



January 27, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 27th day of January 2026. 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 8:03 a.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

2026-01-001 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting – Add Clarity

The minutes of the November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were brought back for clarification. It was advised to add further wording under 8.04 "AGM Questions regarding Infrastructure & Development in the Gem Area / Capital Asset Charge Calculation".

The original sentence:

"The Board will not upsize or twin EID infrastructure at the cost of the EID for the benefit of a developer."

was amended and presented to read:

"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."*

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

2026-01-002 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the amended Minutes of the November 25, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2.02 December 16, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the December 16, 2025, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2026-01-003 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Minutes of the December 16, 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 December 16, 2025, Regular Board 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 January 16th in Lethbridge. The Association’s vision and mission statement and executive succession planning were discussed, along with the Irrigation Fisheries Act renewal, Water Act amendments, future district rehabilitation costs, and herbicide treatment. Directors were also reminded of the upcoming 2026 AIDA Conference in Lethbridge.

4.02 State of the Region

T. Hemsing, D. Peltzer, R. Hiebert, J. Alberts, and B. Schroeder attended the annual State of the Region event on January 22nd in Brooks. Among the presenters, speeches were heard from Premier & MLA Danielle Smith, County of Newell Reeve Arno Doerksen, and City of Brooks Mayor Norm Gerestein.

5.0 Upcoming Events

- 5.01 AIDA Annual Conference - Feb 2nd – 4th, Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge
[Attending: Directors, I. Friesen, R. Gagley, R. Summach, J. Kabut, B. Kroschel, B. Doerksen]
- 5.02 Intermunicipal Affairs Committee - Wednesday, February 11th, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m., Heritage Inn
[Attending: B. Deschamps, J. Alberts, B. Schroeder]
- 5.03 NWIO Biennial Conference - February 17th – 19th, Boise, Idaho *[Attending: T. Hemsing]*
- 5.04 Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 24th, 9:00 a.m.
- 5.05 Regular Board Meeting - Monday, March 2nd, 9:00 a.m.
- 5.06 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 3rd, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 5.07 Nominations Close - Wednesday, March 4th, 5:00 p.m.

[8:23 a.m. E. Chapman and S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

8:23 a.m. Meeting with the Auditor – Review of 2024/2025 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 and opportunity given for questions. 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 Director requested that a note be included in the financial statements of the Annual Report Book next year to disclose funds held in an internally restricted account for the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project. Admin will also disclose this in the quarterly financial reports going forward.

2026-01-004 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Independent Auditor’s Report be accepted and that the District’s audited financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2025, be approved as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-005 Moved by B. Schroeder that the audit findings letter dated January 27, 2026, be accepted, executed, and returned to the auditor. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ed Chapman, Bevan and Partners, will again be presenting the audited financial statements of the District at the AGM.

[8:52 a.m. E. Chapman exited the meeting.]

6.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

6.01 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2025

The book value of the District’s investments plus bank account balances at December 31, 2025, was \$2.4M or 2.37% less than the book value at September 30, 2025.

1st QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT to December 31, 2025		
Investment	Matured	Purchased
EID – Short Term	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
EID – Long Term	-	-
Irrigation Rehabilitation Program – Short Term	\$11,000,000	\$12,000,000
Partners in Habitat Development – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Short Term	-	-
Alberta Irrigation Modernization – Long Term	-	-

2026-01-006 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Investment Report to December 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.02 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2025

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

2026-01-007 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 1st Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to December 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.03 Financial Statements to December 31, 2025**

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

- YTD revenues total about \$12.9 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about \$8.4 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about \$4.5 million.

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

2026-01-008 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Financial Statements to December 31, 2025, as presented. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.04 2026 Rate Bylaw #986

The Rate Bylaw sets the rate for irrigation, terminable agreements, annual agreements, surcharges, and penalty on unpaid amounts. In follow up to Corporate Planning, the bylaw was presented and is summarized as follows:

- section 3.0 (b) annual agreement not included in rent, increased from \$85.00/acre to \$91.50/acre
- sections 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 water rate increased from \$6.00/acre to \$7.00/acre
- section 7.0 surcharge for terminable acres that could be converted to irrigation acres and are not at the request of the landowner, increased from \$61.00/acre to \$63.00/acre

Directors requested that for section 9.0 pressure system surcharges (applicable to H Cowoki, 02 Rock Lake Reservoir, and Rolling Hills Reservoir pressurized systems), the charge be maintained at \$15.00/acre and that updated information to be brought back to the Board detailing costs and projected costs of maintaining each pressure system.

