October 28, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting

The Directors of the Eastern Irrigation District held a regular meeting on the 28th day of October 2026. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Richard Hiebert	Director	[Division 1]	Mr. Gary Krushell	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:

- 18.02 Meetings of the Board – Public vs Private

2026-10-276 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board adopt the Agenda as revised. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 September 22, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting

The minutes of the September 22, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2026-10-277 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Minutes of the September 22, 2026, Regular Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.02 October 6, 2026, Special Directors Meeting

The minutes of the October 6, 2026, Special Directors Meeting were accepted as presented.

2026-10-278 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Minutes of the October 6, 2026, Special Directors Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Business Arising

There were no matters arising from the September 22, 2026, Regular or October 6, 2026, Special Directors Meeting minutes.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events

4.01 Alberta Irrigation Districts Association – Executive Committee Meeting – October 8

B. Schroeder attended an AIDA Executive Committee Meeting on October 8th in Lethbridge. Discussion was held regarding amended authorization under the Fisheries Act, changes to wetland approval regulations, lobbying for changes to the Pest Control Act, updating media assets, and redesigning the portable exhibit. It was also noted that the upcoming AIDA Conference will be held February 1 – 3, 2027 at the Westin Calgary Airport hotel.

4.02 Rolling Hills School Agricultural Academy – Barn Grand Opening – October 21

B. Deschamps and G. Krushell attended the Rolling Hills School Ag Academy Barn Grand Opening on October 21st. In 2025 the Board committed 2 days in-kind work to excavate and prepare the barn foundation and install water infrastructure to the building, up to a maximum of $10,000.

4.03 Crawling Valley Recreation Society – AGM – October 21

D. Peltzer and N. Fontaine attended the CVRS AGM on October 21st. D. Peltzer advised of a few matters, all which were handled at the committee level.

4.04 Ag for Life Harvest Gala – October 23

R. Hiebert, D. Peltzer, B. Schroeder, and G. Krushell attended the Ag for Life Harvest Gala in Calgary on October 23rd. The gala is hosted by Ag for Life, and celebrates locally produced agricultural foods, while supporting education initiatives for youth-focused agriculture education and farm safety initiatives.

4.05 Scandia Hall Grand Opening – October 23

J. Ketchmark attended the Scandia Hall Grand Opening on October 23rd. In 2024 the Board committed in-kind assistance in the demolition of the Quonset portion of the hall and in leveling the site for replacement.

5.0 Upcoming Events

5.01	Information Meeting	- Monday, November 9th, 7:00 p.m., Rosemary RecPlex
5.02	Remembrance Day Ceremonies	- Wednesday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m. at the JBS Centre, 11:00 a.m. at the Cenotaph *[T. Hemsing & B. Deschamps]*
5.03	Scholarship Committee Meeting	- Tuesday, November 17th, 3:00 p.m.
5.04	Information Meeting	- Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 p.m., Scandia Hall
5.05	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, November 24th, 9:00 a.m.
5.06	Regular Board Meeting	- Tuesday, December 15th, 9:00 a.m.
5.07	Scholarship Awards & Reception	- Thursday, December 17th, 5:00 p.m.
5.08	Corporate Planning	- Tuesday, January 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
5.09	Corporate Planning	- Thursday, January 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[9:26 a.m. S. Barlow entered the meeting.]

6.0 2026/2027 Budget – Further Review/Approval

S. Barlow presented the following revised Budget and Cash Flow Forecast.

2026-10-279 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.01 Supplemental Budget Review

2026-10-280 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the meeting be reconvened. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A few adjustments that had been made to the budget since the October 6th Special Board Meeting were highlighted. A number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Barlow and Admin.

6.02 Cash Flow Forecast

A 2027 – 2030 Cash Flow Forecast was also reviewed and discussed. S. Barlow was requested to start looking into the possibility of an operating loan, should one be required in a low balance year during the Snake Lake Reservoir expansion project.

6.03 Budget Approval

The budget was then approved through the following motion.

2026-10-281 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board of Directors approve the 2026/2027 Budget of the Eastern Irrigation District as presented. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Although the overall budget was approved at this meeting, rehabilitation projects, other large projects or large purchases, and any special items of significance will be brought back to the Board with additional detail, for individual review and approval.

7.0 Financial Report

S. Barlow presented the following Financial Report.

7.01 4th Quarter Investment Report – September 30, 2026

The book value of the District's investments plus bank account balances at September 30, 2026, was $11M or 10.9% less than the book value at September 30, 2025. There was no investment activity for the 3 months ended September 30, 2026.

2026-10-282 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report to September 30, 2026, as presented. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.02 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report – September 30, 2026

A variety of accounts were detailed.

2026-10-283 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the 4th Quarter Accounts Receivable Report to September 30, 2026, as presented. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.03 Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2026

It was noted that the financial statements at this point should be viewed as preliminary and incomplete as year-end accounting work is continuing. It is intended that the 2026 year-end

financial statements and auditor's report will be presented to the Board in January 2027. The following was noted overall:

- YTD revenues total about $52.6 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD net operating expenses total about $35.8 million and are tracking under YTD budget.
- YTD potential transfer to the Irrigation Works Fund is about $16.8 million.

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

2026-10-284 Moved by D. Peltzer that the Board approve the Preliminary Financial Statements to September 30, 2026, as presented. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:21 a.m. – 10:28 a.m. Short break. S. Barlow exited the meeting; J. Kabut and R. Summach entered.]

8.0 Engineering

R. Gagley presented the following Engineering Report.

8.01 2026/2027 Structures Program

J. Kabut presented the 2026/2027 Structures Program, advising that Operations has requested:

- 3 precast concrete turnouts will be replaced on:
  - 21 Bow Slope – SW 11-15-15 (pipeline inlet)
  - 21 Bow Slope – SW 11-15-15 W4M (stilling pond inlet)
  - 07-H West Bantry – NE 17-17-13 W4M (pipeline inlet),
- 5 gabion 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
  - F West Bantry – SE 06-18-13 W4M
  - 07-B Springhill – NW 04-21-16 W4M

The estimated total cost of the above projects is $924,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. It was noted that 5 projects were held over from last year's program as they did not get installed due to the tight construction schedule. A number of questions were responded to by Engineering.

2026-10-285 Moved by D. Peltzer that the 2026/2027 Structures Program be approved, at an estimated cost of $924,000; to be funded under the Capital Works Program. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.02 Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grants – Max & Corrine Tateson

R. Summach presented eligible landowner grants stemming from the Tilley Canal rehab project, approved in June, to be completed this upcoming construction season.

NE 25-17-13 W4M currently has 2 deliveries off the Tilley Canal. The north one is used for the pivot pump and the second is used to flood the SE corner which has assessment on it. The Tateson's are willing to eliminate the south flood delivery which will result in a savings of $50,000 for the District. Under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, the landowner is eligible for 50% of the realized construction cost-savings, to a maximum EID contribution of $20,000 per quarter section.

2026-10-286 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Max & Corrine Tateson for eliminating a delivery in NE 25-17-13 W4M at the time of the Tilley Canal rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is $20,000. Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SE 25-17-13 W4M also has 2 deliveries off the Tilley Canal. The north one is used for the pivot pump and the second one is used to flood 40 assessed acres in the SW corner. Currently, water for the pivot in SE 25 is delivered in the NE corner of the parcel. Water flows from the delivery through a landowner owned ditch to the pump site at the current pivot point; this results in water spilling past the pivot pump. The Tateson's will be installing a mainline to eliminate the spill. As part of this project, they will also move the pivot center to the center of the parcel and pump to the south delivery. Through the Farm Improvement Policy, the landowners are eligible for a 50/50 cost-share, up to a $15,000 District contribution. The estimated cost to install 2 risers and 350 m of 10" pipe is $35,000.

2026-10-287 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Farm Improvement Grant for Max & Corrine Tateson for eliminating spill past a pump in SE 25-17-13 W4M at the time of the Tilley Canal rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is $15,000. Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Tateson's are willing to eliminate the north delivery and then supply the pivot from the south delivery in SE 25-17-13 W4M, which will result in a savings of $50,000 for the District. Under the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant Policy, the landowner is eligible for 50% of the realized construction cost-savings, to a maximum EID contribution of $20,000 per quarter section

2026-10-288 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Infrastructure Cost-Savings Grant for Max & Corrine Tateson for eliminating a delivery in SE 25-17-13 W4M at the time of the Tilley Canal rehabilitation project. The grant payable to the landowner is $20,000. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[10:45 a.m. J. Kabut and R. Summach exited the meeting; R. Elliot entered.]

9.0 Equipment

R. Elliot presented the following Equipment Report.

9.01 Sale of 250 Excavator and Motor Grader

Invitations for bids on the purchase of the following used equipment were sent to auction houses and advertised locally:

2022 JOHN DEERE 250GLC EXCAVATOR	
Dallas Martin	$151,000
Team Auctions	$140,000
Iron Edge Equipment Ltd	$128,500
Douglass Agro Ltd	$75,000

2018 JOHN DEERE 872GP MOTOR GRADER	
Team Auctions	$125,000
Iron Edge Equipment Ltd	$123,500

2026-10-289 Moved by J. Ketchmark that as highest bid, the District sell the:

- **2022 John Deere 250GLC Excavator to Dallas Martin for $151,000 + GST, and the**
- **2018 John Deere 872GP Motor Grader to Team Auctions for $125,000 + GST.**

Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directors requested that ads now include a note on when a decision on bids will be made.

[10:52 a.m. R. Elliott 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. The Bassano fibre project is currently under construction.

4th QUARTER EIDNET REPORT to October 19, 2026	
EIDNet Accounts	**Current Customers**
Residential Accounts	1,374
Business Accounts	433
EID Automation	99
Total	**1,906**

[10:56 a.m. R. Moen exited the meeting; B. Doerksen entered.]

11.0 Request for Funding – Alberta Invasive Species Council

B. Doerksen presented a request for funding 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.

2026-10-290 Moved by R. Hiebert that $5,000 be contributed to the Alberta Invasive Species Council in support of the association's operating costs and that a letter be forwarded in support of the organization requesting ongoing core funding from the Provincial Government. Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

[11:02 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 Assessment Report and Capital Assets Report to September 30, 2026

The Assessment Report for the period of April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, was presented, summarized as follows.

4th QUARTER EID WATER ROLL to September 30, 2026					
Quarter Ending	**Irrigation Acres**	**Terminable Acres**	**Annual Agmt Acres**	**5R Soils Acres**	**Total**
June 30, 2026	322,938	2,338	381	450	326,107
September 30, 2026	323,755	2,308	381	458	326,902
Net increase	817	< 30 >	0	8	795
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)					817
Terminable Acres Converted to Irrigation Acres					28
Terminable Acres Canceled					< 2 >

4th QUARTER CAPITAL ASSETS REVENUE REPORT	
Irrigation Acre Purchases	$2,370,362
Terminable Acre Conversions	$21,000
Annual Agreements	$0
5R Soil Agreements	$16,000
Totals	**$2,407,362**

12.01.2 Farm Improvement Grant Applications and Increases in Irrigation Acres Applications

12.01.2.1 Increase – Tod Andrus – SW 17-21-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 58 acres
- Current Assessment: 76 acres wiper pivot (18 acres added for Farm Improvement in 2017)
- Proposal: extend pivot reach; 50 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 126 acres all under wiper pivot
- Notes: soils testing required; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-291 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Tod Andrus for 50 infill acres in SW 17-21-13 W4M; subject to meeting soils requirements. The capital assets charge is $100,000 (50 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.2 Increase – Lathom Cattle Ltd (Suntana Murray) – N 29 & S 32-15-13 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 0 acres
- Current Assessment: 365 acres under 3 pivots (365 acres added for irrigation

development in 2021)
- Proposal: add small pivot; 32 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 397 acres all under 4 pivots
- Notes: soils meet requirements; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-292 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Lathom Cattle Ltd for 32 infill acres in N 29 & S 32-15-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is $64,000 (32 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.3 Increase – Herb & Dorothy Torkelson – E 27-20-15 W4M
- Previous Assessment: 238 acres
- Current Assessment: 257 acres (various acres added and sold back in both NE and SE)
- Proposal: add corner arm in NE; 15 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 272 acres all under pivot
- Notes: subject to landowner entering into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-293 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Herb & Dorothy Torkelson for 15 infill acres in E 27-20-15 W4M; subject to entering into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement. The capital assets charge is $30,000 (15 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.4 Increase – Wolf Ranch & Farms Ltd (Peter Wolf) – E 09-17-13 W4M
- Previous Assessment: 255 acres
- Current Assessment: 268 acres wiper pivot (5 acres removed and 10 acres added for 1995 general assessment, and 8 acres transferred in for 2016 general assessment)
- Proposal: add corner arm and small wiper pivot; 13 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 281 acres all under pivot and wiper pivots
- Notes: soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-294 Moved by B. Schroeder that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Wolf Ranch & Farms Ltd for 13 infill acres in E 09-17-13 W4M. The capital assets charge is $26,000 (13 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.5 Increase – Jeffery & Sheryl Van Wert – SW 02-17-13 W4M
- Previous Assessment: 75 acres
- Current Assessment: 91 acres wiper pivot (22 acres added for 1988 general assessment and 6 acres transferred off in 2015)
- Proposal: add small corner wiper pivot; 11 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 102 acres all under wiper pivot

- Notes: subject to landowner using Turnout #4235 and entering into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit exists; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-295 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Jeffery & Sheryl Van Wert for 11 infill acres in SW 02-17-13 W4M; subject to using Turnout #4235 and entering into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement. The capital assets charge is $22,000 (11 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.6 Conversion – Douglas & Kelly Christman – NW 22-21-18 W4M

Pt NW 22-21-18 W4M currently consists of 31 terminable acres. The landowners have requested the conversion of 31 terminable acres to irrigation acres with the intent of continuing wheel line and sprinkler irrigation. Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver.

2026-10-296 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application from Douglas & Kelly Christman to convert 31 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt NW 22-21-18 W4M. The capital assets charge is $62,000 (31 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.7 Conversion – John Irwin and Krista Irwin-Hopp – S 33-20-12 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 40 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 40 terminable acres
- Proposal: convert terminable acres to irrigation acres and install pivot; 22 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 62 acres all under pivot
- Notes: at the owner's expense the EID will need to install a tapping tee 25 m south of the south property line and install a new pipeline parallel to the EID main line, bringing the new service just inside the quarter section; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-297 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the application from John Irwin and Krista Irwin-Hopp to convert 40 terminable acres to irrigation acres in S 33-20-12 W4M; subject to a new delivery being installed at the landowner's expense. The capital assets charge is $80,000 (40 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-10-298 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for John Irwin and Krista Irwin-Hopp for 22 infill acres in S 33-20-12 W4M. The capital assets charge is $88,000 (22 acres x $4,000/acre). Seconded by B. Deschamps. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.8 Irrigable Unit Registration – John Irwin and Krista Irwin-Hopp – SE & SW 33-20-12 W4M

The proposed pivot crosses from the SE 33 into the SW 33-20-12 W4M, requiring an irrigable unit.

2026-10-299 Moved by B. Deschamps that the Board approve the registration of an Irrigable Unit on SE & SW 33-20-12 W4M, all lands being owned by John Irwin and Krista Irwin-Hopp. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.9 Conversion – Jaden Maldaner – SE 20-14-13 W4M

SE 20-14-13 W4M currently consists of 30 terminable acres. The landowner has requested the conversion of 30 terminable acres to irrigation acres with the intent of continuing wheel line irrigation. Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver; however, the landowner must enter into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement.

2026-10-300 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the application from Jaden Maldaner to convert 30 terminable acres to irrigation acres in SE 20-14-13 W4M; subject to the landowner entering into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement. The capital assets charge is $60,000 (30 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.10 Conversion – Outvesther Holdings Inc (William Anderson & Rhea Anderson) – NE 36-18-14 W4M

- Previous Assessment: 20 terminable acres
- Current Assessment: 20 terminable acres
- Proposal: convert terminable acres to irrigation acres and install wiper pivot with corner arm; 13 acres needed (infill)
- Efficiency Acres Gained: 0
- New Assessment: 33 acres all under wiper corner arm pivot
- Notes: Operations has confirmed the ability to deliver; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by October 31, 2027

2026-10-301 Moved by J. Alberts that the Board approve the application from Outvesther Holdings Inc to convert 20 terminable acres to irrigation acres in Pt NE 36-18-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is $40,000 (20 acres x $2,000/acre). Seconded by J. Ketchmark. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026-10-302 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the Increase in Irrigation Acres application for Outvesther Holdings Inc for 13 infill acres in Pt NE 36-18-14 W4M. The capital assets charge is $52,000 (13 acres x $4,000/acre). Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.01.2.11 Correction – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham) – NE 11-17-16 W4M

R. Gagley advised that although motion 2026-09-251 does not need to be rescinded, the NE 11 project notes presented at the September 22, 2026 Board Meeting should be corrected to:

- subject to landowner entering into to a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement for 1.5 cfs or a Rotational Agreement with NW 11-17-16 W4M which will also restrict the maximum instantaneous flow to 3.0 cfs; soils meet requirements; project must be completed by September 30, 2027.

12.01.2.12 Correction – GCG Cattle Co Ltd (George & Carmen Graham) – SW 14-17-16 W4M

R. Gagley also advised that although motion 2026-09-252 does not need to be rescinded, the SW 14 project notes presented at the September 22, 2026 Board Meeting should be corrected to:

- subject to landowner entering into a Rotational Agreement with SE 15-17-16 W4M which will also restrict the maximum instantaneous flow to 3.0 cfs; soils meet requirements; irrigable unit required; project must be completed by September 30, 2027.

13.0 Irrigation Applications for 2027

S. Connauton presented the 21 applications received for irrigation beginning in 2027. 14 applications were received for off-river acres and 7 for under reservoir support. Notwithstanding initial conditional approval from the Board, projects that are not completed by September 30, 2027, will not receive final approval. Through initial discussion and in review of the applications, a number of questions were responded to by Mrs. Connauton and Admin.

The standard requirements for all proposals being approved are:

- all infrastructure must be installed by September 30, 2027
- all infrastructure must not encroach on any adjacent EID titled land or right-of-way land
- if infrastructure is crossing an undeveloped County R/A, proof of permission must be provided
- the delivery site remains the same unless stated otherwise
- soil test results from a qualified land classification agrologist must be submitted with the irrigation application and show the project area meeting requirements
- consents from any third party who must consent to the installation of new infrastructure crossing their lands must be submitted with the application
- an engineering report from a qualified engineer confirming the volume of live storage for any development being proposed to capture operational spill water in a landowner owned reservoir must be submitted with the irrigation application
- the EID will complete verification of the project by survey prior to finalization
- capital asset payment is due upon the installation of the infrastructure

The charges applicable to these applications are as per the current Capital Asset Charges Bylaw #981 (2025):

- $2,000/acre for converting terminable acres to irrigation acres
- $2,000/acre for infill and efficiency acres up to 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- $4,000/acre for infill and efficiency acres over 50 irrigation acres per parcel
- $4,000/acre for acres assessed to dry parcels (new acres)

13.01 River Supported Areas

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,200 off-river, New Parcel irrigation acres for 2027 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #991 (2026).

