

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday, May 12th, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. the Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held its Regular Monthly Board meeting. The following are the minutes taken from that meeting. Those in attendance were: Board President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Chase Brady, Dave Gulick and Pat Brosten. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present, along with GID employees Cory Copenhaver, Dale Sand and Eric Mayer. Water Users Chris Ostberg and Michael Konen were present. Also in attendance, was Tracy Wendt with SRWG.

The meeting was called to order by President Tim Brunner at 7:10 P.M.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the April 12th Regular Meeting. There were no discrepancies. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the minutes were approved. The Board then briefly discussed April's Monthly Warrant List. Question on the Norval Electric warrant and how much more wire there was to buy. President Brunner asked what the warrant to Mick Miller was for and it was explained it was to buy a gooseneck flatbed trailer. Commissioner Brosten asked for a progress report from Manager Juel on the Arnold Coulee Hydro project. He then moved to approve the warrants and V.P. Norris seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: None

Contacts to Execute: President to sign two grazing pasture lease agreements.

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

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Gibson is less than ½ full, which is 75% of normal for a 30-year average. Inflows were way up the last week of April but are now back down. Snowpack levels are at 116% of normal for this time of year in our watershed, which is equivalent to 13.57" of water. The National Climate Prediction for April through June claims we will see slightly below normal temperatures and normal precipitation, while July through September is expected to see above normal temps with well-below normal precipitation. That being said, the outline for this water season looks like this:

- Looking at a reduced 1.5- foot allotment and allowing excess water is highly unlikely
- PSC started on April 30th
- Releases for Pishkun are planned for May 7th & 8th. Brief discussion on how the decision was made.

Water Rights: Nothing new to report.

GID Staff Updates: See M.R. for details. Commissioner Election resulted in two candidates up for re-election being voted to remain on the Board. We need to reorganize the Board at tonight's meeting, as well. Board Secretary Gulick gave a brief overview of the person hired as the administrative assistant for the 2022 water season. We started advertising for the Range Rider position and received one interested candidate's application.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Office staff working to complete this year's Owner and Producer Certification and have received about 65% back, thus far. We sent out plans to all producers this year, which created some confusion, but has proved helpful in getting our records updated. See M.R. for further details.

Farm Unit Operations: See the M.R. for further details. One New Pivot Installation FYI for the Board, included. Board Policy suggested changes are not ready for review quite yet.

Monthly Financials & 2022 Budget: See M.R. for details. Cash flow continues to be an issue.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Nothing new to report.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: See M.R. for Short-Term and Long-Term Goals and Strategies. We have heard nothing new from Mills Motor about the two new ditch rider trucks ordered but hope to by the end of the summer.

DNRC State Land WSCs: Manager Juel sent out an informational letter to the former State WSC holders, along with an invoice for their annual "assessment" fee. The State will make its first conversion payment next month, \$47,607.15.

Spencer Pearson Marital Status Discrimination Lawsuit: The Human Rights Bureau has appointed Administrative Law Judge Jeffery Doud earlier this week to preside over the hearing. See the M.R. for important upcoming dates.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: We are still waiting for BOR to file its answer to both irrigation districts' 3rd party complaints due on May 23, 2022. Also, we are still waiting to hear if we will be able to conduct the 1st Phase of WCFC maintenance that grant funding was obtained to do.

Hydro Updates: Hydro Development Strategy: Arnold Coulee LOPP: Still pushing to develop Arnold Coulee and Pishkun Inlet sites as quickly as possible. Also looking to pursue Johnson Drop and A-Drop sites with another WaterSMART WEEG grant. A brief discussion was had about the potential electric companies that GID could sell to, as well as the specifics about how it would be handled. Construction drawings are about 25% complete, as they are on-hold until turbine selection has been made. A brief overview was given by Manager Juel regarding his meeting he had with the Canadian firm and what its design looked like. Pishkun Inlet Hydro: We have been awarded a \$15K RRG Planning Grant. Application is due in May for a \$125K RRGL grant from DNRC. Gibson Hydro: Our Federal legislation, H.R. 6369, has been added to the agenda for the WOW Subcommittee hearing this Thursday. Manager Juel will provide virtual testimony in support of our bill. President Brunner expressed to Manager Juel that he would like to see something in writing that GID's partnership with Tollhouse is now null and void, due to time lapse. Johnson Drop: We sent a request to Reclamation for a Preliminary LOPP and are preparing a feasibility study. A-Drop: Looked at site with reps from CHC. Sent a request to Reclamation for Preliminary LOPP and are preparing a feasibility study.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Sun River Bridge Replacement: We had a kickoff meeting this month with FWHA staff out of Washington. Held a public hearing this afternoon at 3 P.M. Manager Juel is pursuing a MCEP application for additional funding. SRS 71 Headworks work to begin this Fall. Grants from Rubicon for funding opportunities. Grant money has been received for Phase 3 on J-Lake. Tunnel #3: there is no long-term funding from Reclamation for the project, but WWC is working on the design

Title Transfer: We are drafting a response to the Preliminary Options received from Reclamation.

GID O&M Projects: Brief discussion on the gravel crushing by Shumaker. Crews finished the repair on the bank erosion on Big Coulee that potentially impacts the Beale canal.

GID Grazing Lease Program: 2 Lease Agreements for President Brunner to sign. Still advertising for the Range Rider position and will interview shortly.

