

# Greenfields

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minutes from a regular Greenfields Irrigation District Board meeting held on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance were: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Pat Brosten, Chase Brady and Dave Gulick. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also in attendance: Advisory Board Member Chris Ostberg, Employee Cory Copenhaver, Water User Spencer Pearson, Lee Signalness with FSID and Tracy Wendt with SRWG. Via teleconference Al Rollo was present, as well.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 7:23 P.M., as the Special Meeting preceding this meeting ran longer than expected.

**Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants:** The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the March 9th Regular Meeting. No discrepancies were found, and Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes with Commissioner Norris seconding the motion. Next the Board needed to approve the March warrants. Question was asked regarding the warrant to IPEX and it was determined it was for PVC 36-inch elbow joints for the Teton Cooperative Canal Company. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

**Parties Presenting Issues:** Spencer Pearson wished to address the Board regarding the 960-acre limitation policy and asked for the Board to provide clarity to questions he had regarding the policy. Pearson had 4 questions that he presented to the Board for clarification. The Board heard his questions and concerns and let him know that further investigation, as well as legal counsel from our water rights' attorney before officially providing answers.

**Contracts to Execute:** None.

The next item of business was the Manager's Report:

**Reservoir and River Operations:** See M.R. for full details. Gibson is 44% full, that is about 108% of normal for this time of year. Inflows into Gibson started climbing in April, but now have been dropping off. We will start releasing water down the WCFC once the snow and ice blockage has melted. Snowpack is 91% of normal as of today. The long-term forecast continues to be well above normal temps and well below normal precipitation for July through September. We will need about 6 weeks to top off Willow Creek. The PSC will start running towards the end of April, pending repairs to Tunnel #3. The Board discussed starting the water season with a 1.5 allotment instead of the normal 2 and will vote on it during the Agenda portion of the meeting.

**Water Rights:** Preliminary Decree for Basin 41K is ongoing. No news to report.

**GID Staff Updates:** Manager Juel visited with Union Representative Jim Stone about getting new wording amended in the contract. It was determined to be too late to get it into the current contract, but we will revisit the issue come October when negotiations begin. After 37 years, Richard Schmidt will be retiring on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Retirement Fund started for donations.

**GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates:** We are waiting until the end of the upcoming water season to continue our mapping efforts. Office Manager Gulick then gave a brief update on the status of the Database and its ongoing development. Nancy and Jenny sent out reminder letters to several producers who are near the 960-

acre limitation. We plan to put certification reminder in the newspaper and the newsletter. Manager Juel is still trying to arrange a time to meet up with Blair Gjesvold and find a solution to his WSC payment concern.

**Farm Unit Operations:** See the M.R. and handouts provided to be discussed during the Agenda portion of the meeting.

**DNRC State Land WSCs:** State DNRC was granted another extension.

**Willow Creek Feeder Canal Lawsuit:** See M.R. for full details. The Executive Session meeting that preceded this meeting was held with GID's attorney to receive an update on the lawsuit.

**GID Vehicles & Equipment:** We are still looking to replace 2 ditch rider pick-ups this Spring, but no fleet vehicles are currently available. Manager Juel is working with Dirkes. We still need to replace the over-sized bucket on the JD excavator. GID will be selling the skid steer. The car hauling trailer has broken in half and we are looking to replace it with a gooseneck trailer. See M.R. for additional long and short-term needs.

**Office & Admin:** Mark Bigler's trial has been set for August 16<sup>th</sup>. Any financial relief awarded must be forwarded on to MACO.

**Hydro Updates:** Manager Juel testified against HB 389 which would have impacted Turnbull Hydro. Ted Sorrenson wants to come and meet with the Board sometime in May. We have received a \$2 million-dollar LOPP grant for Arnold Coulee. Manager Juel reached out to NW Energy to discuss a possible PPA. We need to self-certify with FERC as a small QF.

**Monthly Financials & 2021 Budget:** See the Warrants list, Accounts Payable and Receivables List, attached. GID will receive \$50,000 for tax credits via EFT.

**GID Infrastructure:** See the M.R. for current and planned infrastructure projects. The Sun River Bridge Replacement project was then discussed. The FOA for FLAP grant opportunity is out and was initially due April 1<sup>st</sup>, but is now due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Manager Juel sent a draft review to Reclamation for their input. This grant seeks up to \$12M and would compliment the FLTP award of \$1.77 million already awarded.

**Title Transfer:** Manager Juel and Vice President Norris met with the new Montana Area Manager, Ryan Newman on March 24<sup>th</sup> where various GID concerns were discussed, as well as strategies to address those concerns. Afterwards, a follow-up letter was sent to reiterate the Board's concerns. Manager Juel looked at a phased approach to acquire Pishkun Reservoir and the PSC and then have negotiations with the NFS about the land inside the forest.

**GID O&M Projects:** See O&M Foreman's List for the month, as well as maintenance items in progress or planning which are detailed in the M.R. also. Tunnel #3 roof collapse was noticed by Dam Tender Dale during the Spring walk through. Management and the crew are working on short-term temporary repairs needed which will cost approximately \$15,000, as well as the long-term permanent solution to be implemented after the season which will cost approximately \$65,000. Manager Juel plans to send an application to the DNRC requesting emergency grants funds. He is also looking to get laser work done before the crew applies the metal. We are regrading and sealing SRS Main Canal at SV Headworks.

**Grazing Lease Issues:** Nothing new on any grazing pastures.

**Miscellaneous:** GID's Annual Meeting was mildly successful, as attendance was down some this year due to the pandemic. The Board will be making a decision on the two Ag Scholarships to be awarded tonight. Manager Juel submitted another application on March 18<sup>th</sup> for \$75K WaterSmart grant to fix the lower GSC. SB 307 Revised Ditch Liability passed the house and is now on the way to the Governor's desk. Still working on SB 326- Irrigation District Bonding by Resolution.

**Short-Term and Long-Term To-Do-Lists:** See the M.R. for details. Top priority is to get Tunnel #3 operational and finalize and submit the FLAP grant for new Sun River Bridge.

**Agenda Items:**

- 1) Ag Scholarship Candidate Consideration is the first item on the Agenda. It was determined that only 2 of the 3 applicants qualified, so each would be awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the motion to award both candidates \$1,000 and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 2) FYI to the Board for various new pivot installations, see attachments.
- 3) Water User Kaare Pearson is requesting to split 1.87 acres from FU 510.1 and create a new FU 510.5, see attachment. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 4) Water users David-Paul and Connie Anderson requested to split 13.21 acres from FU 475.1 to create new FU 475.3, see attachment. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the split and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 5) Water User Arlene Harris is requesting to split 10.0 acres from FU 125 to create new FU 125.1 and move assessment, see attachment. It was determined to be the ground by her house near the main canal. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 6) Request by Water User Sharman Legore to split 120.75 physical acres and 0 assessed acres from FU 583 to create new FU 583.1, see attachment. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 7) Agenda Item #7, not on the official Agenda. Request from Roger and Robert Beck to move excess acres from 4 different FUs to balance assessment versus irrigation practice on FU 553.1. Some of the FUs are owned by Robert and Roger. Board needs to determine how the acres could be reassessed. Commissioner Brosten moved to table the request until it was further looked into and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 8) Board to decide what allotment we will set for the upcoming water season. Commissioner Brady moved to begin the season at the reduced 1.5 allotment and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- 1) Al Rollo briefly informed the Board about the grant work he has been working on with Erling.
- 2) Tracy Wendt with SRWG then addressed the Board to give an update on what she has been working on. The draft of the Channel Migration Zone Report for Phase 2 has just been completed. When all findings have been discovered a report will be drafted. She told the Board of the upcoming events planned for getting feedback from the community to help prioritize the natural resource conservation efforts needed. Water Quality monitoring will begin next week, and gauge readings will begin soon. She

then asked the Board for its usual Spring contribution of \$5,000 to work towards matching contributions fundraiser event. Commissioner Norris moved to make the annual Spring contribution and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. A Lewis & Clark Conservation Employee is being consigned by SRWG to monitor 6 of the gauge sites.