2026-01-009 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #986 (2026), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-010 Moved by J. Ketchmark the Board read and approve Bylaw #986 (2026) the second time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-011 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #986 (2026) this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-012 Moved by J. Alberts that Bylaw #986 (2026), 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 B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2026 Rate Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

6.05 2026 Fees Bylaw #987

The Fees Bylaw is based on the calculated cost for the delivery of water. Depending on the type of water conveyance or agreement, the fees are either based on a percentage of this cost or have a flat fee assigned and may include charges for additional water over a typical set amount. In follow up to Corporate Planning, the 2026 Fees Bylaw was presented and is summarized as follows:



- the average cost per acre-foot of water consumed for 2026 is calculated to be \$42.38/acre, which is up 7.5% from last year
- most amounts have been increased by 3%
- Country Residential pasture irrigation fee was decreased to match the annual irrigation rate, this year being \$91.50

2026-01-013 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #987 (2026) be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-014 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board read and approve Bylaw #987 (2026) the second time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-015 Moved by R. Hiebert that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #987 (2026) this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-016 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #987 (2026), 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 2026 Fees Bylaw may be viewed on the District's website.

6.06 Remuneration Bylaw #988

In follow up to Corporate Planning, the Remuneration Bylaw was presented and is summarized as follows, confirming that the District's mileage rate remain at \$0.62/km:

- per diem rates for Directors were increased by approximately 2%, from \$465/day to \$475/day
- additional ½ day per diem per quarterly reporting period was allotted to Directors for on-farm meetings, etc.

2026-01-017 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #988 (2026), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-018 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board read and approve Bylaw #988 (2026) the second time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-019 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #988 (2026) this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-020 Moved by B. Deschamps that Bylaw #988 (2026), 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 R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:21 a.m. S. Barlow exited the meeting.]



7.0 Legal & Corporate Services

M. Koochin presented the following bylaws, policy, and update.

7.01 Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw #989

The Delivery and Distribution of Water Bylaw regulates the delivery and distribution of water to a user, allows the District to stop the delivery of water when certain activities occur, and imposes conditions that must be satisfied before the delivery and distribution of water to a user may be reinstated. In follow up to Corporate Planning, a penalty was added to the bylaw, which permits the District to charge the user 50% of the new parcel irrigation acre capital assets charge in effect per acre for unauthorized irrigation.

2026-01-021 Moved by B. Schroeder that Bylaw #989 (2026), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-022 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board read and approve Bylaw #989 (2026) the second time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-023 Moved by D. Peltzer that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #989 (2026) this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-024 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #989 (2026), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District to Regulate the Delivery and Distribution of Water to Users, to Establish the Terms and Conditions that apply to such Delivery and the circumstances under which the Delivery of Water to a User may be Reduced, Stopped and Reinstated, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 Quorum, Voting Procedures & Elections of Officers Bylaw #985

The Quorum, Voting Procedures & Elections of Officers Bylaw was updated regarding remote attendance and participation by directors at board meetings.

2026-01-025 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #985 (2026), be introduced and read the first time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-026 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board read and approve Bylaw #985 (2026) the second time this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-027 Moved by J. Ketchmark that with all Directors being present, consent be granted to give third reading to Bylaw #985 (2026) this 27th day of January 2026. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-028 Moved by J. Alberts that Bylaw #985 (2026), being a Bylaw of the Eastern Irrigation District Governing Quorum and Voting Procedures at Meetings of the Board and Governing the Election of Officers of the Board, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, be read the third time and finally passed. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



7.03 Board Code of Conduct

In conjunction with the preceding bylaw, the Board Code of Conduct policy was updated regarding remote participation by directors at board meetings.

2026-01-029 Moved by B. Deschamps that the revised Board Code of Conduct be approved as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.04 District Housing – One Tree House and Property

Directors were advised that the EID owned One Tree house and property was listed for sale for \$495,000 with a realtor and recently sold for slightly above list price in December.

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 Project Status

The pipeline crew on 17-G Springhill has run into wet ground conditions which are affecting progress. Conditions are improving and it is expected to get back on schedule shortly. The Snake Lake Canal rehabilitation has been put on hold while the crew moves to the S & T Tilley project which is now underway; when complete the crew will move to the U-03, U-04S, and U-04N project.

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	- project underway, 15% complete
U-03, U-04 North, U-04 South Tilley	- surveyed, approved, detailed design complete, ROW signed
17-G Springhill	- project underway, 35% complete

IRP PROJECTS	
Project	Status
PIPELINE	
Snake Lake Canal	- project underway, 35% complete

9.0 Operations

R. Gagley presented the following Operations Report on behalf of B. Kroschel.

9.01 Snowpack Report

Status of various snowpack pillows for the Bow Basin (Skoki, Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Little Elbow, and Lost) were presented; as of January 20th all are tracking well above the average quartile. Data from the Mount Odlum site is currently unavailable.