13.01.1 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) – E 33-18-15 W4M

- Assessment: 0 (for project)
- Proposal: install pivot; 96 acres needed (25 remaining infill for parcel, 71 new)
- Notes: previous increase in irrigation; new irrigable unit required

13.01.2 2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – W 22-18-15 W4M

- Assessment: 0 (40 acres to be transferred)
- Proposal: install linear pivot; 110 acres needed (new)
- Notes: 5R soils to be retested in 5/10 years

13.01.3 Serfas Land Company Inc (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Pt Sec 06 & SW 07-20-16 W4M, SE 01, Pt Sec 03 & Pt Sec 12-20-17 W4M, and Pt NE 36-19-17 W4M

- Assessment: 40 acres
- Proposal: install 5 wiper pivots; 698 acres needed (40 infill, 658 new)
- Notes: phase 2 of previous project; new irrigable unit required

13.01.4 1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) – Sec 21-18-15 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install 2 pivots and 1 wiper pivot; 368 acres needed (new)
- Notes: new irrigable unit needed

206-10-303 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under River Support" irrigation applications for 2027:

- **1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) – E 33-18-15 W4M;**
- **2125538 Alberta Ltd (Erich Van der Linde) – W 22-18-15 W4M;**
- **Serfas Farms Ltd (Kevin Serfas and Mark Serfas) – Pt Sec 06 & SW 07-20-16 W4M, SE 01, Pt Sec 03 & Pt Sec 12-20-17 W4M, and Pt NE 36-19-17 W4M; and**
- **1719660 Alberta Ltd (Ben Van Dyk) – Sec 21-18-15 W4M.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The remaining applications were denied due to one or more of the following:

- the available 1,200 off river New Parcel irrigation acres had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet "land classification" requirements
- the application did not meet "ability to deliver" water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95
- the application was incomplete

The irrigation applications denied are listed as follows:

- Neely Agro Ltd (James, Sharon, Cole, Logan Neely) – W 25-21-13 W4M
- Rejo Ranches Ltd (Jamie Buteau) & James Buteau – W 25-18-16 W4M
- Carson Good and William Bildersheim – NW 26-18-15 W4M
- John & Teena Ketchmark – Pt W 22 & Pt NW 15-17-16 W4M
- Tenner Land Corp (Ben Van Dyk and Hugo Van Liere) – S 01-18-17 W4M
- Sundial Livestock Feeders Ltd (Wim van der Poel) – SE 01-21-18 W4M
- Van Hall Cattle Company Ltd (Henry & Janice Van Hall) – NW 26-15-16 W4M
- 1717868 Alberta Inc (Greg Johnson) – NW 21-20-17 W4M
- 1797575 Alberta Ltd (Tanner McCoomb) – SW 26-21-18 W4M
- Endersby Cattle Company (various) – E 32 & W 33-20-17 W4M

13.02 Reservoir Supported Areas

The following applications were given consideration as they rated highest amongst the applications for the available 1,800 under reservoir New Parcel irrigation acres for 2027 pursuant to Irrigation Acres Bylaw #991 (2026). A combined balance of 1,730 unapproved, under reservoir, New Parcel irrigation acres remain, from last year's and this year's applications. The District has priority to these Carry Forward acres for its own irrigation development.

13.02.1 CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W 25-15-15 W4M

- Assessment: 119 acres pivot
- Proposal: infill pivot wedge; 19 acres needed (new)
- Notes: not eligible for Infill rate (less than 5 years)

13.02.2 West Gem Ranching Ltd (Dwayne Klassen and Greg Klassen) – SE 21-22-17 W4M

- Assessment: 1 acre
- Proposal: install wiper pivot; 21 acres needed (new)
- Notes: not eligible for Infill rate (less than 5 years)

13.02.3 Alberta Forage Farming 5 Inc (Joelle Faulkner) – Pt Sec 03 & E 04-21-13 W4M

- Assessment: 3 acres
- Proposal: install 2 wiper pivots; 310 acres needed (new)
- Notes: not eligible for Infill rate (less than 5 years); requires subdivision and purchase of Pt NW 03-21-13 W4M

