate to be mutually agreed upon by the EID, as lessor, and the lessee. Rates are set based on recent irrigated lease auctions, taking into account the value of the irrigation equipment which the lessee currently owns. A short discussion was held, with the rates set in October and November being maintained, however it was directed that other matters relating to irrigated leases be brought to Corporate Planning for discussion.

[10:22 a.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

9.02 Assessment, Water & Lands

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

9.02.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

[10:23 a.m. B. Deschamps declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

9.02.1.1 Wheels to Pivot – Juana Tamura – SE 26-20-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 96 acres
- Converting: 93 acres flood to wiper pivot; landowner is choosing to keep 3 acres outside the pivot area as a small wheels field
- Assessment remains the same at 96 acres (93 acres wiper pivot, 3 acres wheels outside)

2025-12-248 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Juana Tamura for the conversion of 93 acres flood to wiper pivot in SE 26-20-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$9,300 (93 acres x \$100/acre) – \$1,500 (3 acres x \$500/acre deduction for keeping acres outside the pivot area) = \$7,800. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:25 a.m. B. Deschamps rejoined the meeting.]

[10:25 a.m. – 10:33 a.m. Short break. S. Connauton exited the meeting;; R. Volek entered.]

9.03 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

9.03.1 2026 Cattle Listings and Set Maximum Grazing Number Per Member

With a tentative 70 head maximum per full member, total cattle numbers applied for the 2026 season are 15,956 or 1,461 head more than last year's final total. This total is slightly higher (456 head) than was projected earlier this fall at budget approval, mainly due to more new members applying (15), and only 5 members dropping out. It is expected the total will decrease to approximately 15,700 head after adjustments are made.

2026 CATTLE NUMBERS SUMMARY – as of December 11, 2025					
Association	2025	2026	Difference	2025 Members	2026 Members
Bantry	495	530	35	8	8
Bassano	771	877	106	13	14
Duchess	987	1,041	54	16	18
Eyremore	1,810	1,994	184	29	29
Gem	2,324	2,472	148	38	38
Newell	1,756	2,026	270	30	34
Patricia	2,274	2,473	199	40	40
Rolling Hills	973	1,117	144	20	21
Rosemary	1,789	1,977	188	30	31
Tilley	1,316	1,449	133	25	26
Total	14,495	15,956	1,461	249	259
Members	15 new, 5 dropped out				

The GAC reviewed total listings for 2026 at their recent meeting. Pasture conditions are generally good throughout the District; however, with very low precipitation during the late summer/fall there is some concern heading into winter. Pasture conditions will again be evaluated in spring.

2025-12-249 Moved by B. Deschamps that the maximum number of cow/calf pairs per member for the 2026 grazing season be set at 70 for full members, 47 for 2nd year members, and 23 for 1st year members; pending a review of pasture conditions in the spring. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025-12-250 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.03.2 GAC Meeting – December 9, 2025

9.03.2.1 Meeting Minutes

9.03.2.2 Business Arising

[11:02 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; J. Villeneuve entered.]

11:00 a.m. Water Quality Presentation – Janelle Villeneuve, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

[12:13 p.m. – 12:53 p.m. Lunch break. J. Villeneuve exited the meeting; B. Kroschel and S. Connauton entered.]

10.0 Terminable Acres

[2:06 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting.]

11.0 Housing Policy

[2:16 p.m. – 2:24 p.m. Short break; B. Kroschel exited the meeting.]

12.0 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Elections of Officers Bylaw #985

13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

13.01 Draft AGM Agenda

13.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

14.0 Commercial Update

2025-12-251 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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9.03.2 GAC Meeting – December 9, 202**9.03.2.1 Meeting Minutes**

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, declined applications, the AUM rate, waterline projects, existing irrigated pasture, and other lease management matters. GA's were informed that Swing Field Lease Riders will now be required to operate as independent contractors, responsible for their own WCB coverage and liability insurance.

9.03.2.2 Business Arising

A number of GAC recommendations via motions were presented to the Board after the Spring GAC Meeting, and included the following:

GAC 25-04 *Moved by Daniel Doerksen that the GAC recommend to the EID Board of Directors that the EID fund infrastructure upgrades for Community Grazing Associations, with the costs to be repaid through the grazing rates of the individual community grazing associations over a 10 year amortization period. Seconded by Duane Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

This request was denied and conveyed back to the GAC. In follow up, a second motion was made to the Board of Directors at the December GAC meeting:

GAC 25-09 *Moved by D. Doerksen that two Grazing advisory Committee delegates attend the January 27, 2026 EID Board of Directors meeting to review declined GAC Motion 25-04. Seconded by D. Hale. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

The request to attend the January Board Meeting regarding cessation of loans to Community Grazing Associations (CGA) was discussed and subsequently declined. Financing agreements for CGAs were discontinued in November 2023 and the decision was maintained. It was reiterated that all CGAs have means to prepare for planned and unforeseen costs through membership fees.

11:00 a.m. Water Quality Presentation – Janelle Villeneuve, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation

J. Villeneuve, Water Quality Specialist – Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation provided a presentation. Going forward, in-person presentations will remain available; however, compiled reports will be provided to irrigation districts on an annual basis. Site data is also available through the Irrigation District Water Quality website at www.idwq.ca

10.0 Terminable Acres

Initially presented in April, and continued from November, further discussion was given on the matter of the remaining terminable acres within the District. Although it was identified that preliminary direction will be given additional consideration, it was confirmed by the Board that the District will no longer be purposely supplying water to acres with terminable agreements and that landowners should be educated on the limitations of their terminable acres.

11.0 Housing Policy

A motion was carried once reconvened.



12.0 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Elections of Officers Bylaw #985

M. Koochin presented a draft of a revised Quorum, Voting Procedures & Elections of Officers Bylaw to expand director attendance at meetings via additional electronic means when unable to attend in person. A revised draft will be brought to Corporate Planning for continued discussion.

13.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

13.01 Draft AGM Agenda

The AGM agenda was reviewed and will be given final approval in January.

13.02 Chair and GM Reports – Board Input

Draft Chair and GM reports will be brought to Corporate Planning for Board input.

14.0 Commercial Update

Directors were updated on a commercial item.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

11.0 Housing Policy

B. Kroschel presented a revised Housing Policy which adds clarification to the housing rental terms and sale of surplus housing and updates to current department personnel terminology. The policy was given an additional revision for clarification prior to a motion for approval.

2025-12-252 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Housing Policy as revised. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager