



March 2, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 2nd day of March 2026. Those in attendance were:

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| 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

2026-03-054 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the February 24, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting.

3.0 Upcoming Events

- 3.01 Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, March 3rd, 1:30 p.m., Heritage Inn
- 3.02 Nominations Close - Wednesday, March 4th, 5:00 p.m.
- 3.03 AIDA AGM & Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m., SS Lethbridge Lodge
[attending: R. Hiebert, J. Alberts, J. Ketchmark, B. Schroeder, I. Friesen]
- 3.04 Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs - Wednesday, April 1st, 9:00 a.m. *[if no election]*
- 3.05 Meeting with MLA/Premier Smith - Wednesday, April 8th, 2:00 p.m., EID Office
[attending: all Directors, I. Friesen, M. Koochin, R. Gagley, B. Doerksen]
- 3.06 Election *[if required]* - Tuesday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 3.07 Aggie Days - Thurs April 16th, 9:15 – 2:30, Calgary Stampede Grounds
[attending: D. Peltzer, J. Alberts]
- 3.08 Organizational & Regular Board Mtgs - Tuesday, April 28th, 9:00 a.m. *[if election is held]*

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

4.0 Engineering

4.01 Drain Crossings – Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita – NE 04-21-15 W4M

R. Summach advised that the landowners of NE 04-21-15 W4M are requesting that 5 culverts be installed in District drainage works to accommodate a new wiper pivot. As per 4.8 of the Farm Improvement Policy, the landowner is responsible for the full cost of the culverts and any required backfill material or hauling thereof, and the District will install the culverts with no additional cost to the landowner. The culverts for this project will cost \$6,100 + GST to be paid by the landowners; with the EID's share being an estimated \$10,000 for installation.

2026-03-055 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Farm Improvement drain crossings for Troy Rutschmann & Lorna Morishita in NE 04-21-15 W4M. The estimated cost of the project is \$16,100; of which the landowner will pay \$6,100 + GST for the culverts and the District will contribute approximately \$10,000 for installation. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 Operations

B. Kroschel presented the following Operations Report.

5.01 Snowpack Report

Snowpack levels for the Bow River basin have continued to track above the average quartile in Skoki, Sunshine, Three Isle Lake, Little Elbow, and Mount Odlum areas and within the average quartile in Lost.

5.02 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.

2026-03-056 Moved by B. Schroeder that the earliest date for Water Delivery to the farmers be set as May 1st – May 8th, 2026. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:14 a.m. R. Summach exited the meeting.]

5.03 Water Operator Areas

The divisions for Water Operators have been revised, renamed, and reduced from 15 in 2025 to 12, beginning this irrigation season. Areas are based on conveyance systems and as pivots are added, canals are pipelined, and other infrastructure is rehabilitated, the areas are re-evaluated from time-to-time. North and South Divisional Superintendents and Senior Water Operators have been replaced with one centrally located Superintendent and one centrally located Senior Water Operator.

[9:23 a.m. B. Kroschel exited the meeting; R. Elliott entered.]

6.0 Equipment

R. Elliot presented the following Equipment Report.

6.01 Purchase of a Motor Grader

The following quotes were received for a 2026 Motor Grader with GPS and dozer blade. This purchase is scheduled as part of the 2025/2026 capital purchase budget. A number of questions were responded to.

| PURCHASE OF MOTOR GRADER WITH GPS AND DOZER BLADE | | | |
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| Company | Year & Make | Grader Quote | Blade Quote |
| Finning Canada | 2026 160 CAT c/w GPS | \$649,112 | <i>[no quote requested as the price of the grader is higher]</i> |
| Brandt Tractor Ltd | 2026 Deere 872P c/w GPS | \$639,300 | \$11,250 |

2026-03-057 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the purchase of a 2026 Deere 872P Grader with GPS, plus dozer blade, for a total of \$650,550 from Brandt Tractor Ltd. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:27 a.m. R. Elliott exited the meeting; R. Moen entered.]

7.0 EIDNet Report

R. Moen presented the following EIDNet Report.

7.01 Monthly Report

No major operational issues occurred in the reporting month. Fibre to the Rolling Hills tower will be constructed in early spring, and fibre to Bassano is now in the engineering process.

7.02 Bassano Fibre Project

The fibre installation segment to the Bassano EIDNet tower was originally planned for installation during the 2023-2024 portion of the original 8 phase EID funded fibre project. With the approval of the Universal Broadband Funding (UBF) in 2022, the District was informed that the Bassano portion was excluded because the government/third party mapping data showed the Bassano area was already being sufficiently served. It was decided to remove the Bassano project and reduce the 8 phases to 4 to conform to the requirements of the funding. With the funded project nearing completion, the Bassano project was included in the District's 2025-2026 budget and was presented at this meeting for final approval. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Moen. It was requested that project cost actuals be brought back to the Board once the 4 Phase UBF project is completed and the Bassano fibre project is completed.