- 3) Lee Signalness addressed the Board and gave an update on FSID's happenings. Their Board has also decided to begin the water season with a 1.5 allotment. They hired a ditch rider to co-manage the District with Lee. It is planned that they will start flushing May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Brady moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 9:24 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary

Recap of Board Action During the Meeting:

- 1) Ag Scholarships for \$1,000 each are awarded to the two qualifying applicants.
- 2) Board approved Kaare Pearson's request to split 1.87 acres from FU 510.1 and create new FU 510.5.
- 3) Board approved David-Paul and Connie Anderson's request to split 13.21 acres from FU 475.1 to create new FU 475.3.
- 4) Board approved the request by Arlene Harris to split 10.0 acres from FU 125 to create new FU 125.1 and move assessment.
- 5) Board approved Sharman Legore's request to split 120.75 acres and 0 assessed acres from FU 583 to create new FU 583.1.
- 6) Board tabled the request from Roger and Robert Beck to move excess acres from 4 FUs to balance assessment versus irrigation practice.
- 7) Board voted to begin the water season at a reduced 1.5 allotment.
- 8) Board moved to give SRWG their requested annual Spring contribution of \$5,000.



**AGENDA FOR: Regular meeting Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Board President, Tim Brunner.

**Public Comment:** Prior to each agenda item...limited to 5 minutes...any Board action necessary will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** March 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

**REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT—**Approve and sign March warrants and recap list.

**PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES:** Spencer Pearson would like to address the Board to discuss the current 960-acre limitation policy.

**CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:** None

**MANAGER's REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) Ag Scholarship Candidate Consideration, materials provided at last month's meeting.
- 2) FYI on a handful of new proposed pivot installations, see attachments.
- 3) Request by Kaare Pearson to split 1.87 physical acres from FU 510.1 to create new FU 510.5, see handout.
- 4) Request by David-Paul & Connie Anderson to split 13.21 physical acres from FU 475.1 to create new FU 475.3, see handout.
- 5) Request from Arlene Harris to split 10.00 physical acres from FU 125 to create new FU 125.1 and move assessment, see handout.
- 6) Request from Sharman Legore to split 120.75 physical acres and 0 assessed acres from FU 583 to create new 583.1 to allow for farming practice, see handout.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Alan Rollo
- SRWG, Tracy Wendt

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Accrual Basis

## GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## Monthly Warrant List

March 2021

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Mar 21</b>				
03/02/2021	31865	Verizon Wireless	Long Distance #08693387295	-139.63
03/03/2021	31866	Christopher Ostberg or Steve Ostberg	power consumption agreement	-140.00
03/09/2021	31901	National Laundry	mats & shop rags	-144.86
03/09/2021	31902	O Reilly Auto Parts	repair	-235.83
03/09/2021	31903	Pacific Steel	steel	-3,072.28
03/09/2021	31904	BREEN OIL & TIRE	propane & service work on Dam House	-522.86
03/09/2021	31905	R&L Eagle Grocery	office/shop supplies	-16.77
03/09/2021	31906	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	sand/gravel	-1,069.70
03/09/2021	31907	3 Rivers Communication	phone	-606.50
03/09/2021	31908	Mountain View Co-Op	bulk gas, repairs	-13,092.06
03/09/2021	31909	Visa	office, repairs, shop supplies	-574.73
03/10/2021	31930	Employee Michelle Lauver	Emp reimb \$22.92	-22.92
03/10/2021	31931	Jack Knight	intern - 36 hours	-315.00
03/10/2021	31932	TB - MPERA	retirement	-5,843.80
03/10/2021	31933	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,012.30
03/10/2021	31934	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,589.00
03/10/2021	31935	IPEX USA LLC	stock- Teton County Coop	-1,611.90
03/11/2021	31936	Republic Services	utilities	-115.50
03/11/2021	31937	The Eagle/Fairfield Schools	annual ad	-30.00
03/11/2021	31938	Dale Sand	reimb cell phone \$65	-65.00
03/11/2021	31939	Clement, Charlie	phone reimb - \$81.19	-81.19
03/16/2021	31940	Department of Agriculture	annual pesticide applications	-185.00
03/18/2021	31941	Fairfield Fire Department Inc.	2 pumps	-1,235.00
03/24/2021	31966	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,096.02
03/24/2021	31967	TB - MPERA	retirement	-5,836.56
03/24/2021	31968	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,597.00
03/24/2021	31969	Employee Mark Dale	emp reim \$18.22	-18.22
03/24/2021	31970	Jack Knight	intern - 25.5 hours	-223.13
03/24/2021	31971	Jenny Gulick	reimb office \$111.26	-111.26
03/31/2021	31972	US Postal Service	certification	-110.00
03/31/2021	31973	Jenny Gulick	petty cash reconciliation	-186.34
03/31/2021	31999	Aflac	insurance	-218.04
03/31/2021	32000	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-19,110.00
03/31/2021	32001	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-831.00
03/31/2021	32002	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-608.99
03/31/2021	32003	Advanced Drainage System	MDT Drain Closing	-7,176.51
03/31/2021	32004	Allegra - Missoula	warrants	-165.29
03/31/2021	32005	At Home Flooring	carpet and install	-7,492.52

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
03/31/2021	32006	Battery Warehouse	repairs	-559.80
03/31/2021	32007	Breen Oil and Tire Company	propane	-1,405.15
03/31/2021	32008	Choteau Acantha	ad	-252.00
03/31/2021	32009	Cintas First Aid & Safety	first aid	-142.58
03/31/2021	32010	City Motor Company	repairs	-348.91
03/31/2021	32011	Cozy Corner	pie and ice cream	-569.25
03/31/2021	32012	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	monthly website hosting/maintenance	-2,575.00
03/31/2021	32013	Employee Charles Clement	emp cell reimb - \$81.95	-81.95
03/31/2021	32014	Employee Dale Sand	empl cell reimb \$65.00	-65.00
03/31/2021	32015	Enviro Tech Watershed Consultant	contract work	-675.00
03/31/2021	32016	Fairfield Sun Times	ad	-102.00
03/31/2021	32017	General Distributing Co	welding supply	-718.58
03/31/2021	32018	GERBERS OF MONTANA, INC	shop supply	-25.00
03/31/2021	32019	Home Depot	repairs	-967.11
03/31/2021	32020	IPEX USA LLC	misc stores	-1,155.99
03/31/2021	32021	K's Auto Parts	repairs	-199.80
03/31/2021	32022	Macon Supply, Inc	Muddy Creek	-252.00
03/31/2021	32023	MDS Supply	shop supplies/misc stores	-3,945.66
03/31/2021	32024	Mills Motor, Co.	repairs/supplies	-319.41
03/31/2021	32025	Motor Power - Great Falls	repairs	-120.87
03/31/2021	32026	Mountain View Co-Op	repairs	-1,237.96
03/31/2021	32027	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-49.71
03/31/2021	32028	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-1,886.16
03/31/2021	32029	O Reilly Auto Parts	repairs	-106.49
03/31/2021	32030	Pacific Steel	misc stores	-10,404.70
03/31/2021	32031	Republic Services	garbage	-115.50
03/31/2021	32032	RPH Irrigation Services Limited	pipe	-206.20
03/31/2021	32033	Staples Credit Plan	office	-256.07
03/31/2021	32034	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	utilities/Arnold Coulee	-20,582.04
03/31/2021	32035	TD&H Engineering	cement	-50.00
03/31/2021	32036	Tire Rama Service Center	emp reimb \$331.90	-331.90
03/31/2021	32037	TNT Truck Parts	repair	-18.50
03/31/2021	32038	Torgersons	repairs	-115.52
03/31/2021	32039	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
03/31/2021	32040	True Value	office/shop supplies	-66.29
03/31/2021	32041	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	Muddy Creek	-1,191.38
03/31/2021	32042	Victory Insurance Company	Installment 9	-1,800.00
03/31/2021	32043	Visa	repairs/office/emp reimb \$48.87	-2,423.08

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
03/31/2021	32044	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	contract svs	-2,075.00
<b>Mar 21</b>				<b>-148,133.27</b>

Recap of March 2021 warrants:

Regular warrants

\$148,133.27

March 2021 payroll

\$ 50,420.90

Total

\$198,554.17

Less employee reimbursable

\$ 526.31

TOTAL

\$198,027.86

Approved by  
President

Date

Submitted by  
Bookkeeper

Date



To: GID Commissioners  
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

From: Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager

Subject: Manager's Report 04/13/21

### 1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 04/13/21

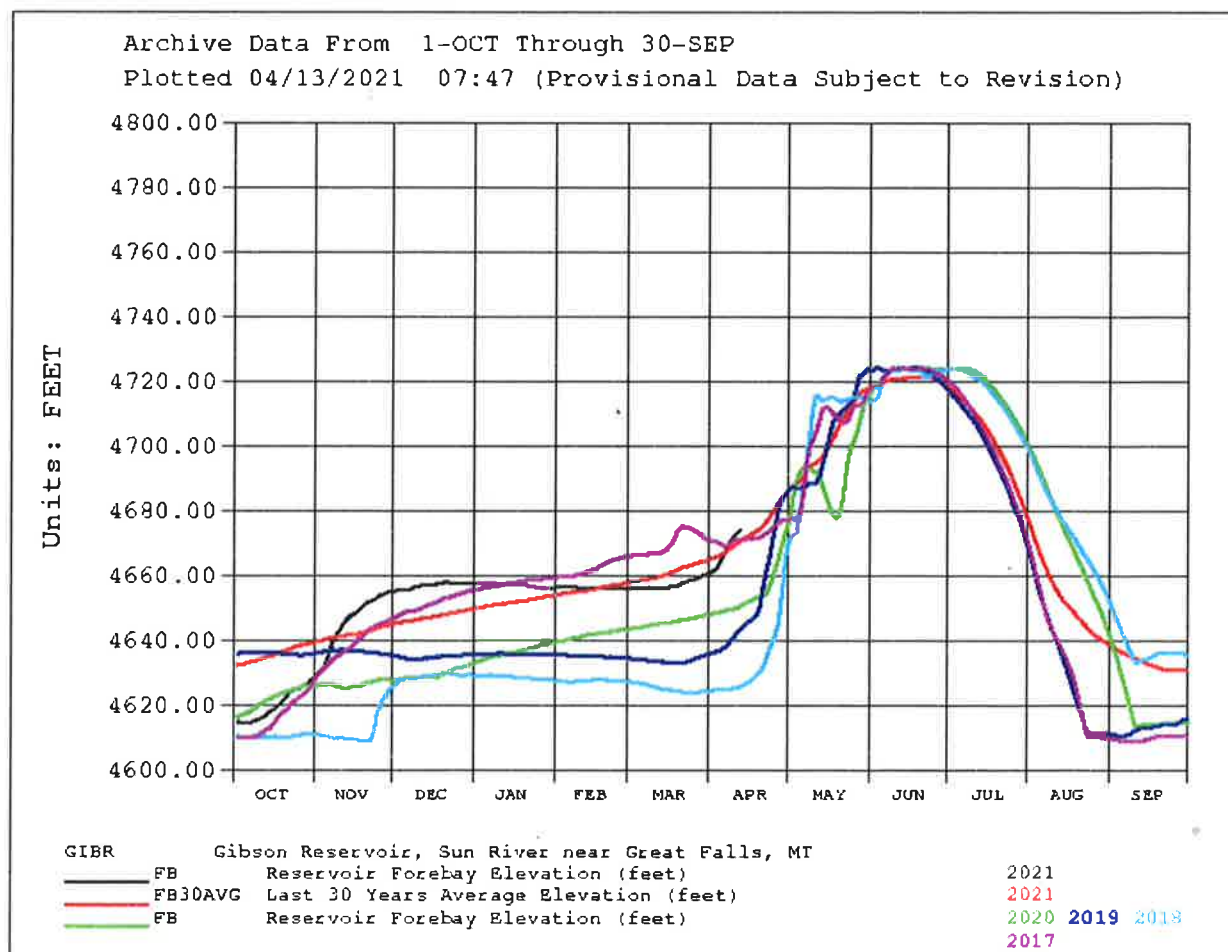
A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:

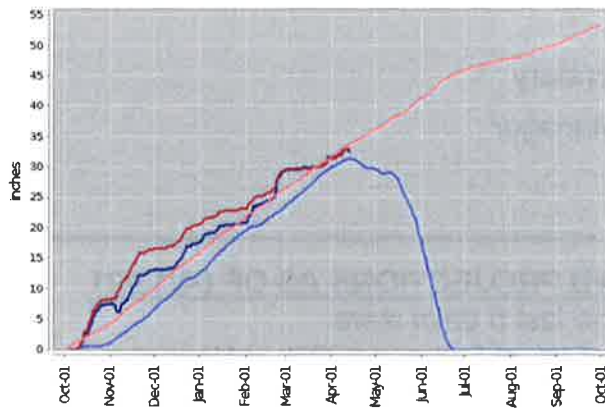
- Gibson Reservoir: 43,500 Ac-ft, 44% of Full and 108% of Normal
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 825 to 425 cfs, 175 to 75% of Normal
- Gibson Outflows: steady at 134 cfs
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 23,600 Ac-ft, 74% Full, 97% of Normal
- Willow Creek Inflows: averaging +/-10 cfs

B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 32.4"
- Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 17.8"
- Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 9.5"
- Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 7.6"
- Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 14.7", 91% of normal per (USBR)

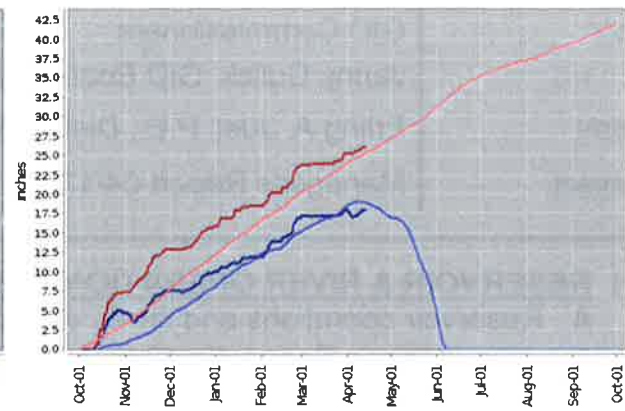
C. National Climate Prediction Center still predicting normal temperatures and normal precipitation for April through June. While July to September is predicted to have well above-normal temps and well below-normal precipitation.



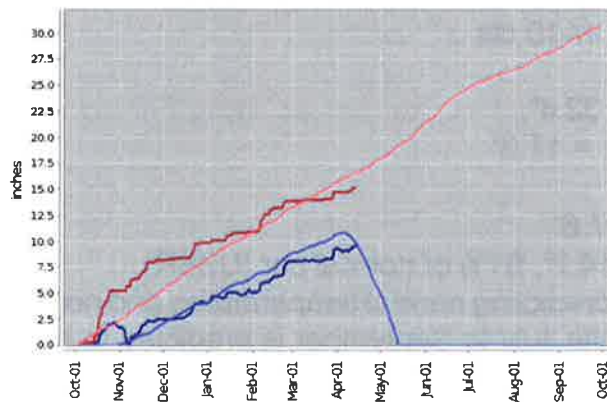


BADGER PASS

(snow-water equivalent)

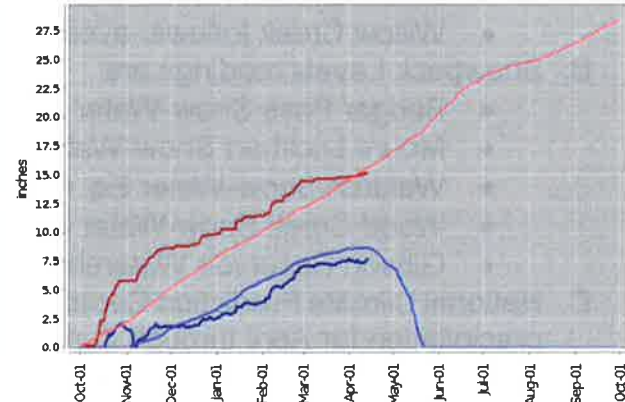


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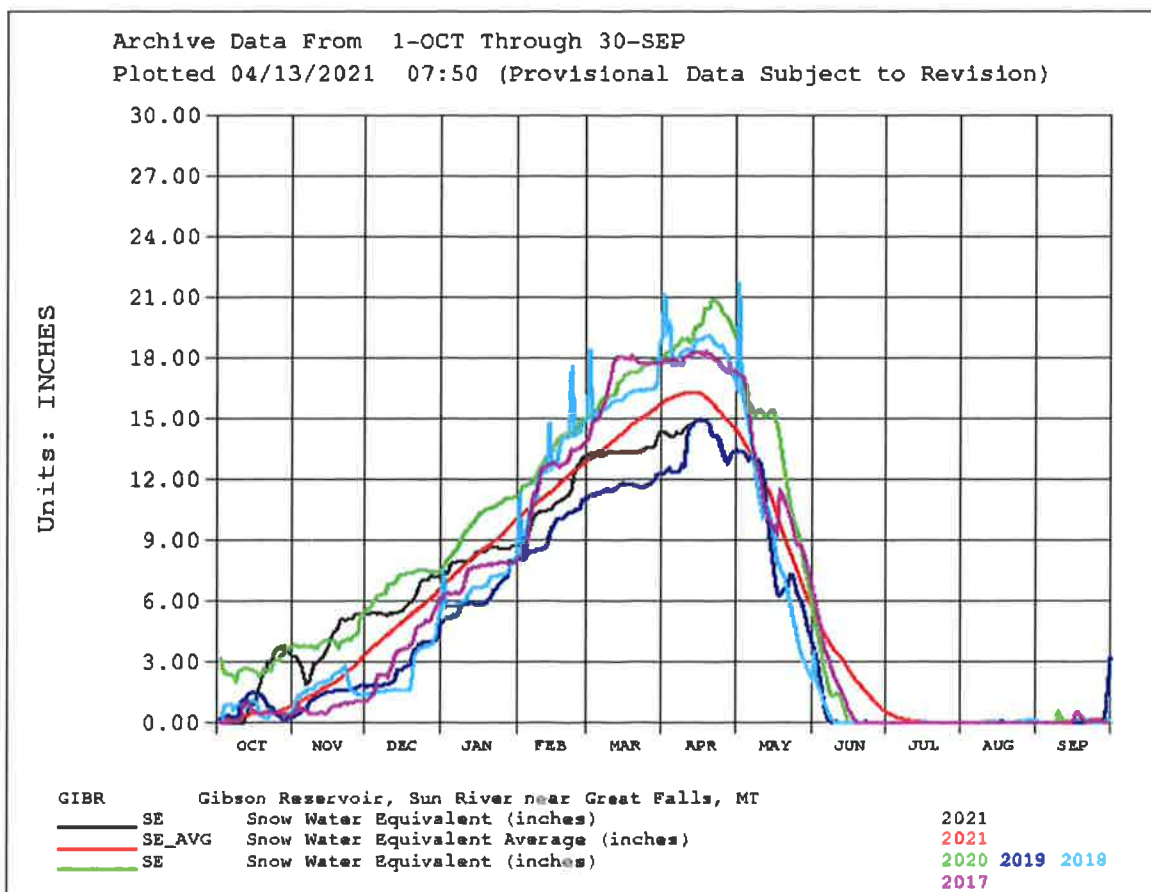


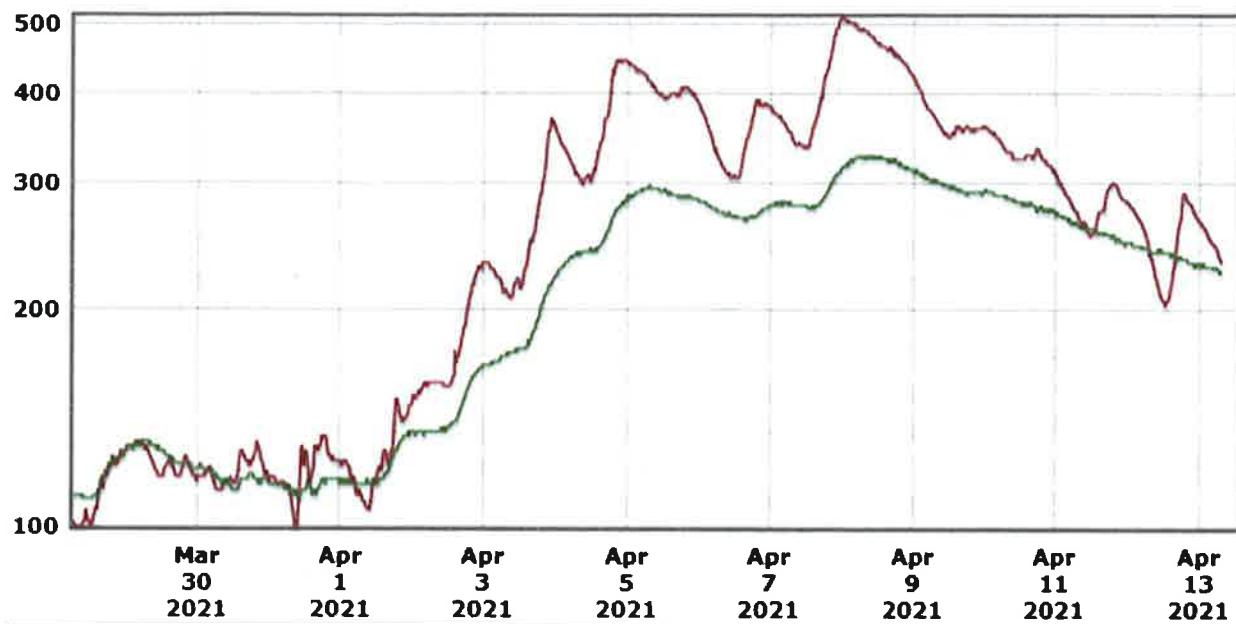
WALDRON

(total precipitation)



WOOD CREEK





**INFLOWS – NORTH & SOUTH FORKS OF SUN RIVER**

D. That being said.....

1. The snowpack levels and the weather patterns projected for the next couple of months suggest the likelihood of a reduced allotment.
2. Looking to start the water season sometime around first week to mid-May. The Board can make a final decision at our next Board meeting.
3. Looking to start the Willow Creek FC possibly the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. It will 6 to 7 weeks to top off. I plan to leave a little bit more freeboard buffer than normal to accommodate low-elevation snow melt and spring rain storms.
4. Will start the Pishkun Supply Canal towards near the end of April pending repairs. It will take less than a week to top of Pishkun.

## **2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES**

- A. The Preliminary Decree for Basin 41K (Sun River) is on-going. No news or issues.

## **3) GID STAFF UPDATES**

- A. Finalized Union Contract for 2021 only.
- B. Again reminder, Richard Schimdt has announced his retirement after 37 years effective May 28<sup>th</sup>. Collecting donations for a nice parting gift.

## **4) GIS MAPPING, PLATS, DATA BASE & CERTIFICATION UPDATES**

- A. Still nothing new on \$25K grant with USBR to cover GIS mapping efforts. Waiting until certification is completed and water season gets under way.
- B. Jenny and Nancy continually work the Data Base Developer to implement enhancements and improvements. Looks like we will be contracting with Edge to initiate Phase II which will coordinate the Data Base with the GIS mapping attributes. Jenny to provide a detailed update.
- C. Sent letters to several producers who have apparent issues with the 960-acre limitation. Plan to put something in the local paper as well as our newsletter.

- D. As of today, approximately 22% of the certifications have been returned and processed.
- E. Still working with Blair Gjesvold to find a solution to his concerns.

## **5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS**

### **A. Request to Split FU 510.1 & Create a New Farm Unit 510.5**

- 1. Existing landowner wishes to split 1.87 physical acres off from FU 510.1 and form a new FU 510.5. This split (FU 510.5) will include 1.0 acre of irrigation assessment. The remainder of the assessment (19.49 acres) will stay with FU 510.1.
- 2. No net change in assessment.
- 3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

### **B. Request to Split FU 475.1 & Create a New Farm Unit 475.3**

- 1. Existing landowner wishes to split 13.21 physical acres off from FU 475.1 and form a new FU 475.3. This split (FU 475.3) will include 12.0 acres of irrigation assessment. The remainder of the assessment (6.49 acres) will stay with FU 475.1.
- 2. No net change in assessment.
- 3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

### **C. Request to Split FU 125 & Create a New Farm Unit 125.1**

- 1. Existing landowner wishes to split 10.0 physical acres off from FU 125 and form a new FU 125.1. This split (FU 125.1) will include 5.0 acres of irrigation assessment. The remainder of the assessment (122.32 acres) will stay with FU 125.
- 2. No net change in assessment.
- 3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

### **D. Request to Split FU 583 & Create a New Farm Unit 583.1**

- 1. Existing landowner wishes to split 120.75 physical acres off from FU 583 and form a new FU 583.1. This split (FU 583.1) will include 0.0 acres of irrigation assessment. All the original assessment (22.27 acres) will stay with FU 583.
- 2. No net change in assessment.
- 3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

### **E. Request to Reassign Some Assessment from several FUs to FU 553.1**

- 1. Existing landowner wishes to transfer some irrigation privilege, totaling 12.0 acres from FUs 519, 549, and 549.2 and reassign it to existing FU 553.1. The purpose is so that assessment matches and supports existing irrigation practice.
- 2. No net change in assessment.
- 3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

### **F. Several New Pivot FYIs**

- 1. **No Board Action Required as no change in assessment or change in Farm Units.**

## **6) DNRC STATE LAND WSCs**

- A. State DNRC was granted yet another extension. This one is for 2 months.
- B. Again, I sent a letter off to the Governor's office asking for a review of the case. Expecting a decision in June or July.



**7) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL LAWSUIT**

- A. Still no official word from the judge regarding the oral arguments held on November 19<sup>th</sup> addressing whether MT FW&P can be compelled to be a plaintiff. Also, being argued was whether the USBR should be named a defendant.
- B. Preparing a complaint against Reclamation if necessary. Need to do this as a placeholder by this summer. Our attorney would like to set-up a special session to discuss the case and the path forward. Sometime late March or early April.
- C. An executive closed session was held with legal representation to discuss the lawsuit and schedule.

**8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

**A. Short-Term list 2021-2022**

- 1. Replacing 2 ditch rider pick-ups. Updated from pickup vendor – fleet vehicles for 2022 will be first available at the end of May-first of June.
- 2. Still looking to replace over-sized bucket on JD excavator with smaller version & a thumb
- 3. Replace small CAT excavator with new one having a thumb
- 4. Update shop equipment, e.g. air-assit, mobile floor jack, tire changer and balancer
- 5. Gas-powered, portable concrete demo saw
- 6. UTV for dam tender to cruise PSC and WCFC, may pay for it self in gas and tire maintenace.
- 7. One GID's trailers (car hauler) has broke in half. **Need to buy a new trailer. Looking at a goose neck trailer & sell skid steer trailer.**



**B. Long-Term List 2022 and beyond**

- 1. Need to replace 2 dump trucks; 1997 has 139,500 miles & 1998 has 135,000 miles and mounting (within 5 years)

2. Large excavator (within 3 years)
3. New Dozer, sell D-4 & D-6 and buy new D-7 (within 4 years)

#### 9) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. New carpeting and flooring installed.
- B. Mark Biegler's trial is still set for August 16<sup>th</sup> of this year.

#### 10) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. Hydro Power Development Strategy –
  1. Still working with SREC to secure transmission easements.
  2. Tracking some legislation that may detrimentally impact Turnbull Hydro and other tax-paying hydro sites. Basically, these bills are trying to reduce financial subsidies on wind and solar but small hydro is being impacted as collateral damage. Testified against HB 389 that would require small QFs to submit a bond or other financial assurance regarding end-of-life remediation of the facility and site. Prognosis = probably dead.
  3. Ted wants to plan a visit with GID Board. I will set something up for May.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –
  1. As you know, GID was awarded a \$2 million WaterSmart grant to USBR for Arnold Coulee Hydro. USBR indicated they will prepare an agreement sometime in April.
  2. The DNRC \$125K grant will not be available until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Sent letter to Governor's office informing them of shovel-ready projects at GID that have wide-spread public benefit; specifically, Arnold Coulee and Pishkun Inlet. Also sent to several legislators and our local contact.
  4. Reached out to NWE to begin preliminary discussions on a PPA. Need to self-certify with FERC as a small QF, Form 556.
  5. Working on trying to secure price on penstock before prices climb drastically. Will send a retainer to pipe supplier to secure pipe and hold price until we can pick up this Fall.
  6. Getting preliminary prices on turbine/generator set.
  7. Making good progress on the 4 miles of the G-2 Route Transmission Upgrade. All the poles are up. Waiting for transmission conductor before resuming.



- C. Gibson Hydro –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Nothing from our partner Tollhouse.
- D. Johnson Drop –
  - 1. **Nothing new.**

#### 11) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2021 BUDGET

- A. Total of the account receivables for March was \$18,566.
- B. Accounts payable (warrants) for March totaled \$148,133 and \$50,421 for two payroll periods.
- C. To receive \$50,000 for our share of Turnbull's 2020, Section 242 energy tax credit.
- D. Need to update 2021 Budget.

#### 12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Closing of SRS D-21 Drain for MDT Road Improvements
  - 1. Received a check from MDT for \$165,489 to complete the drain closure. Work to be performed over the summer. Received some of the materials.
- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Still no word on the proposal I wrote to MDT regarding some options of with their proposed road improvements and crossing replacement.
- C. Johnson Drop & Mill Coulee Replacement –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Reseeding this Spring is last task to be completed.
- D. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** No word on Reclamation's site visit and recommendations. Hopefully, this will be a SOD issue and GID will not have to pay, but in fact, get paid to do work.
- E. Willow Creek Feeder Canal Rehabilitation –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** WWC finalizing design recommendations for the next phase of channel maintenance on Troy's and Neal's.
- F. J-Waste Way Facility –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Awaiting the \$125,000 DNRC grant to start construction for next Fall. Need to retool the project based on reduced funding.
- G. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
  - 1. The FOA for FLAP grant opportunity is out and was initially due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Now due May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sent a draft review to Reclamation for their input. Need to Again, this grant seeks up to \$12M to compliment the FLTP award of \$1.77 million already awarded.
- H. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation –
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Awaiting the \$125,000 DNRC grant to start construction for next Fall. Need to retool the project based on reduced funding.

#### 13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. Draft Memorandum of Agreement still not received.
- B. Denis and the new Montana Area Manager, Ryan Newman, visited with Bill and I on March 24<sup>th</sup> here at GID. Talked about various GID concerns and strategies to address those concerns.
- C. Sent a summary letter to Reclamation's Montana Area Office manager reiterating the concerns of the GID and its Board.
- D. Looking at phased approach to acquire Pishkun Reservoir and the PSC and then have negotiations with the NFS about the land inside the forest.



#### 14) GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. See O&M Foreman's list for this month.
- B. Maintenance Items In-Progress or In-Planning.

##### 1. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse

- i. Mark noticed roof collapse during Spring walk through after bulkheads were pulled.
- ii. Concrete failed in timbered section. Timbered sections were constructed in zones of loose, weak, friable, fissile, or poorly indurated clay rock.
- iii. Working on short-term repair and a long-term solution. \$15,000 for a fix. \$65,000 for a solution.
- iv. Reached out to DNRC regarding Emergency Grants. Some money available. Need to send an application.



##### 2. Finish Cold Storage Conversion – on hold till Winter 2021?



3. Regrading/Sealing SRS Main Canal at SV Headworks



4. Tunnel #3 Outlet Breakers – Next week.



**15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM**

- A. Nothing new on Pastures.

**16) MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Annual Meeting was mildly successful. Covid most likely impacted attendance. The SREC annual meeting numbers were down as well.
- B. Sun River Watershed Spring Water Management Conference was held March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Jenny is also coordinating the High School Scholarships.
- D. Finally got a grant agreement for the \$75K SCDA grant. Equipment has shown up. It will be challenging to get installed before water season.
- E. Was given a Pikometer from Rubicon for a trial period. It is a “smart” turnout and will be installed on GM 57-11.
- F. Submitted another application on March 18<sup>th</sup> for a \$75K WaterSmart grant to fix lower GSC lining issue.
- G. Botha’s Muddy Creek Crossing – Bridge was set on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Doing some final site grading. Getting reimbursed up to \$21K.



- H. Lewis & Clark County is upgrading 5 miles of gravel road from NFS pavement back towards Willow Creek Reservoir. Contractor wants to pump water from Pishkun Supply Canal for dust control and to facilitate compaction. GID may get a discount on some crushed base course.
- I. GID submitted a proposal to improve canal safety to Reclamation. If short-listed will receive \$50K to build a proto-type and compete at Denver TSC in November. Winner gets \$100K. You can watch GID's video at YouTube by searching [XcQilW9Fg20](#) or you can watch the other proposals by searching "Canal Safety Challenge". **No word yet on decision.**
- J. SB 307, Revised Ditch Liability, passed the House and is now on the way to the Governor's desk. Still working on SB 326, Irrigation District Bonding by Resolution. Passed out of Committee unanimously and is now up for 2<sup>nd</sup> House reading.

#### **17)SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – APRIL**

- Get Tunnel # 3 operational.
- Finalize and submit FLAP grant for new Sun River Bridge now due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Secure pipe for Arnold Coulee
- Work on Hydro Study
- Setup Work Session with Board, Sorenson Eng. & SREC

#### **18)LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – MAY & ON**

- Develop Tunnel #3 long-term solution.
- Obtain grant agreements for Arnold Coulee.
- See long-term repair list for other items.
- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)

**NEXT GID BOARD MEETING MAY 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

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# Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 7/9/20 Requested by Arlene Harris

## Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit  
☐ Combine Farm Unit  
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

## Summary of Request

Split 10.00 physical acres from FU 125  
to create NEW FU 125.1.

Move 5.00 acres irrigation assessment from  
FU 125 to NEW FU 125.1 as shown below.

## Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# 125 Current Assessment 127.32 Acres +/- 5.00 \*New Assessment 122.32 Acres

NEW FU# 125.1 Current Assessment 0 Acres +/- 5.00 \*New Assessment 5.00 Acres

FU# \_\_\_\_\_ Current Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ Acres +/- \_\_\_\_\_ \*New Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

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Total 127.32 Total 0 Total 127.32

## Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

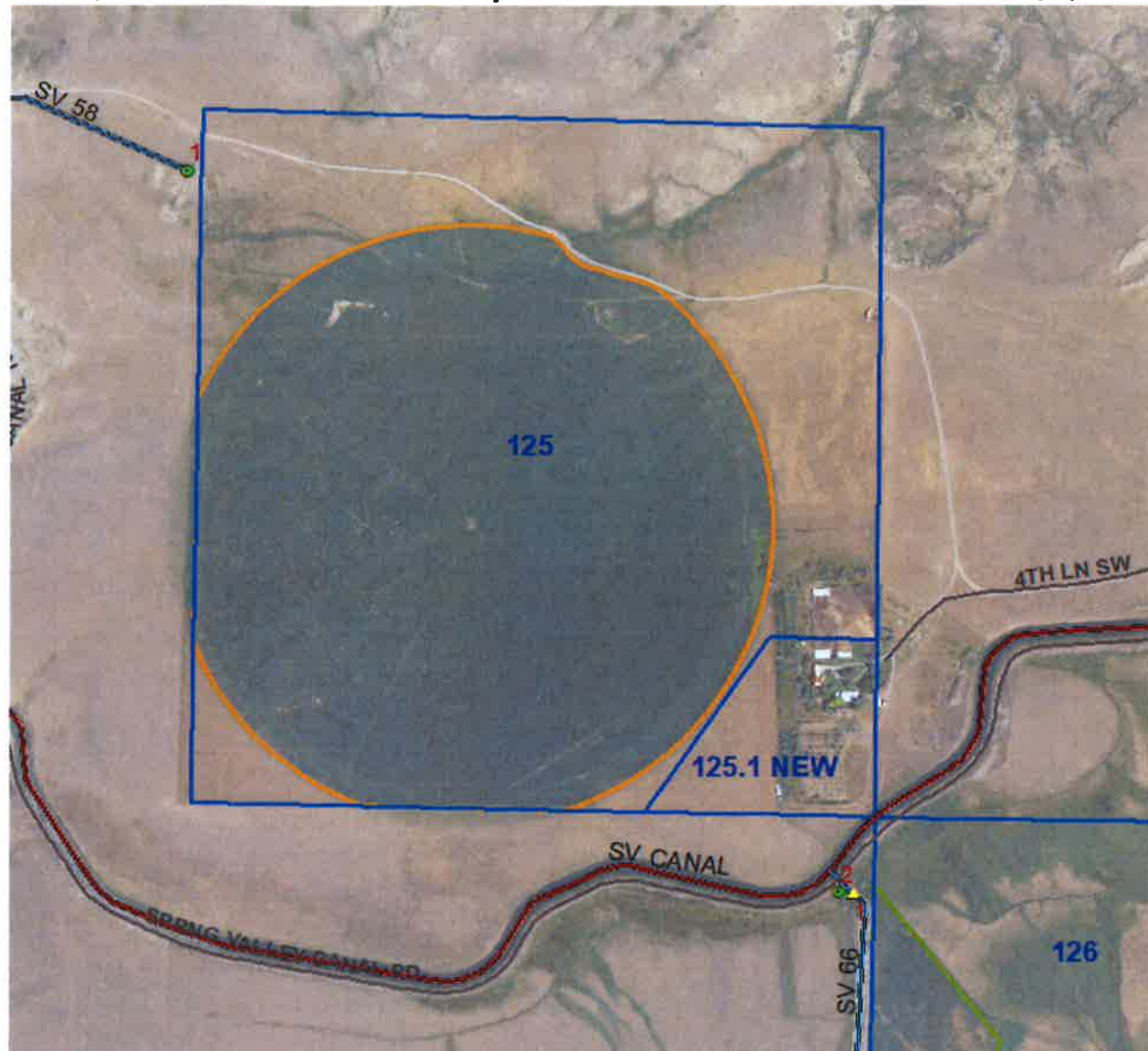
Signature Arlene J Harris FU# 125 Date 7/10/2020

Signature Arlene J Harris FU# 125.1 Date 7/10/2020

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





Harris, Arlene FU 125 & NEW FU 125.1				
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FU	Physical Size	Current Assessed	New Assessed	Irrigating
125	151.78	127.32	122.32	94.16
NEW 125.1	10.00	0.00	5.00	0
Total	161.78	127.32	127.32	94.16

# Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 3/16/21 Requested by David Paul + Connie Anderson

## Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit  
☐ Combine Farm Unit  
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

## Summary of Request

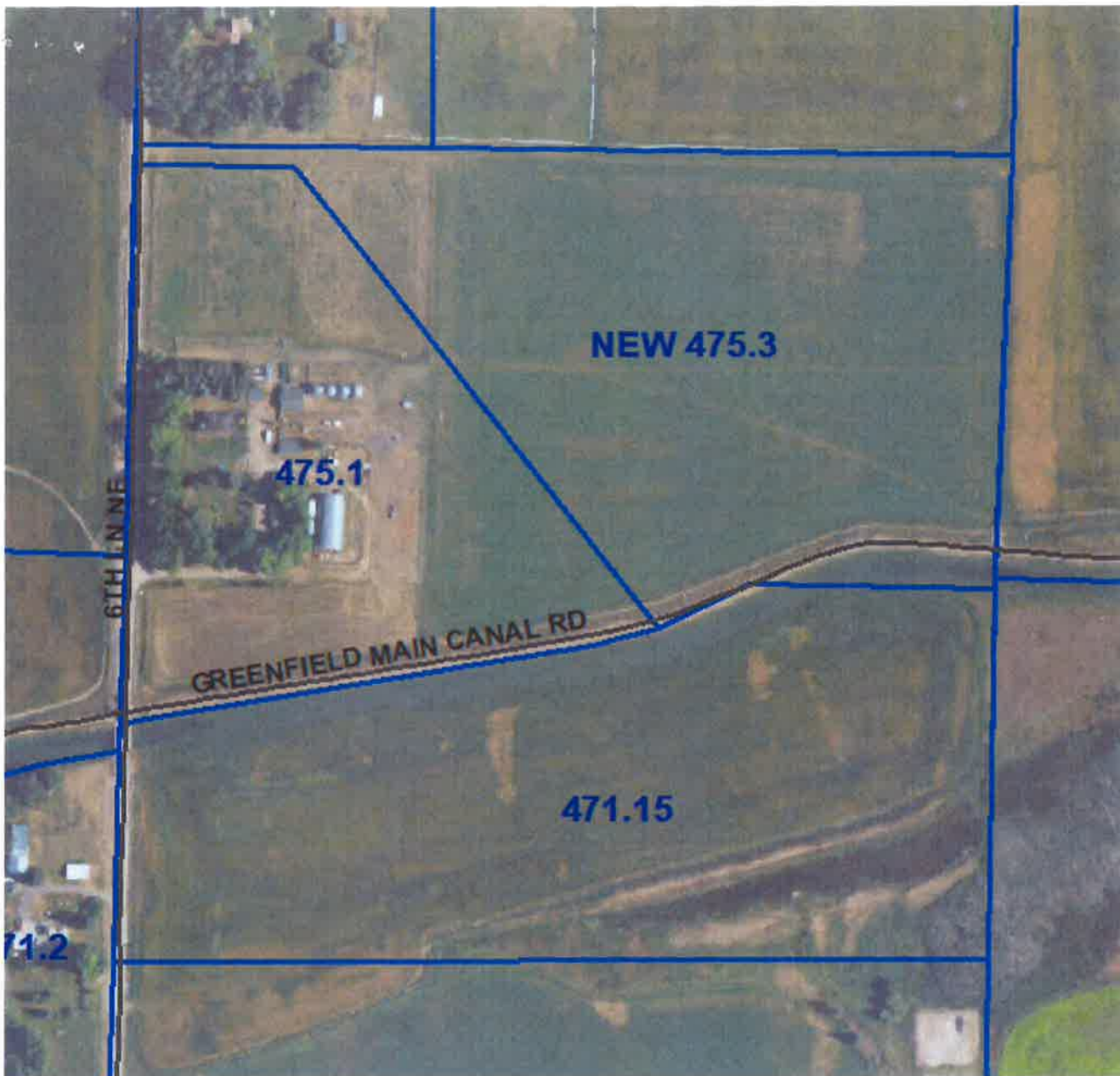
split 13.21 physical acres from FU 475.1  
to create NEW FU 475.3  
move 12.00 acres irrigation assessment  
from FU 475.1 to NEW FU 475.3

## Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# <u>475.1</u>	Current Assessment <u>18.49</u> Acres	+/- <u>12.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>6.49</u> Acres
<u>NEW</u> FU# <u>475.3</u>	Current Assessment <u>0</u> Acres	+/- <u>12.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>12.00</u> Acres
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Total <u>18.49</u>		Total <u>0</u>	Total <u>18.49</u>

## Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>3/16/21</u>
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>3-16-21</u>
Signature _____	Date _____
Signature _____	Date _____



**Anderson, David-Paul & Connie FU 475.1 & NEW 475.3 split**

FU	Physical Size	Current Assessed	New Assessed	Irrigating
475.1	13.21	18.49	6.49	5.18
475.3 NEW	10.11	0.00	12.00	10.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.32</b>	<b>18.49</b>	<b>18.49</b>	<b>15.87</b>



## Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 4/1/21 Requested by Kaare Pearson

### Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit  
☐ Combine Farm Unit  
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

### Summary of Request

Split 1.87 physical acres from FU 510.1  
to create NEW FU 510.5

move 1.00 acre of irrigation assessment  
from FU 510.1 to NEW 510.5

### Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# 510.1 Current Assessment 20.49 Acres +/- 1.00 \*New Assessment 19.49 Acres

NEW FU# 510.5 Current Assessment 0 Acres +/- 1.00 \*New Assessment 1.00 Acres

FU# \_\_\_\_\_ Current Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ Acres +/- \_\_\_\_\_ \*New Assessment \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

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Total 20.49 Total 0 Total 20.49

### Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature Kaare J. Pearson Date 5 April 2021

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Pearson, Kaare FU 510.1 & NEW FU 510.5**

<b>FU</b>	<b>Physical Size</b>	<b>Current Assessed</b>	<b>New Assessed</b>	<b>Irrigating</b>
510.1	20.00	20.49	19.49	8.68
NEW 510.5	1.87	0.00	1.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.87</b>	<b>20.49</b>	<b>20.49</b>	<b>8.68</b>



## Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 4/13/21 Requested by Rogen + Robert Beck

### Request Type

☐ Split Farm Unit

☐ Combine Farm Unit

☒ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

### Summary of Request

reassign irrigation assessment as shown below,  
to balance assessment vs irrigation practice on  
FU 553.1

### Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

Robert	FU# <u>519</u>	Current Assessment <u>87.01</u> Acres	+/- <u>3.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>84.01</u> Acres
Rogen + Robert	FU# <u>549</u>	Current Assessment <u>82.20</u> Acres	+/- <u>7.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>75.20</u> Acres
Robert	FU# <u>549.2</u>	Current Assessment <u>11.26</u> Acres	+/- <u>2.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>9.26</u> Acres
Robert	FU# <u>553.1</u>	Current Assessment <u>20.34</u> Acres	+/- <u>12.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>32.34</u> Acres
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	Total <u>200.81</u>	Total <u>0</u>		Total <u>200.81</u>

### Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature Robert D Beck Date 4-13-21

Signature Rogen E. Beck Date 4-13-21

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Unit 553.1 Division 5 Section/Township/Range 36 T22N R2W

Location NW4NW4 NORTH OF DRAIN (0000004212)

Assessed Acres 20.34 Traded Acres .00 Irrigable Acres 20.34 Method FLOOD

Description of Traded Acres + 12.00  
= 32.34 Basic Allotment 40.68 Mapped 31.69  
Balance 3.71

Owner BECK, ROBERT D

Seller BECK, ROBERT D

Address 171 7TH LANE NE  
FAIRFIELD, MT 59436

Certified?(Y/N/E) N  
Phone 4672870

Operator BECK, ROBERT

Address 171 7TH LANE NE  
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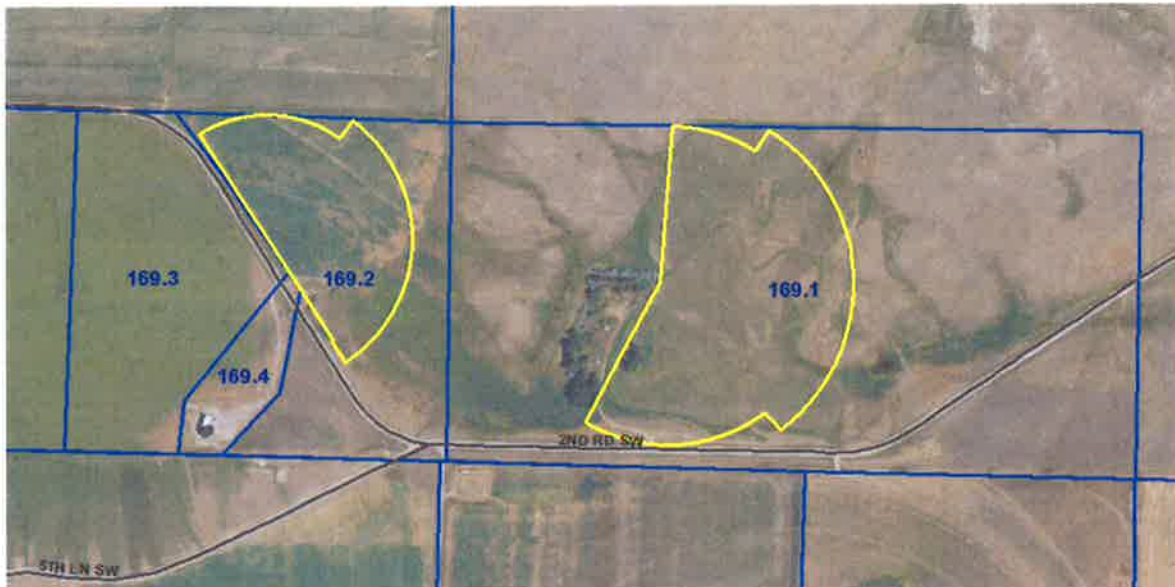
Certified?(Y/N/E) N  
Phone 4672870

Leased Land? N

Transfer Authority? N County TETON

Vote? Y Name BECK, ROBERT

Minimum Fee? Amount .00 Construction .00 O and M 477.99



Fischer, Matt    FU 169.1, 169.2    Proposed New Pivots				
FU	Physical Size	Assessed	Current Irr	Proposed Irr
169.1	79.65	20.00	19.28	19.07
169.2	22.02	13.08	9.39	10.06
Total	101.67	33.08	28.67	29.13