Miscellaneous: Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) will be visiting on May 24th and Manager Juel has scheduled a tour and a meeting with the Board the next day to discuss opportunities.

Short and Long-Term To-Do Lists: See the M.R. for details.

Agenda:

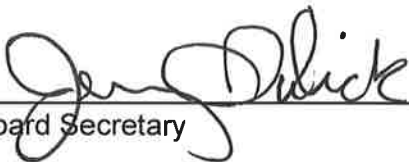
- 1) FYI to the Board on a new pivot installation for Taylor Ratliff on Terry Nugent's ground.
- 2) Board to vote to restructure. Commissioner Brosten moved to keep Tim Brunner as President, Bill Norris as Vice President and Jenny Gulick as Board Secretary. Commissioner Gulick seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 3) No Board Policies to review, but 2 Board Resolutions for Commissioners to sign: 1: to pursue Montana Coal Endowment Grant and 2: to accept Draft Environmental Assessment findings for the Sun River Bridge.

Public Comment:

- 1) Tracy Wendt with SRWG gives the Board a brief update, handouts provided, one that details things recently done and the other that details upcoming events. The annual Rain Barrel project is coming up and she is looking to hold one in this community next summer, as well. She thanked GID for its continued support.

Commissioner Brady moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:53 P.M.


Board President


Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- 1) Board was asked to vote to restructure, and motion passed that kept it the same.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 P.M.

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: April 12th Regular Meeting Minutes

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT—Approve April warrants and recap list.

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES:

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: President to Sign Two Grazing Pasture Leases

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) New Pivot Installation FYI to Board, Nugent
- 2) Board to Vote on the Structure of its Members
- 3) Board to review proposed changes to Board policy and vote on, if accepted

PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt

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05/05/22
Accrual Basis

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Warrant List
April 2022

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Apr 22				
04/27/2022	E-checks	Department of Agriculture	BURN PERMITS	-30.00
04/06/2022	33400	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,254.88
04/06/2022	33401	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,655.00
04/06/2022	33402	TB - MPERA	retirement	-6,258.35
04/06/2022	33403	Employee Michelle Lauver	cleaning supplies	-22.98
04/06/2022	33424	Mick Miller	Titan gooseneck flatbed trailer	-12,000.00
04/07/2022	33425	Visa	gas, employee reim, repairs	-3,031.13
04/07/2022	33427	TB - 941	81-6001490	-10.12
04/07/2022	33428	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-2.00
04/12/2022	33484	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-23,664.00
04/12/2022	33485	FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY HALL	annual dinner hall rental	-350.00
04/18/2022	33486	DNRC-CARDD	Pishkun Inlet Grant application	-250.00
04/20/2022	33509	TB - MPERA	retirement	-6,473.95
04/20/2022	33510	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,520.90
04/20/2022	33511	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,709.00
04/20/2022	33512	TB - UI Tax	031 1512	-970.58
04/20/2022	33513	void	VOID:	0.00
04/20/2022	33514	void	VOID:	0.00
04/28/2022	33515	BRADY, CHASE	return on pipe	-1,752.80
04/28/2022	33516	Department of Agriculture	WEED SPRAY APPLICATOR'S RENEWAL	-70.00
04/28/2022	33552	MVI	refund	-375.00
04/30/2022	33556	Aflac	insurance	-163.32
04/30/2022	33557	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	pension	-1,758.01
04/30/2022	33558	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana	247191	-6,534.60
04/30/2022	33559	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-23,664.00
04/30/2022	33560	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-845.00
04/30/2022	33561	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-592.50
04/30/2022	33562	Allegra - Missoula	warrants	-170.92
04/30/2022	33563	Augusta Gas Station, Inc.	fuel/oil	-474.97
04/30/2022	33564	Battery Warehouse	repairs	-441.25
04/30/2022	33565	Big Sky Hydraulics & Machining, Inc	repairs	-53.05
04/30/2022	33566	Choteau Acantha	ad	-327.50
04/30/2022	33567	Choteau Ace	repairs	-26.07
04/30/2022	33568	Cintas First Aid & Safety	first aid	-258.26
04/30/2022	33569	Employee Charles Clement	emp cell reimb - \$81.95	-81.95
04/30/2022	33570	Employee Dale Sand	empl cell reimb \$65.00	-65.00
04/30/2022	33571	Employee Eric Mayer	cell phone reimb \$50.00	-50.00
04/30/2022	33572	Enviro Tech Watershed Consultant	contract work	-512.50

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04/30/2022	33573	Fairfield Drug, Inc	office supply	-1.99
04/30/2022	33574	Fairfield Sun Times	ad	-85.25
04/30/2022	33575	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	March and April Accounting	-1,970.00
04/30/2022	33576	Home Depot Credit Services	Repairs/Muddy Creek/Tunnel 3 Repairs	-349.47
04/30/2022	33577	Houston Engineering, Inc	Contract Work	-816.00
04/30/2022	33578	K's Auto Parts	shop supplies	-16.98
04/30/2022	33579	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	repairs	-81.99
04/30/2022	33580	Kelley Connect	printer contract	-1,142.12
04/30/2022	33581	MCI	long distance	-65.28
04/30/2022	33582	MDS Supply	Misc Inventory/Spring Coulee	-618.50
04/30/2022	33583	Motor Power	repairs	-484.80
04/30/2022	33584	Napa Auto Parts	repairs	-323.27
04/30/2022	33585	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-146.51
04/30/2022	33586	North 40	repairs	-412.89
04/30/2022	33587	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-2,507.25
04/30/2022	33588	Norval Electric, Co-op	Arnold Coulee	-112,096.81
04/30/2022	33589	R&L Eagle Grocery	office supply	-13.63
04/30/2022	33590	RPH Irrigation Services Limited	pipe	-3,445.00
04/30/2022	33591	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	utilities	-412.96
04/30/2022	33592	Sun River Watershed Group	donation	-5,000.00
04/30/2022	33593	TNT Truck Parts	repairs	-370.25
04/30/2022	33594	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
04/30/2022	33595	Tractor & Equipment, Co	repairs	-417.90
04/30/2022	33596	True Value	repairs	-234.08
04/30/2022	33597	Uda Law Firm	legal counseling	-450.00
04/30/2022	33598	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	Spring Coulee	-13,109.85
04/30/2022	33599	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	Spring Coulee	-3,047.00
04/30/2022	33600	Wm. L. Olson Agency	Bond	-100.00
Apr 22				-259,372.37

Recap of April 2022 warrants:
Regular warrants
April 2022 payroll
Total
Less employee reimbursable
TOTAL

\$259,372.37
\$ 52,559.23
\$311,931.60
\$ 219.93
\$311,711.67

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 05/10/22

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 05/10/22

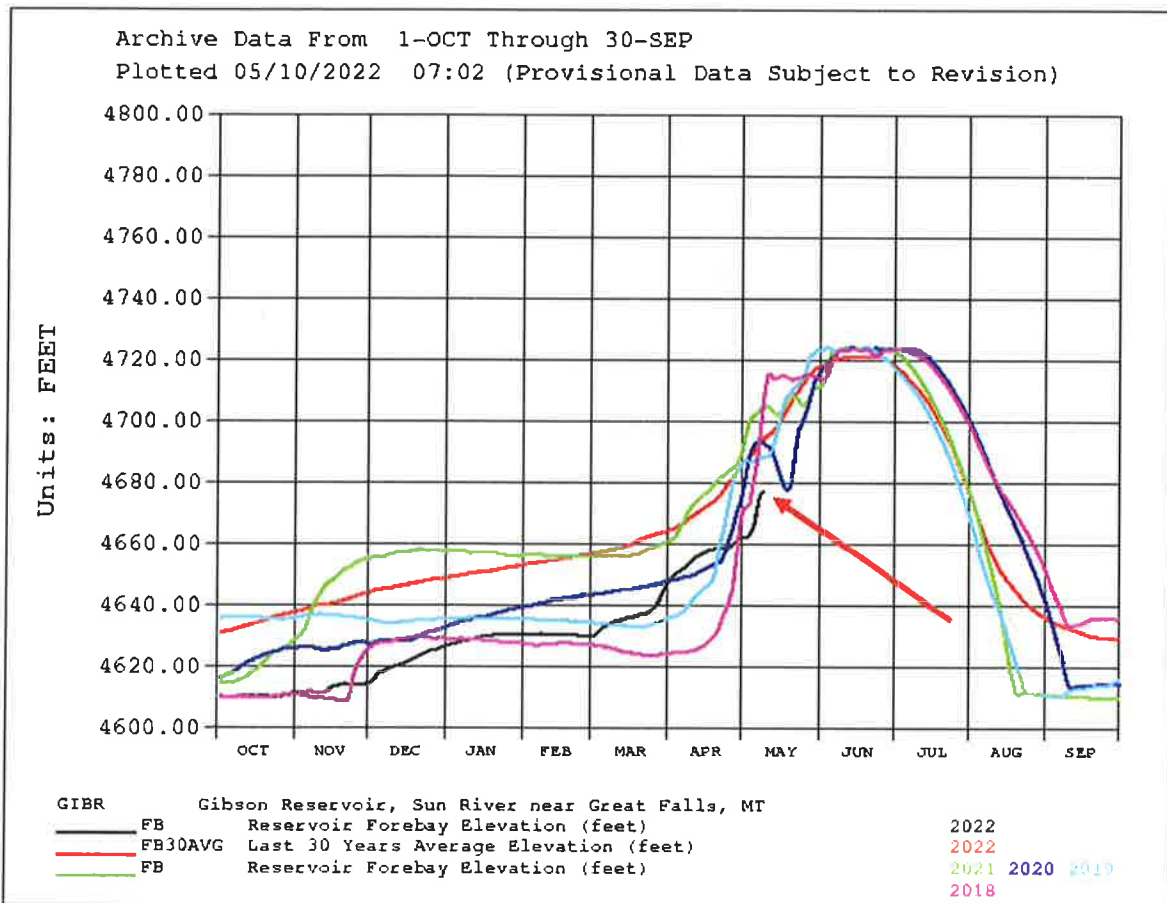
A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:

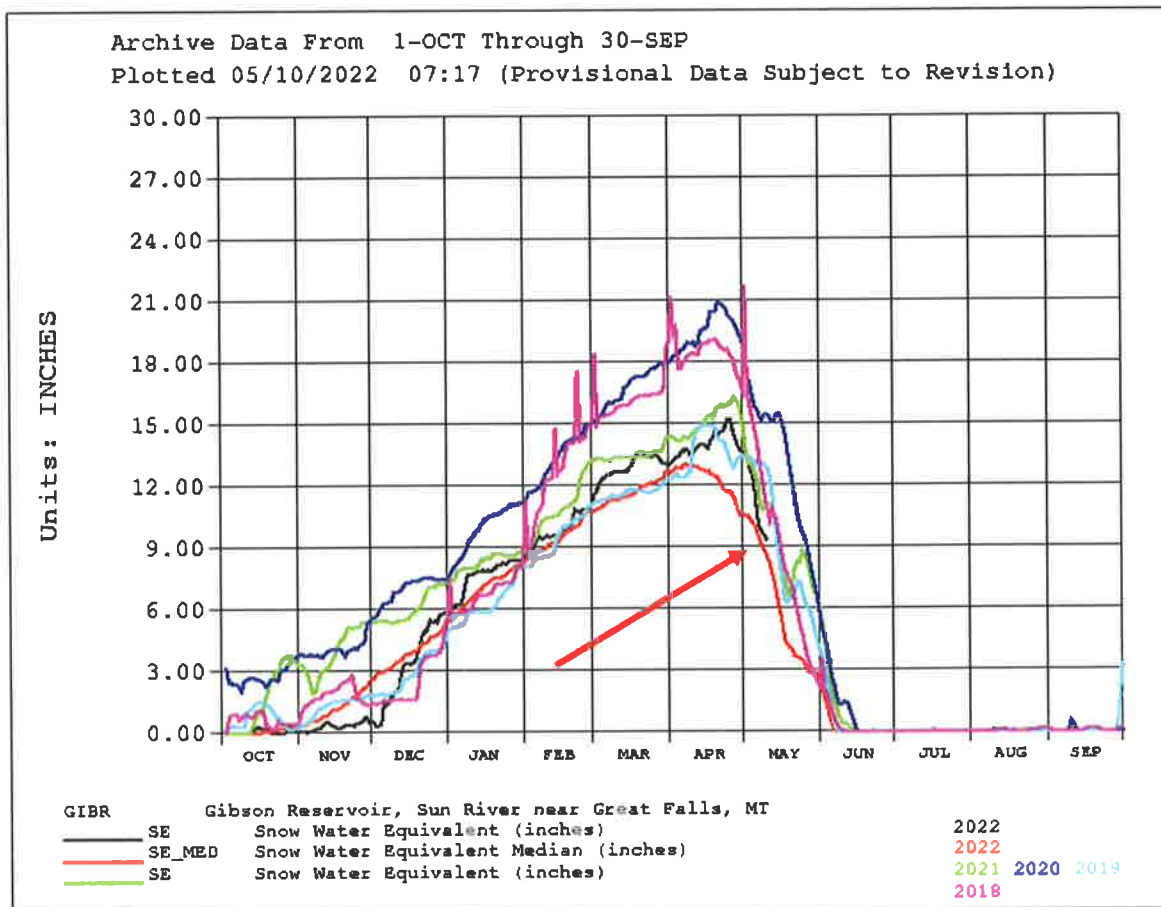
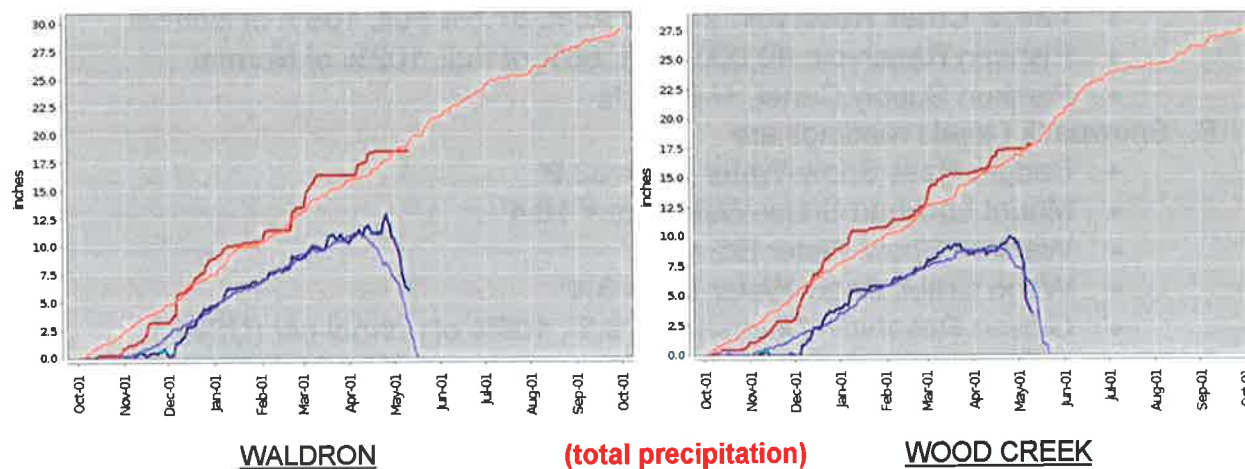
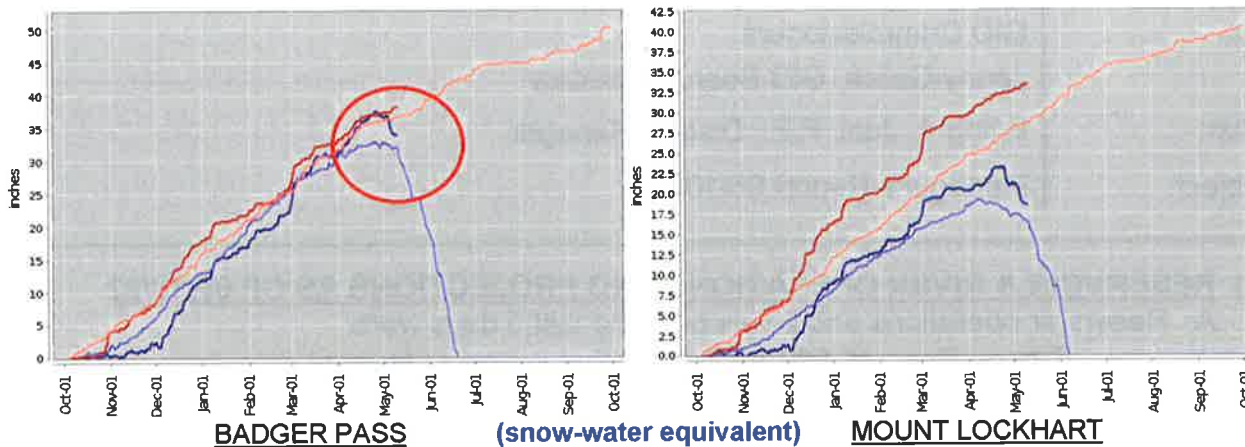
- Gibson Res.: 46,500 Ac-ft, 47% Full & 73% of Normal,
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 1,600 to 3,000 cfs, 81 to 168% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: +/-1,350 cfs
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 27,900 Ac-ft, 87.5% Full, 106% of Normal
- Pishkun Reservoir: 40,000 Ac-ft, 86% of Full, 102% of Normal
- Pishkun Supply Canal: +/-850 cfs

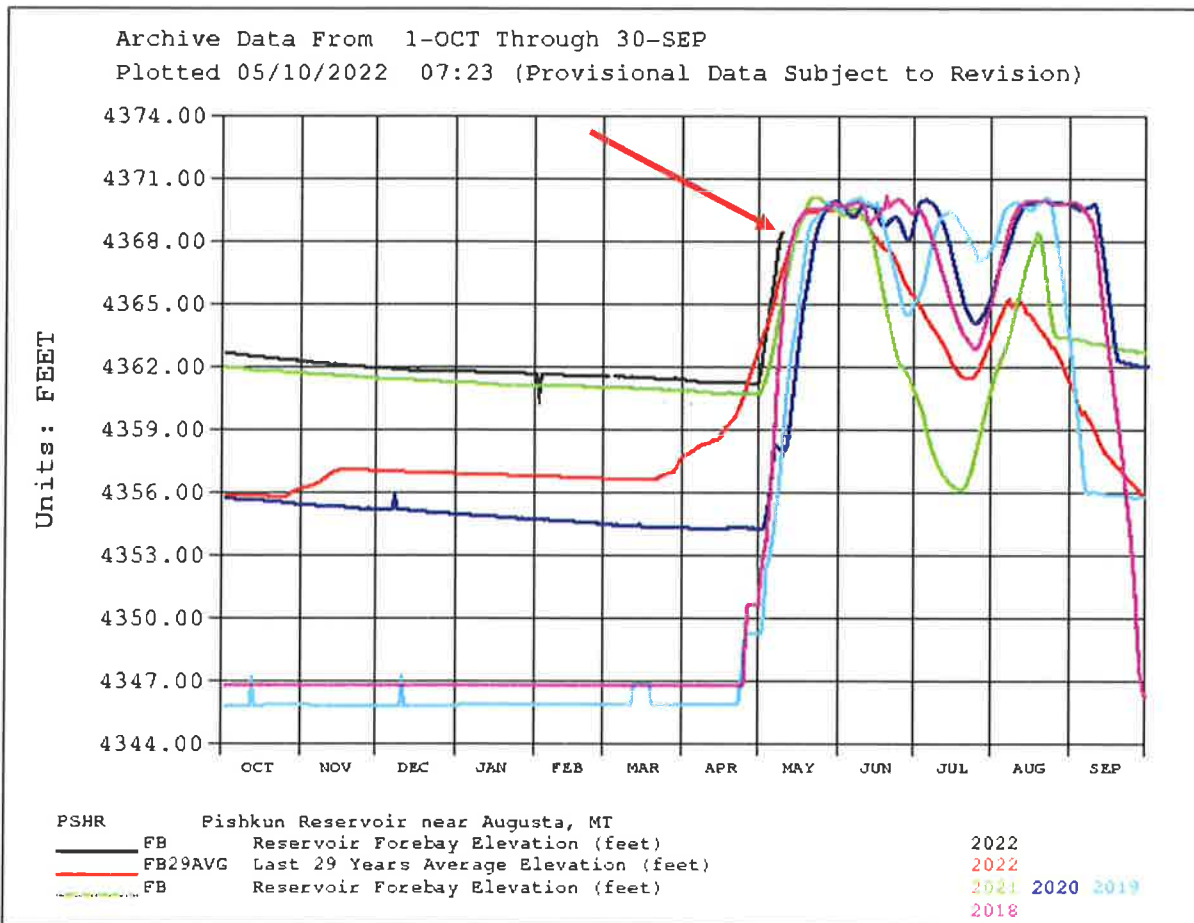
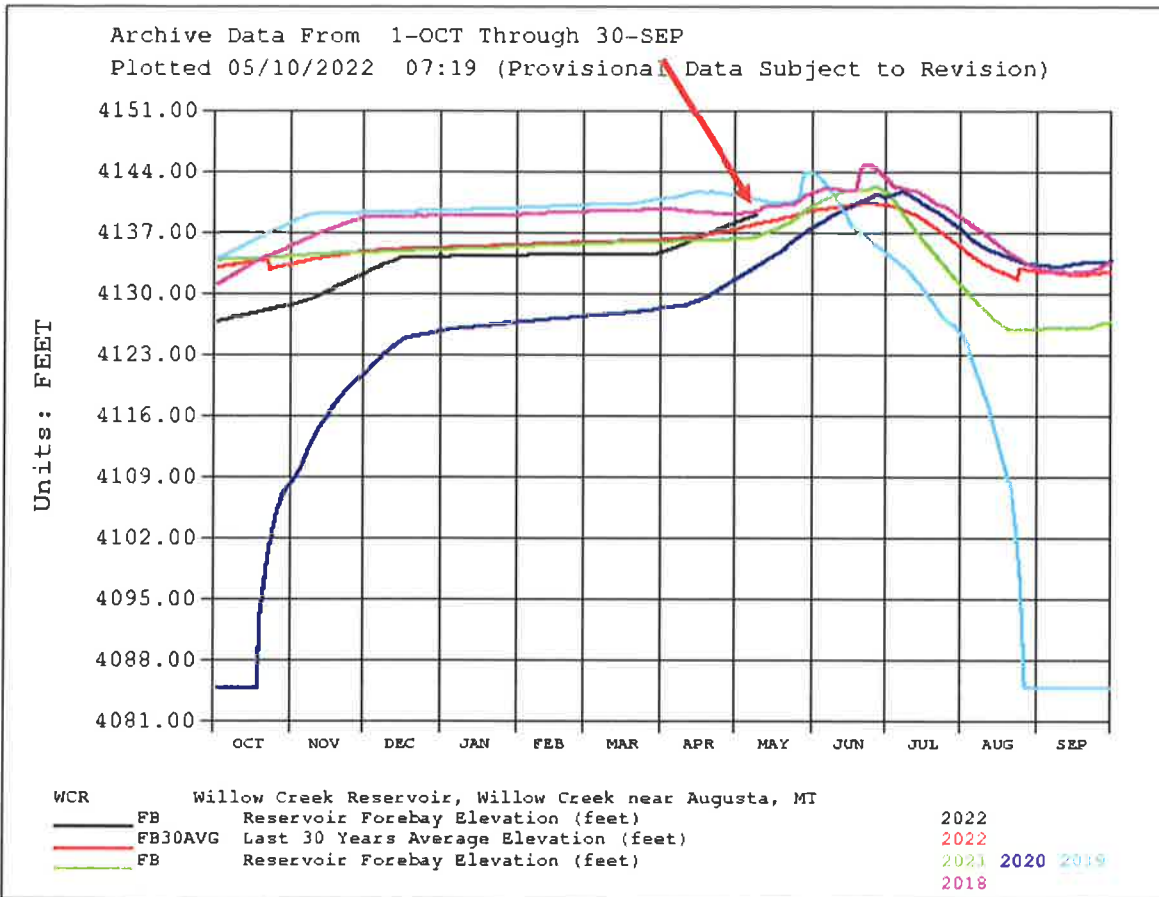
B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

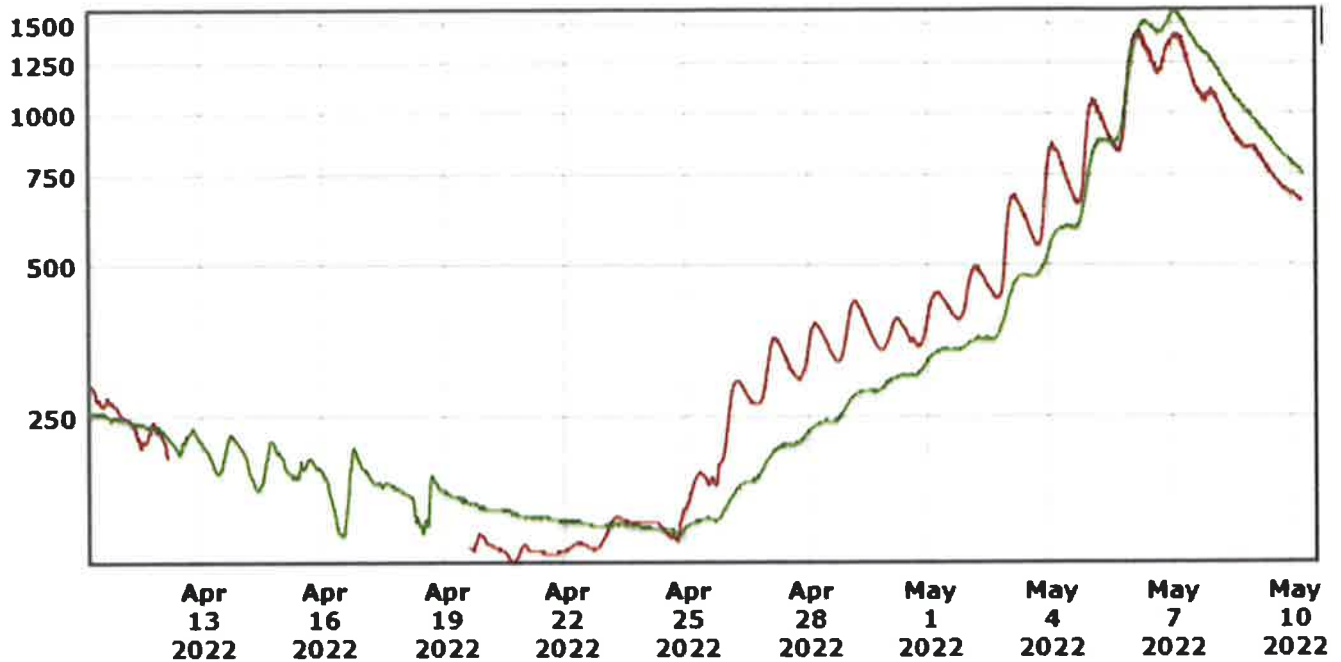
- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 33.9"
- Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 18.4"
- Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 6.0"
- Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 3.4"
- Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 9.5", 109% of normal per (USBR)