2026-03-058 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Bassano Fibre Project to install 20.6 km of fibre, connecting the Bassano EIDNet tower to the Snake Lake EIDNet tower at an estimated cost of \$1,181,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:36 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; S. Connauton entered.]

8.0 Lands**8.01 Assessment, Water & Lands**

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



8.01.1 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

8.01.1.1 Transfer – David & Connie Hollenzer – SW 15 to SE 15-17-13 W4M

The landowners have requested to transfer 4 irrigation acres from SW 15-17-13 W4M to SE 15-17-13 W4M to accommodate a surveyed project of flood to corner arm pivot.

2026-03-059 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the transfer of 4 irrigation acres from SW 15-17-13 W4M to SE 15-17-13 W4M, all lands being owned by David & Connie Hollenzer. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.2 Flood to Pivot – David & Connie Hollenzer – E ½ 15-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 120 acres
- Current Assessment: 142 acres (18 acres transferred in 1995 and 2002 and 4 acres transferred in (motion 2026-03-059)
- Converting: 142 acres flood to corner arm pivot
- Assessment remains the same at 142 acres, all under corner arm pivot

2026-03-060 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement for David & Connie Hollenzer for the conversion of 142 acres flood to corner arm pivot in E ½ 15-17-13 W4M. The Farm Improvement Grant payable to the Landowner is \$14,200 (142 acres x \$100/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:37 a.m. B. Deschamps declared a pecuniary interest and exited the meeting.]

8.01.1.3 Increase – Oliver Deschamps – NW 28-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 77 acres
- Current Assessment: 113 acres flood (71 term acres converted and 14 irrigation acres added in 1985; 28 acres added for general assessment in 1995)
- Proposal: install pivot; 23 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B Flood to Pivot; 113 acres x 1.40 = 45 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 136 acres all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2027

2026-03-061 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Oliver Deschamps for 23 efficiency acres in NW 28-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$46,000 (23 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:38 a.m. B. Deschamps rejoined the meeting.]

8.01.1.4 Increase – Russell & Charlene Coyne – SW 33-16-16 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 101 acres
- Current Assessment: 119 acres flood (7 acres added in 1982 and 11 added in 1995)
- Proposal: install corner arm pivot; 28 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B Flood to Pivot; 119 acres x 1.40 = 48 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 147 acres all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2027

2026-03-062 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Russell & Charlene Coyne for 28 efficiency acres in SW 33-16-16 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$56,000 (28 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.5 Increase – Ralph & Kathrine Nannt – NW 14-14-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 130 acres
- Current Assessment: 117 acres wiper pivot (14 acres removed as part of a Farm Improvement Grant in 2016 and 1 acre added for general assessment in 2016)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 13 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 130 acres all under corner arm wiper pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2027

2026-03-063 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Ralph & Kathrine Nannt for 13 infill acres in NW 14-14-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$26,000 (13 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.6 Increase – Edward & Donna Timko – NW 20-17-13 W4M

- Current Assessment: 123 acres flood
- Proposal: install pivot; 8 acres needed (efficiency)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: Class B Flood to Pivot; 113 acres x 1.40 = 49 efficiency acres
- New Assessment: 131 acres all under pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2027

2026-03-064 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Edward & Donna Timko for 8 efficiency acres in NW 20-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,000 (8 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.1.7 Increase – Kevin & Charlene Torkelson – SE 17-17-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 143 acres
- Current Assessment: 138 acres flood (5 acres sold back as part of Farm Improvement grant in 2012)
- Proposal: add corner arm; 8 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 146 acres all under corner arm pivot
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by February 28, 2027

2026-03-065 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Kevin & Charlene Torkelson for 8 infill acres in SE 17-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is \$16,000 (8 acres x \$2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8.01.2 Annual Agreement – The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City – E ½ 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M

The 2 pivots located on E ½ 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M were conditionally approved for irrigation development in 2025. As part of the approval, the landowner was given an annual agreement for 2 years to complete the construction of a reservoir to support the irrigation acres and for finalization of the approval. Although the project has been engineered, the process for obtaining provincial approval to construct the reservoir is taking more time than expected due to environmental circumstances beyond the landowner’s control. The landowner is confident they will receive final approval; however, the reservoir will not be ready for the 2026 irrigation season. The landowner has requested an annual agreement for the upcoming season to allow time to complete the project. Pursuant to Rate Bylaw #986 (2026), the rate/acre for an annual agreement is \$91.50. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Gagley.

2026-03-066 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve an Annual Agreement for The Hutterian Brethren of Bow City for 381 acres in E ½ 31 & Sec 32-17-17 W4M. The charge is \$34,861.50 (381 acres x \$91.50/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.01.3 Irrigable Unit Discharge – Andrew & Charlene Walde and Gem Land & Cattle Ltd (Andrew & Charlene Walde); and Doug & Shelly Heryford

All 3 parcels within this historical irrigable unit now have their own delivery. Therefore, the irrigable unit is no longer required and may be discharged.

