

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

5.01 X Tilley Project Site Visit

- Thursday, November 27th, 10:00 a.m.
[Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley attending]

5.02 EID/County Joint Meeting

- Thursday, November 27th, 12:00 noon, County Office
[Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley attending]

5.03 Regular Board Meeting

- Tuesday, December 16th, 9:00 a.m.

5.04 Scholarship Awards & Reception

- Thursday, December 18th, 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.]

11:00 a.m. David Bexte, MP for Bow River

[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 developer.

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