C. National Climate Prediction Center is predicting above normal temps and below normal precipitation for May through July. August to October is predicted to be above-normal temps and slightly below normal precipitation.









INFLOWS – NORTH & SOUTH FORKS OF SUN RIVER

D. That being said.....

1. The snowpack levels continue to look good but the weather patterns and long-range projections predict and suggest a long hot, dry summer like last year. A reduced allotment, as previously proposed, remains prudent. Excess water is also highly unlikely.
2. The PSC was started on April 30th. Releases from Pishkun Reservoir were initiated on the afternoon of May 8th.
3. Still looking to start water deliveries end of this week.
4. Still running the Willow Creek FC. It take another 2 to 4 weeks to top off Willow Creek Reservoir.

2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

A. Nothing new to report.

3) STAFF UPDATES

A. Commissioner elections held May 3rd. The results were.....

<u>Precinct 3</u>		<u>Precinct 5</u>	
Tim Brunner-	34,602 (69.1%)	Bill Norris-	29,408 (60.1%)
Russ Pearson-	15,499 (30.9%)	Tom Cummings-	19,535 (39.9%)
Total	50,101 votes		48,943 votes

- B. Need to reorganize the Board Leadership.
- C. Charlie's last day was April 28th. His going-away party went well.
- D. Jenny has hired someone for the Part-time Administrative Assistant to help out with weekend water orders.
- E. Started advertising for Range Rider last week. Several inquiries already.
- F. One ditch rider was injured their ankle yesterday. Still waiting to hear about the severity.

4) GIS MAPPING, PLATS, DATA BASE, CERTIFICATION, & ASSESSMENTS

- A. Jenny and Nancy are working to complete this year's Owner and Producer Certification. This year sending out irrigation certification forms to all GID landowners/producers (+/-556), which is about 300 more than usual in order to update Data Base. Previous threshold was at 30 acres. So far, we have received about 65% back.

5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

- A. **Nothing new on Farm Unit Changes**
B. Water Master Sand still working on amending the drain season policies. Preparing amendments to Board Policies based on input from everyone for consideration at next meeting.

6) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2022 BUDGET

- A. Total of the account receivables for April was \$19,306.
B. Accounts payable (warrants) for April totaled \$ 259,372 and \$52,559 for two payroll periods.
C. Cash flow continues to be the Manger's biggest issue right now.

7) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. At the Commissioners' request there will be no further Mark Biegler trial updates which has been postponed and both Jenny and I are waiting for new information on a new trial date in order to testify.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Short-Term Needs
1. Nothing new from Mr. Mills regarding 2 new pick-ups. Hoping to receive them still this summer.
 2. Looking to purchase a van truck to also serve as a job trailer.
 3. Still looking to replace over-sized bucket on JD excavator with smaller version having a thumb.
- B. Long-Term Strategy
1. Need to replace 2 dump trucks; (within 5 years)
 2. Large excavator (within 3 years)
 3. Another New Dozer (within 4 years)

9) DNRC STATE LAND WSCs LAWSUIT

- A. Nothing new to report on signed Agreement of lack thereof.
B. Sent out an informational letter to the former State WSC holders along with an invoice for their annual "assessment" fee. The State elected to convey its voting rights onto the individual lessees.
C. The State will make their 1st conversion payment next month, \$47,607.15.

10) PEARSON LAWSUIT

- A. The Human Rights Bureau has appointed Administrative Law Judge Jeffery Doud earlier this week to preside over the hearing regarding the alleged marital status discrimination complaint against GID involving Reclamation's 960-acre limitation policies.
B. A written appearance and prehearing statement is due May 3rd. GID plans to file a motion for dismissal based on lack of jurisdiction.

- C. Other important dates
- i. Discovery Completion: November 14, 2022
 - ii. Pre-Hearing Motions: December 9, 2022
 - iii. Venue Selection: December 9, 2022
 - iv. Hearing Subpoenas: February 21, 2023
 - v. Pre-Hearing Conference: February 28, 2023
 - vi. Hearing date: March 7, 2023.

11) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL MAINTENANCE & LAWSUIT

- A. Still waiting for BOR to file its answer to both irrigation district's 3rd party complaints due on May 23, 2022.
- B. Still waiting to hear if we will be able to conduct the 1st Phase of WCFC maintenance that grant funding was obtained.

12) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. Hydro Power Development Strategy –
 1. Still pushing to develop Arnold Coulee and Pishkun Inlet sites as quickly as possible while energy prices are favorable.
 2. Also looking to pursue Johnson Drop and A-Drop sites with another WaterSMART WEEG grant NOFO.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –
 1. **Easements, Transmission Design & Construction** – Hoping to finish the 4.4-mile Sun River Crossing segment by June. Lost the Contractor to more pressing work in ND & SD where recent storms have caused considerable damage. Sent out a request to three transmission engineering firms seeking design proposals: two responded. Next, need to begin the design phase as well as securing of any remaining easements on next segments this summer. SREC preparing an easement summary letter to be submitted to DOC-BOI.
 2. **Construction Drawings** – On hold. Drawings are about 25% complete. Need to finalize turbine selection before drawings can be finalized.
 3. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Nothing new. Trying to establish a LEO (legal enforceable obligation) by having site control, a LOPP Contract, and Agreements with SREC.
 4. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements**– Nothing new. SREC GM wants to visit next week to discuss this topic. Need to get these in order to facilitate an LOPP Contract and PPA negotiations.
 5. **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Need to produce a decision matrix to help evaluate the different proposals from China, Austria, Germany and two Canadian companies. Had meetings on Thursday & Friday with two representatives from a Canadian firm.
 6. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Jenny and I successfully obtained our first reimbursement request for \$530,000. Submitted our first progress reports.
 7. **INTERCAP Loan** – Nothing new. Two remaining conditions that need to be met prior to receiving loan funds are having a Reclamation LOPP Contract, and an Easement Verification Letter from SREC.
 8. **Local Bank Loan** – Local bank is willing to loan GID financing. Need to get more details to the Board for consideration.
 9. **LOPP** – Nothing new after the virtual, kick-off meeting held with 8 Reclamation staffers. Expecting a Draft LOPP agreement within the week.

10. **Wire, Widgets & Windings** – Nothing new. So far, we have hauled 30 reels of conductor, enough for roughly 18.4 miles of transmission line. Hoping to pick up another 6 reels.
- C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro –
 1. Nothing new on application submitted for another \$2M WEEG WaterSmart grant from Reclamation on Nov. 4th. Hope to hear something this month.
 2. **RRG Planning Grant** – We were awarded a \$15k planning grant so that we can then go after a \$125k RRGL award from DNRC. This application is due in May.
- D. Gibson Hydro –
 1. Received notice from Rep. Rosendale’s staff that our Federal legislation, H.R. 6369, has been added to the agenda for the WOW Subcommittee hearing this Thursday. I will provide virtual testimony in support of our bill. Remember this effort is to amend the Sun River Project Authorization to include hydropower generation.
- E. Johnson Drop –
 1. Look at site with reps from CHC.
 2. Sent a request to Reclamation for Preliminary LOPP.
 3. Preparing a Feasibility study.
 4. Will Pursue a WEEG grant due in July.
- F. A-Drop –
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 2. Sent a request to Reclamation for Preliminary LOPP.
 3. Preparing a Feasibility study.

13) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
 1. **Nothing new from MDT.**
- B. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
 1. **Nothing new.**
- C. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
 1. Had a kick-off meeting this month with FWHA staff out of Washington.
 2. Looking to submit a MCEP application (formerly TSEP) for additional money to help with related construction activities. This is due May 19th.
 3. Holding a public hearing at 3pm on Tuesday May 10th.
- D. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation –
 1. Signed the \$125,000 DNRC grant agreement to start construction for Fall 2022. Looking at simply replace the SRS-71 headworks with a “Smart Gate” and reconfiguring the downstream turnouts.
- E. Phase II J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
 1. Concrete finished. Backfilling complete.
 2. The Rubicon gates are apparently in the US. The by-pass gate is installed.
 3. May need to do some work downstream to lower Spring Coulee.
 4. Next Phase is to build the confining dikes in order allow for actual reregulation.
- F. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse –
 1. Looks like we will get the maximum amount requested, \$500k Also, looking at long-term Reclamation funding for the Tunnel.
 2. WWC is working on the design.

G. Lower GSC Rehabilitation –

1. Received a \$75,000 WaterSmart grant. Received the grant agreement. Working on a design.

14) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. Drafting a response to the Preliminary Options received from Reclamation.

15) GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. Numerous repairs still need to be addressed prior starting the water season.
- B. Shumaker finished crushing gravel at Cemetery Pit.
- C. Finished the repair of the bank erosion on Big Coulee that was potentially impacting the Beale Canal.

16) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Still advertising for a Range Rider. Will interview shortly.

17) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Montana Section will be hosting the NWRA Annual meeting this year to held at Fairmont as well, July 25th to 27th.
- B. Continue to have on-going discussions with reps from the Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) to discuss funding partnerships to procure NRCS grants through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL-566). Scheduled a tour and meeting on May 24th. Hope to have a sit-down with the representatives of the GID Board.

18) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – MAY

- Advance efforts to secure Transmission Agreement with SREC.
- Advance efforts of securing the INTERCAP Loan.
- Advance efforts to initiate PPA negotiations with NorthWestern Energy.
- Explore short-term/interim loan options with local banker.
- Initiate LOPP on Johnson Drop.

19) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – JUNE & ON

- Finish delivery of wire reels.
- Finalize LOPP Contract with Reclamation.
- Select Turbine manufacturer.
- Secure easements and complete design on Arnold Coulee Transmission Leg.
- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING JUNE 14th @ 7PM

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