2026-03-067 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the discharge of the Irrigable Unit on:

- **Pt W ½ 05-23-16 W4M, lands being owned by Andrew & Charlene Walde and Gem Land & Cattle Ltd (Andrew & Charlene Walde); and**
- **and NW 31-22-16 W4M, lands being owned by Doug & Shelly Heryford.**

Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[9:53 a.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; R. Volek entered.]

8.02 Grazing

R. Volek presented the following Grazing Report.

8.02.1 Approval of Tender – PGL #7187

In follow up to last month’s meeting, PGL #7187 in SW 14-14-14 W4M, consisting of 33 non-irrigable acres and supporting 8 AUM was tendered out as a long term private grazing lease, ending in 2038 with the other long term leases. The minimum bid was set at \$4,750 to purchase the fences, with the bid amount being the right to acquire the lease.

| PGL #7187 13 Year 33 acres 8 AUM | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bidder | Amount | GST | Total/Year |
| John Giesbrecht | \$5,500 | \$275 | \$5,775 |

2026-03-068 Moved by B. Deschamps that as sole bidder, and by meeting land and residency requirements, a 13 year lease agreement for PGL #7187 be awarded to John Giesbrecht. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02.2 Request to Transfer PGL #7057 – John Irwin to Todd Irwin

PGL #7057 is located approximately 3 km SE of the Dinosaur Provincial Park campground, largely on Park lands by agreement with the park, and partially on District lands. The lease consists of 918 acres and supports 128 AUM, with grazing permitted for the months of September and October only. This lease was converted from a long term lease to an annual lease in 2008. John Irwin is requesting to transfer this annual lease to Todd Irwin. A short discussion was held and a number of questions were responded to by R. Volek. Although annual grazing leases are non-transferrable, due to unique lease considerations including location, extreme terrain, Parks’ permission and trailing access arrangements, it was approved to offer this annual lease to Todd Irwin.

2026-03-069 Moved by B. Deschamps that annual PGL #7057 be offered to Todd Irwin. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02.3 Waterline Projects

Waterline projects are being proposed for the Gem, Patricia South, North Tilley Swing, and Scott Lake/12 Mile areas of grazing pastures, along with infrastructure improvements in North Gem, Scandia, and Bantry areas. These extensions and improvements will convey water to new or existing dugouts and water tanks. A number of questions were responded to by Mr. Volek.

| 2026 GRAZING WATERLINE PROJECTS | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Project Details | Gem | Patricia South | North Tilley Swing | Scott Lake / 12 Mile |
| Total Length | 3,300 m (2") | 9,000 m (3") 3,500 m (2") | 4,800 m (2") | 4,400 m (2") |
| New Water Tanks | - | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Cost | \$40,000 | \$200,000 | \$55,000 | \$60,000 |

| 2026 GRAZING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Project Details | North Gem | Scandia | Bantry |
| Description | pumphouse, concrete pad, pumps & VFD | inline booster pump with VFD | rock weir |
| Cost | \$75,000 | \$100,000 | \$20,000 |

2026-03-070 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve:

- grazing waterline projects in Gem, Patricia South, North Tilley Swing, and Scott Lake / 12 Mile; and
 - grazing infrastructure improvements in North Gem, Scandia, and Bantry
- as presented, for a total estimated cost of \$550,000. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.02.4 Set Turn-Out Dates

Conditions were very dry in the fall of 2025 and along with a low moisture winter to date, there is some concern for normal grass production this upcoming season; however, carryover grass heading into 2026 is rated as very good. Normal entry dates were proposed and it was noted that if grazing associations choose to place cattle after the set dates they will only be charged for pasture fees for the time spent on pasture.



2026-03-071 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Cattle Grazing Turn-Out Date for regrass/tame pasture be May 4, 2026, and for native pasture be May 15, 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:12 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Short break; S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

2026-03-072 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 Grazing vs Investing Analysis

[10:48 a.m. R. Volek and S. Barlow exited the meeting.]

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

11.0 Legal Update

12.0 Annual General Meeting

12.01 GM Presentation and Questions to Irrigators

[12:00 p.m. – 12:28 p.m. Lunch break; N. Fontaine entered the meeting.]

13.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

[2:07 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting.]

2026-03-073 Moved by D. Peltzer that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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9.0 Grazing vs Investing Analysis

In response to a Director’s request, a financial analysis pertaining to grazing lands was provided for review and given discussion.

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

Directors were provided an update on this matter.

11.0 Legal Update

Directors were provided an update on a commercial item and Admin working on this item were provided direction from the Board.

12.0 Annual General Meeting

12.01 GM Presentation and Questions to Irrigators

The General Manager presentation and Questions to Irrigators were given a final review.



13.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Sale of District Owned Land Policy. It was requested that Directors submit key input to Admin within the week and that this matter be brought back to the Board for continued discussion on April 8th.

B. Schroeder moved adjournment of the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Schroeder', is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman

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

General Manager