13.02.4 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George V & Suntana Murray) – Sec 13-18-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install pivot and wiper pivot; 191 acres needed (new)
- Notes: easement required

13.02.5 GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George V & Suntana Murray) – Sec 28 & Sec 29-18-13 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install 1 large and 2 small pivots; 406 acres needed (new)
- Notes: landowner will need to pipe back to Cowoki stilling pond or enter into a Maximum Instantaneous Flow Agreement for the system

13.02.6 Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 29-23-16 W4M

- Assessment: 0
- Proposal: install large wiper pivot; 180 acres needed
- Notes: irrigable unit required

13.02.7 Peter Giesbrecht & Arianna Walker – NW 24-16-13 W4M

- Assessment: 13 terminable acres
- Proposal: convert terminable acres to irrigation acres; install wiper pivot; 49 acres needed (new)
- Notes: Operations recommending a landowner pond with river water screen due to water quality issues

2026-10-304 Moved by J. Ketchmark that the Board approve the following "Infill Above 50 Acres, and New Parcel Acres Under Reservoir Support" irrigation applications for 2027:

- **CO Johnson & Sons Ranches Ltd (Blaine Johnson and Warren Johnson) – W 25-15-15;**
- **West Gem Ranching Ltd (Dwayne Klassen and Greg Klassen) – SE 21-22-17 W4M;**
- **Alberta Forage Farming 5 Inc (Joelle Faulkner) – Pt Sec 03 & E 04-21-13 W4M;**
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George V & Suntana Murray)**

– Sec 13-18-13 W4M;
- **GW Murray Ranches Ltd (George Murray IV, George V & Suntana Murray) – Sec 28 & Sec 29-18-13 W4M;**
- **Hutterian Brethren of Spring View – Sec 29-23-16 W4M; and**
- **Peter Giesbrecht & Arianna Walker – NW 24-16-13 W4M.**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no applications denied due to one or more of the following:
- the available 1,800 under reservoir New Parcel irrigation acres located downstream of either Lake Newell Reservoir or Crawling Valley Reservoir had been allocated to higher rated applications
- the application did not meet "land classification" requirements
- the application did not meet "ability to deliver" water requirements
- the application did not meet overall minimum rating requirements
- the application did not meet all requirements of the *Irrigation Districts Act*, of note section 95
- the application was incomplete

[12:01 p.m. – 12:36 p.m. Lunch break.]

2026-10-305 Moved by R. Hiebert that the Board resolve into the Committee of the Whole. Seconded by D. Peltzer. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

[12:47 p.m. S. Connauton exited the meeting; N. Fontaine entered.]

16.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

17.0 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

12.0 Lands cont'd

12.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

12.02.1 Request to Purchase Land – Colby Westwick – Pt SW 27-18-14 W4M

12.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Eric Versteegen – Pt SE 20-14-13 W4M

18.0 Commercial Update

18.01 Data Centres

18.02 Meetings of the Board – Public vs Private

[1:48 p.m. N. Fontaine exited the meeting; I. Friesen entered.]

19.0 Information Meetings

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.03 Snake Lake Reservoir

[2:34 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Short break; I. Friesen exited the meeting.]

20.0 Health & Safety

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.06 Meeting with City of Brooks Council – October 7

4.07 Meeting with County of Newell Reeve and CAO – October 13

21.0 Draft Newsletter

2026-10-306 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

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

A motion for 1st reading was approved once reconvened.

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

A motion for 1st reading was approved once reconvened.

16.0 Sale of District Owned Lands Policy

The fragmented parcel values within the policy (clause 3.01) were reviewed and left as is at $3,000 for acres without assessment and $14,000 for acres inclusive of capital asset charges.

17.0 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

A motion was approved once reconvened.

12.0 Lands cont'd

12.02 Lands, Oil & Gas

12.02.1 Request to Purchase Land – Colby Westwick – Pt SW 27-18-14 W4M

Direction was given to N. Fontaine.

12.02.2 Request to Purchase Land – Eric Versteegen – Pt SE 20-14-13 W4M

Direction was given to N. Fontaine.

18.0 Commercial Update

18.01 Data Centres

To facilitate a regional perspective on data centres, a joint meeting(s) is to be arranged with the County of Newell and City of Brooks in the near future. An industry expert is to be enlisted to present and field questions.

18.02 Meetings of the Board – Public vs Private

Enquiries on whether District board meetings are public or private had been recently received. Board meetings are not open to the public unless a person or group is invited by the Board to attend or to present. Requests to present may be considered by the Board if the Board determines a presentation could be informative, factual, and relevant to important matters concerning the District. Information regarding board meeting attendance and participation will also be placed on the District website.

19.0 Information Meetings

Draft presentations to the irrigators were reviewed, with a number of questions being responded to by Mr. Friesen and Mr. Gagley. It was requested by Directors to have Water Operators text their irrigators an advance notice of the Info Meetings.

8.0 Engineering cont'd

8.03 Snake Lake Reservoir

Direction was given to R. Gagley.

20.0 Health & Safety

G. Krushell provided a Health & Safety update concerning the lifting of the stop work order, contractor management supports, leadership engagement, staffing developments, ongoing site inspections, and incident reporting.

4.0 Reports on Meetings / Events cont'd

4.06 Meeting with City of Brooks Council – October 7

T. Hemsing and G. Krushell attended a meeting with the City of Brooks Mayor and CAO on October 7th. A summary of the discussion was provided and it was advised that a future joint meeting may be proposed.

4.07 Meeting with County of Newell Reeve and CAO – October 13

T. Hemsing and G. Krushell had an introductory meeting with the County of Newell Reeve and CAO on October 13th where various topics were discussed. A date for a joint meeting will be determined.

21.0 Draft Newsletter

The draft newsletter was presented for review. No edits were requested by the Board. Final post-meeting edits will be made, and the newsletter will be mailed October 30th.

CONTINUATION OF THE AGENDA

14.0 Irrigation Acres Bylaw

The Irrigation Acres Bylaw was presented and given 1st reading. The project completion deadline for annual irrigation development applications is proposed to be a month earlier, to August 31st instead of September 30th (to align with the annual application deadline for New Parcel Irrigation Acres). Also, it was proposed that any applications for infill and conversion acres must also include soils testing results, as required by the Irrigation Districts Act, with submitted applications. This bylaw will be brought back to the November meeting for 2nd and possible 3rd readings.

2026-10-307 Moved by D. Peltzer that Bylaw #992 (2026), be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of October 2026. Seconded by R. Hiebert. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15.0 Capital Assets Charges Bylaw

The Capital Assets Charges Bylaw was presented and given 1st reading. It was presented that the capital asset charges for all acres are to be one amount at a proposed charge of $4,080/acre, which amount includes the 2% default increase to the current $4,000/acre charge in effect for New Parcel Irrigation Acres. This bylaw will be brought back to the November meeting for 2nd and possible 3rd readings.

2026-10-308 Moved by J. Ketchmark that Bylaw #993 (2026) be introduced and read the first time this 28th day of October 2026 which would increase the capital assets charges from:

- **$2,000/acre to $4,080/acre for conversion of terminable acres to irrigation acres;**
- **$2,000/acre to $4,080/acre for the purchase of infill and efficiency acres up to 50 acres per parcel; and**
- **$4,000/acre to $4,080/acre for the purchase of new acres or infill and efficiency acres over 50 acres per parcel;**

Seconded by B. Schroeder. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17.0 Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy

The Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy is a comprehensive policy which establishes guidelines for design and construction of rehabilitation projects. The amounts in the 'Schedule of Approved Fees' were increased to align with those in the current Sale of District Owned Lands Policy.

2026-10-309 Moved by J. Ketchmark that clause 8.3 'Schedule of Approved Fees' within the Canal and Pipeline Rehabilitation Policy be amended as presented. Seconded by J. Alberts. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Deschamps moved adjournment of the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Chairman

General Manager