[9:33 a.m. – 9:39 a.m. Short break; R. Moen entered the meeting.]

10.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

10.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Patricia and Gem fibre projects are complete and live. The Rolling Hills leg will be constructed in early spring.

1st QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to December 31, 2025	
EIDNet Accounts	Current Customers
Legacy Residential Accounts	12
Residential Accounts	1,405
Business Accounts	407
EID Automation	5
Total	1,829

[9:45 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

11.0 Request for Funding

B. Doerksen presented the following Request for Funding.

11.01 Ag for Life – Know Your Food

An email was received from Ag for Life requesting operational funding in 2026 for the “Know Your Food” educational trailer. The program’s purpose is to educate Albertans in schools and at community events 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.

2026-01-030 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 B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:46 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 Policy

Additional wording was added to the Farm Improvement Policy clarifying that when a farm improvement grant is accepted by a landowner, the landowner agrees to the new reduced flow that may be necessary to serve the project.



2026-01-031 Moved by B. Schroeder that the revised Farm Improvement Policy be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2 Assessment Report to December 31, 2025

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

1 st QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to December 31, 2025				
Quarter	Irrigation Acres	Terminable Acres	5R Soils Acres	Total
September 30, 2025	319,450	2,487	367	322,685
December 31, 2025	319,662	2,416	367	322,826
Net increase	212	< 71 >	0	141
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)				212
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres				0
Terminable Acres Canceled				< 71 >
Annual Agreement Acres (*acres are not recorded on the Assessment Roll)				*381

1 st QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	\$237,242
Terminable Acre Conversions	\$0
Annual Agreements	\$0
5R Soil Agreements	\$0
Totals	\$237,242

12.01.3 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

12.01.3.1 Transfer – Ewald & Lilly Rutschmann to Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita

The landowners have requested to transfer 3 irrigation acres from SE 20-20-15 W4M to NE 04-21-15 W4M to accommodate a surveyed project of wheels to wiper pivot.

2026-01-032 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the transfer of 3 irrigation acres from SE 20-20-15 W4M, lands being owned by Ewald & Lilly Rutschmann, to NE 04-21-15 W4M, lands being owned by Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.3.2 Wheels to Pivot – Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita – E ½ 04-21-15 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 57 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 100 acres (57 terminable acres converted to irrigation acres and 40 acres added in 1980), 3 acres transferred in (motion 2026-01-032)
- Converting: 40 acres wheels to wiper pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 100 acres, all under wiper pivot



2026-01-033 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita for the conversion of 40 acres wheels to wiper pivot in E ½ 04-21-15 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$4,000 (40 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.3.3 Increase – Coyote Tree Ranching Ltd (John Irwin and Krista Irwin) – SW 28-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 80 acres
- Current Assessment: 102 acres flood (22 acres added for the 1988 general assessment)
- Proposal: install pivot; 31 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B Flood to Pivot; 102 acres x 1.40 = 41 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 133 acres all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2027

2026-01-034 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Coyote Tree Ranching Ltd for 31 efficiency acres in SW 28-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$62,000 (31 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.3.4 Increase – Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – NW 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 79 acres
- Current Assessment: 120 acres pivot (irrigation development in 2008 and an additional 41 acres added in 2016)
- Proposal: convert section pivot to quarter section pivot with corner arm; 28 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 148 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by January 31, 2027

2026-01-035 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Graham Ventures Ltd for 28 infill acres in NW 12-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$56,000 (28 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.3.5 Increase – Graham Ventures Ltd (John Graham) – SW 12-17-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 129 acres pivot (irrigation development in 2010)
- Proposal: convert section pivot to quarter section pivot with corner arm; 24 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 153 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by January 31, 2027

2026-01-036 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Graham Ventures Ltd for 24 infill acres in SW 12-17-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$48,000 (24 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



12.01.3.6 Increase – Daniel Sewall – SW 14-20-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 40 acres
- Current Assessment: 52 acres wiper pivot (12 acres added in 2016)
- Proposal: add pivot tower; 30 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 82 acres all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by January 31, 2027

2026-01-037 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Daniel Sewall for 30 infill acres in SW 14-20-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$60,000 (30 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.3.7 Increase – Justin Tateson – SE 20-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 85 acres
- Current Assessment: 77 acres portion of section pivot (8 acres transferred out in 2007 to SW 20-16-16 W4M)
- Proposal: add small wiper pivot; 28 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 105 acres all under pivot (77 portion of section pivot, 28 wiper)
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by January 31, 2027

2026-01-038 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Justin Tateson for 28 infill acres in SE 20-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$56,000 (28 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:58 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

12.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

12.02.1 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.

