

**June 24, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting**

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Directors Meeting.

**4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events****4.01 2025 AIDA Inter-District Tour – Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, Calgary**

Attending: R. Hiebert, T. Hemsing.

**5.03 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.****5.04 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting and May 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **7.03 Preliminary Project Discussion – Lower North Branch**

Further to the May 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting and May 30<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> or August 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Heibert – 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting. A draft newsletter summarizing the parcels, lease agreements, and auction, scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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