12.02.1.1 PGL #7167

PGL #7167 is located southeast of Rolling Hills in NW 16 & SW 21-14-13 W4M. It consists of 314 acres and supports 70 AUM. Both parcels are scheduled to be developed for irrigated farm leases in 2026 and it is anticipated that the installation of the new supply pipeline and mainline to the pivot points will be completed late this spring. The previous leaseholder has indicated interest in grazing these parcels prior to pivot set up in July.

2026-01-039 Moved by R. Hiebert that prior to the pivot installations in SW 21 & NW 16-14-13 W4M, these lands as PGL #7167 be offered for lease to George Giesbrecht from May 1 to July 1, 2026, for a lease payment of \$2,075. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



12.02.1.2 PGL #7187

PGL #7187 is located southwest of Rolling Hills in SW 14-14-14 W4M. It consists of 33 non-irrigable acres, supports 8 AUM, and has extensive brush and good water supply. The parcel was a long term grazing lease that expired in 2023 and was leased for a 1 year term in 2024. Although the parcel is somewhat isolated, access is permitted along the canal ditch bank.

2026-01-040 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7187 be tendered as a long term lease, expiring December 31, 2038. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-01-041 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.02.1.3 PGL #7083

12.02.2 Request for Review of Declined Grazing Applications

12.02.2.1 George Baxter – Rosemary Grazing Association

12.02.2.2 Charmark Charolais Inc (Leigh Marquess and Scott Marquess) – Gem Grazing Association

12.02.2.3 Braden Douglass – Gem Grazing Association

[11:27 a.m. R. Volek exited the meeting; R. Drader entered.]

13.0 In Camera Item

[11:36 a.m. R. Drader exited the meeting.]

14.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

14.01 Summary & Action Item Follow-Up

15.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

15.01 Questions to Irrigators

15.02 Annual Report Book

16.0 Commercial Updates

2026-01-042 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

12.02.1.3 PGL #7083

A motion was made once reconvened. On a related matter, the Board will have continued discussion on the development of a proposed revised land sale policy.



12.02.2 Request for Review of Declined Grazing Applications

The District received 3 requests for an in-person review with the EID Board concerning their denied Community Grazing Lease applications. All 3 requests to meet with the Board were denied as sufficient evidence was not received to prove eligibility.

12.02.2.1 George Baxter – Rosemary Grazing Association

A letter will be forwarded from the Board of Directors upholding the Rosemary GA letter of December 17, 2025.

12.02.2.2 Charmark Charolais Inc (Leigh Marquess and Scott Marquess) – Gem Grazing Association

A letter will be forwarded from the Board of Directors overturning the Gem GA’s letter of January 19, 2026.

12.02.2.3 Braden Douglass – Gem Grazing Association

A letter will be forwarded from the Board of Directors overturning the Gem GA’s letter of January 19, 2026.

Notwithstanding the above, the Grazing Policy is to undergo a further review and will be brought back to the Board in February to consider alternative language to further describe the intent of the policy in a number of areas.

13.0 In Camera Item

14.0 Corporate Planning Follow Up

14.01 Summary & Action Item Follow-Up

Corporate Planning items needing further discussion will be brought back to the Board.

15.0 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report Book

15.01 Questions to Irrigators

The draft Questions to Irrigators will be further developed and brought back to the February Board Meeting for additional discussion. These verbal questions will be presented at the AGM and will be repeated in the following spring newsletter.

15.02 Annual Report Book

There were no requests for revisions or additions to the Annual Report Book. Notice cards to irrigators will be mailed out in early February, informing of the Annual General Meeting date and time and access to the digital report book.

16.0 Commercial Updates

Direction was given to Admin.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

12.02.1.3 PGL #7083 cont’d



PGL #7083 is located northeast of Gem in SW 06-24-15 W4M, currently consisting of 160 acres and supporting 26 AUM. It originally consisted of the NW quarter as well; however, that parcel was developed as an irrigated farm lease in 2025. The grazing lease was tendered for the 2022 grazing season with it being identified that there was no water supply to this parcel. It was then renewed with the same leaseholder for a 1 year term for 3 consecutive years. Directors held a thorough discussion on the recent history of the lease, current options, water supply, and previous leaseholder eligibility.

2026-01-043 Moved by D. Peltzer that PGL #7083 be amalgamated with long term PGL #7076. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED
IN FAVOUR – D. Peltzer, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, T. Hemsing
OPPOSED – R. Hiebert, B. Deschamps, J. Alberts

B. Deschamps moved adjournment of the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager