

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday, September 13th, 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 was present, and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick was also present by phone. Also in attendance were: GID employees Cory Copenhaver, Dale Sand and Eric Mayer. Tracy Wendt with SRWG was present, along with Water Users Marvin Klinker and Mark Hansen, and Diane Hausmann representing the Fairfield Historical Society and Sandy French, a retired employee of the MT FW&P.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Norris at 7:06 P.M., due to President Brunner not being present, as of yet.

Parties Presenting Issues: Marvin Klinker wanted to express his gratitude for the good job the GID staff and Board did this water season in managing the short supply of water and the drought-like conditions experienced this year. Eric Mayer then presented a request made by Water User Mark Young. He informed the Board that Mr. Young is requesting use of GID's long-boom with an operator at the cost of \$2,000/day, billed to the Nilan Water Users. A brief discussion was had on the when and why it was needed, and the request was then tabled to the Agenda portion of the meeting. Diane then addressed Board and gave an update on the Society's members, building improvement needs and the funds donated by the VFW for these improvements. Diane explained that in 2025 the FHS would like to have a celebration honoring 100 years of operation. Sandy introduced herself and explained how and why she was associated with the Historical Society. Mark Hansen then addressed the Board with concerns he has on the overgrazing of some of GID's grazing pastures and asked that the Board consider looking into the matter. Ron Wilson, GID's current Range Rider will report to the Board next month of his findings after review of said pastures, along with some others.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the August 9th Regular and Special Meeting Minutes. President Brunner makes a comment that he wishes to amend the Regular Minutes to clarify that he did not vote on the motion to raise the allotment, as he vote was not necessary beings as it was 2 to 1. Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. The next set up for discussion was the Special Board Minutes. There were no discrepancies. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the minutes were approved. The Warrants List was then discussed, and Manager Juel explained that it was a big month and over 10% of the expenses were incurred due to Hydro development. GID has paid Mills for the 1st ditch rider truck and will now have to pay for the second, as it arrived today. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Contacts to Execute: None.

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

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Inflows this time of year are very low and may not be able to run WCFC at full capacity this year. A brief discussion was had on Broken O's water usage and water right, along with the need to put in a measuring device to gauge usage. Manager Juel gave a recap of the water season and noted that the drain season would be winding down this coming up weekend. See M.R. for current National Climate Prediction through February.

Water Rights: Nothing new to report.

GID Staff Updates: See M.R. for details. The annual employee appreciation BBQ was held last Thursday, and the crew participated in its annual adopt-a-highway clean up yesterday.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: The office staff will be looking at moving the information storage method to a cloud-based system this Fall. Also, Nancy continues to work with Dustin and Houston Engineering to complete Phase II, the mapping portion of the database transfer.

Farm Unit Operations: See the M.R. for further details. No F.U. changes this month.

Monthly Financials & 2022 Budget: See M.R. for details. Cash flow is our biggest obstacle currently. Manager Juel informed the Board that another \$60,000 or so would be yet expected for July and August generation at Turnbull Hydro. Repairs are still being made, but GID will be expected to pay 10% of the expenses incurred.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Manager Juel and Office Manager Gulick are working with Melissa at Douglas Wilson & Co. to complete GID's 2020-2021 audit.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: See M.R. for Short-Term and Long-Term Goals and Strategies.

Pearson Lawsuit: GID's motion made to dismiss on the basis of Federal preemption was denied. We now must address the plaintiff's Discovery requests and compile our Discovery requests to be submitted to the plaintiffs. Depositions for Tim and Erling are scheduled Thursday and Friday, September 29th and 30th in Choteau at the courthouse. See M.R. for other important dates.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: Had oral arguments regarding USBR's involvement in the trial.

Hydro Updates: Hydro Development Strategy: The 4.4-mile transmission segment from the Sun River Ranch is complete and we are awaiting the final invoice. Next SREC will then tackle the 4.6-mile Arnold Coulee leg which involves obtaining BLM and State leases. Dale will be making another trip to Wibaux to pick up small wire and miscellaneous. See M.R. for further details.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Sun River Bridge Replacement: FHWA now indicates that they will pass the project off to one of their preselected consultants. Completion of the project expected for the Summer of 2025. Phase II J-Wasteway: Next phase is to build the confining dikes in order to allow for actual reregulation. Some of

SRWG's \$1.7 million grant will be used to support Phase III of the project. WWC is working on the design for Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse and the Lower GSC Rehabilitation.

Title Transfer: Finished drafting a response to the Preliminary Options received from Reclamation and submitted but received no word back yet.

GID O&M Projects: O&M Foreman Mayer provided a verbal update.

GID Grazing Lease Program: Previously discussed earlier in the meeting.

Miscellaneous: See M.R. for details. Kick-off meeting with FCA to discuss District modernization plan scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m.

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


Agenda:

- 1) Request from Mark Young for the Nilan Water users to rent the long-boom and an operator at the rate of \$2,000/day to be addressed. Brief discussion. Vice President Norris moved to approve the request and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment:

- 1) Tracy Wendt with SRWG gives the Board a brief update, handouts provided. October 26th is the SRWG Water Management Working Group meeting and Board meeting at the Fairfield Ambulance Training center. She then asked the Board for its regular Fall contribution of \$4,000. Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the request and Vice President Norris seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Vice President Norris moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:59 P.M.


Board President


Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- 1) Board approved the request from the Nilan Water Users to rent GID's long-boom and an operator at the rate of \$2,000/day.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th 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: August 9th Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES: Marvin Klinker to show his gratitude to GID for the hard work this water season. Mark Young wishes to address the Board to Request GID's use of the Long Boom at Nilan Reservoir. The Fairfield Historical Society wishes to address the Board to provide an update and request information the Board may have on its original formation and National Registration.

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt, handout provided.

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Accrual Basis

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Warrant List
August 2022

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Aug 22				
08/02/2022	33945	Visa	4799-3403-0200-3790	-3,500.00
08/02/2022	33946	Visa	4799-3403-0200-3790	-4,989.00
08/08/2022	34000	Fairfield Drug, Inc	office supply	-4.98
08/08/2022	34001	O Reilly Auto Parts	ditch rider/dump truck repairs	-2,433.67
08/08/2022	34002	City Motor Company	#5 & #9 d.r. truck	-1,276.26
08/08/2022	34003	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	cement	-717.90
08/08/2022	34004	National Laundry	rugs and towels	-114.20
08/31/2022	34005	Teton County Treasurer		-20.60
08/09/2022	34006	Harvest Fest	Power's Annual Fundraiser	-100.00
08/09/2022	34007	Glacier State Electric	McAlpine pump	-1,071.42
08/09/2022	34008	3 Rivers Communication	phone	-592.50
08/09/2022	34009	Republic Services	utilities	-134.70
08/09/2022	34010	R&L Eagle Grocery	office supplies	-63.59
08/09/2022	34011	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	accounting	-985.00
08/09/2022	34012	Pacific Steel	repairs	-60.86
08/09/2022	34013	Visa	emp reimb \$48.79	-48.79
08/09/2022	34014	Napa Auto Parts	shop, ditch rider trks, kw	-554.24
08/10/2022	34041	TB - MPERA	retirement	-7,925.14
08/10/2022	34042	TB - 941	81-6001490	-10,919.74
08/10/2022	34043	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-2,181.00
08/10/2022	34044	Employee Michelle Lauver	Emp reimb \$30.53	-9.06
08/15/2022	34045	Advanced Drainage System	pipe	-17,744.96
08/15/2022	34046	Local Government Service Bureau	late fees	-130.00
08/15/2022	34047	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-22.39
08/15/2022	34048	SUN RIVER ELECTRIC CO-OP	pumps, GS 4 ck, and GS 28	-362.90
08/18/2022	34049	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	Tunnel #3	-1,297.00
08/18/2022	34050	Land Resources & Enviro Sciences, MSU	VOID: weed spray school GJE, RGJE created on 08/18/2022	0.00
08/18/2022	34051	Land Resources & Enviro Sciences, MSU	VOID: weed spray school GJE, RGJE created on 08/18/2022	0.00
08/23/2022	34052	Mills Motor, Co.	Purchase 2022 Ford F-150 d.r. trk	-33,045.00
08/23/2022	34053	Macon Supply, Inc	VOID: STEEL FOR ARNOLD COULEE GJE, RGJE created o...	0.00
08/23/2022	34054	Macon Supply, Inc	Arnold Coulee	-42,070.00
08/24/2022	34084	TB - 941	81-6001490	-10,155.60
08/24/2022	34085	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,986.00
08/24/2022	34086	TB - MPERA	retirement	-7,097.01
08/24/2022	34087	Employee Michelle Lauver	cleaning supplies	-27.76
08/24/2022	34088	Stan Fry	emp reimb \$89.82	-89.82
08/24/2022	34091	Pinion, Don	hired help- crane Thank you!	-599.00
08/25/2022	34092	Greenfields Irrigation District	Transfer to the Hydro Account	-354,500.00

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08/31/2022	34093	Teton County Treasurer	plates	-52.02
08/31/2022	34094	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana	247191	-6,236.13
08/31/2022	34122	Aflac	insurance	-163.32
08/31/2022	34123	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-19,880.00
08/31/2022	34124	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-789.00
08/31/2022	34125	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	pension	-1,982.23
08/31/2022	34126	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-593.53
08/31/2022	34127	7 Electric	Gibson Hydro	-250.00
08/31/2022	34128	Apgar Engineering, PLLC	Arnold Coulee	-15,584.00
08/31/2022	34129	Augusta Gas Station, Inc.	fuel/oil	-957.56
08/31/2022	34130	Cintas First Aid & Safety	first aid	-164.03
08/31/2022	34131	Dale Sand	emp reimb \$50.	-50.00
08/31/2022	34132	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	monthly website hosting/maintenance	-75.00
08/31/2022	34133	Employee Chaz Keller	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34134	Employee Eric Mayer	cell phone reimb \$50	-50.00
08/31/2022	34135	Employee Shad Beck	Emp reim \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34136	Employee Tony May	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34137	Employee Zech Shaiz	emp cell reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34138	Erling Juel	reimburse cell usage \$142.94	-142.94
08/31/2022	34139	Ethan Brosten	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34140	Ethnoscience, Inc	Pishkun Inlet/Lower GSC	-7,900.00
08/31/2022	34141	Fastenal Company	repairs	-294.41
08/31/2022	34142	Heartland Ag Systems	weed control	-210.85
08/31/2022	34143	Home Depot Credit Services	supplies	-234.92
08/31/2022	34144	I State Truck Center	repair	-209.84
08/31/2022	34145	Jenny Gulick	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34146	K's Auto Parts	repairs/emp reimb \$21.44	-529.30
08/31/2022	34147	MCI	long distance	-70.16
08/31/2022	34148	Mills Motor, Co.	repairs/supplies	-86.15
08/31/2022	34149	Motor Power	repairs	-292.02
08/31/2022	34150	Mountain View Co-Op	repairs/gas/tires/diesel	-36,824.88
08/31/2022	34151	Napa Auto Parts	repairs	-721.59
08/31/2022	34152	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-122.90
08/31/2022	34153	Northwest Parts & Equipment	repairs	-288.13
08/31/2022	34154	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-293.35
08/31/2022	34155	O Reilly Auto Parts	repairs	-1,283.35
08/31/2022	34156	Pacific Steel	pipe	-4,944.11
08/31/2022	34157	R&L Eagle Grocery	office supply	-67.81
08/31/2022	34158	Republic Services	garbage	-133.18

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08/31/2022	34159	Scott Neckstad.	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34160	Shop Specialties, LLC	repairs	-341.12
08/31/2022	34161	Stan Fry	emp reimb \$50	-50.00
08/31/2022	34162	Steve Lettengarver	emp reimb \$40	-40.00
08/31/2022	34163	TNT Truck Parts	repairs	-281.19
08/31/2022	34164	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
08/31/2022	34165	Tractor & Equipment, Co	repairs	-141.13
08/31/2022	34166	True Value	repairs	-135.97
08/31/2022	34167	Uda Law Firm	legal counseling	-2,191.05
08/31/2022	34168	United States Geological Survey	Muddy Creek	-1,055.00
08/31/2022	34169	Victory Insurance Company	WC100-0010152-2022A	-2,553.00
08/31/2022	34170	Visa	office/misc/emp reimb \$75.15	-447.62
08/31/2022	34171	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	Pishkun/Tunnel #3/SRS Check	-25,282.00
Aug 22				-641,337.88

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

\$641,317.28
 \$ 66,235.72
 \$707,553.00
 \$ 878.67
 \$706,674.33

Approved by  Date _____
 President
 Submitted by  Date _____
 Bookkeeper

To: GID Commissioners
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

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

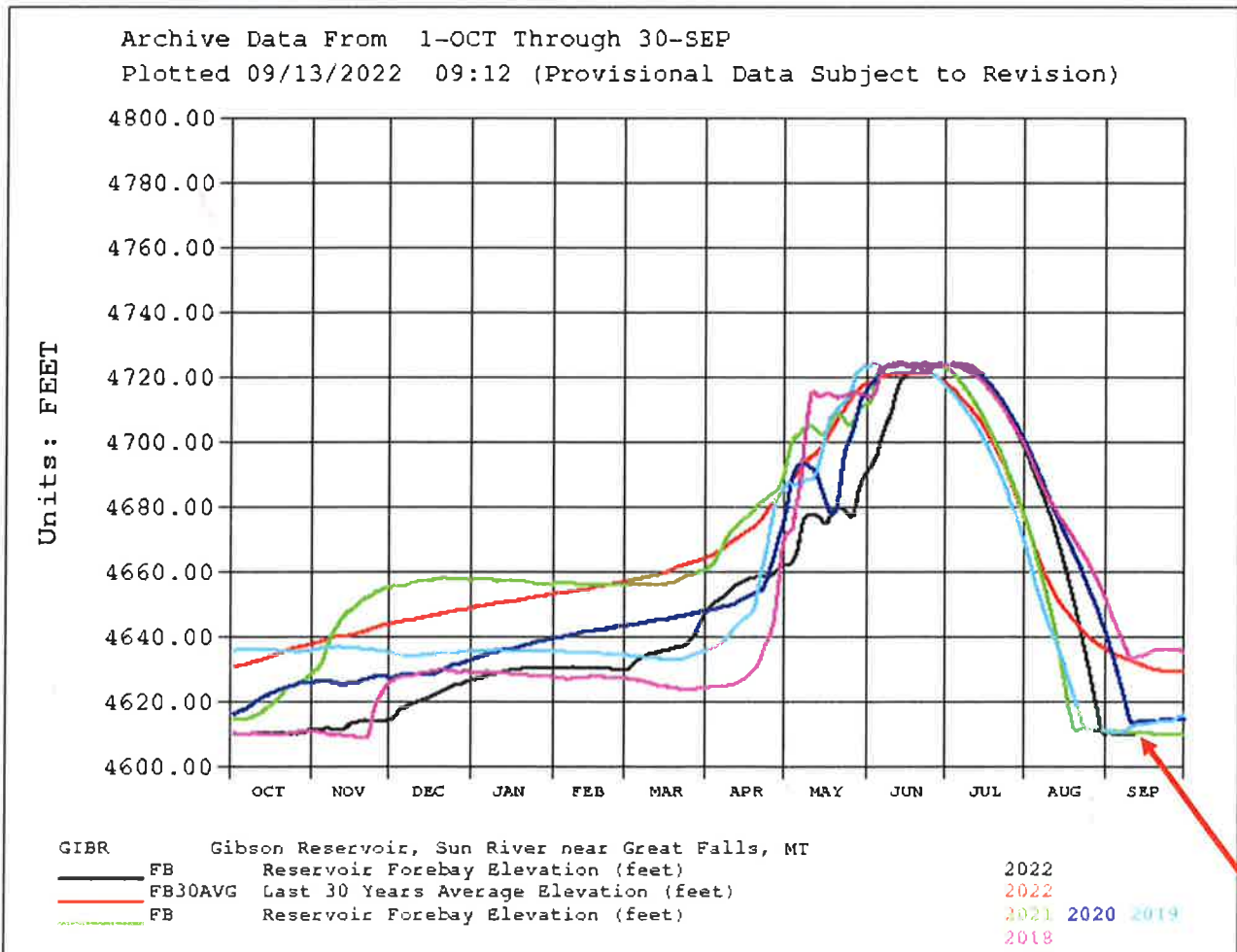
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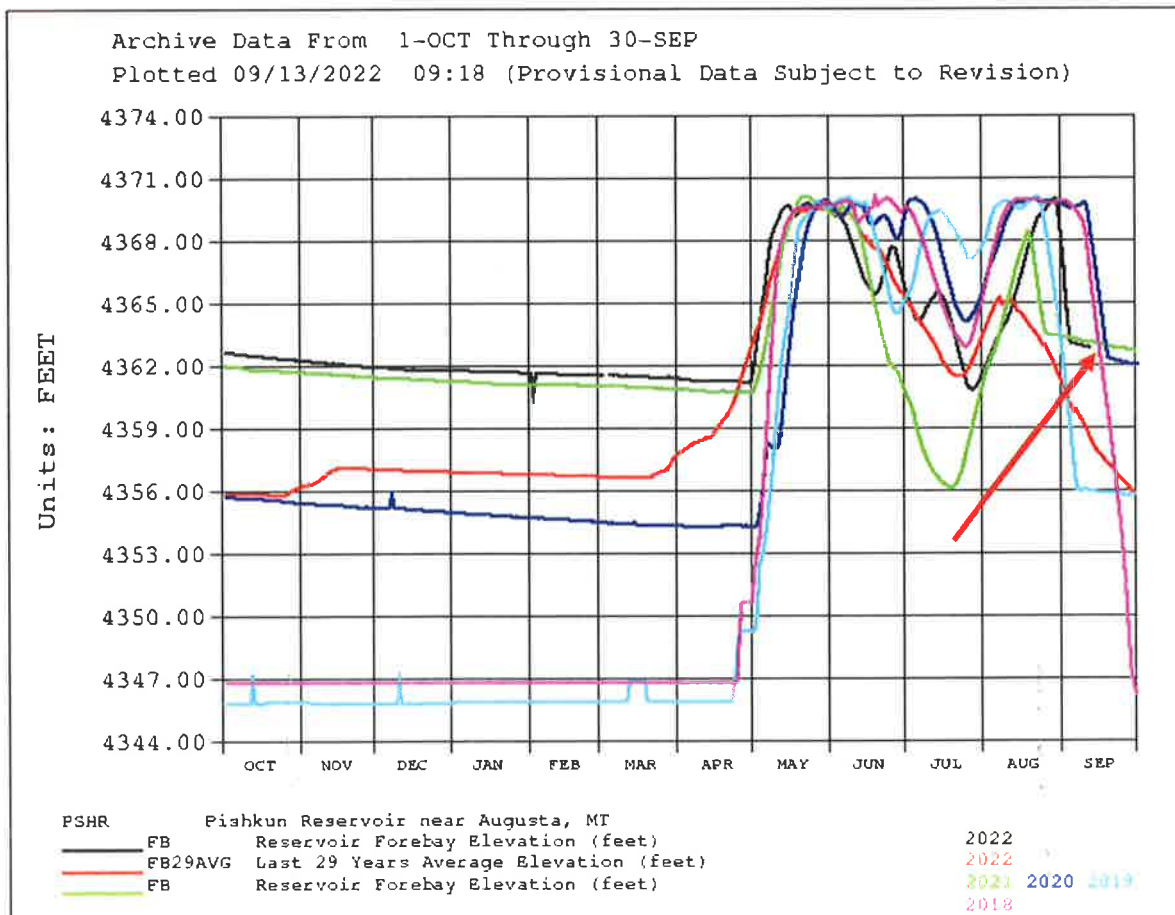
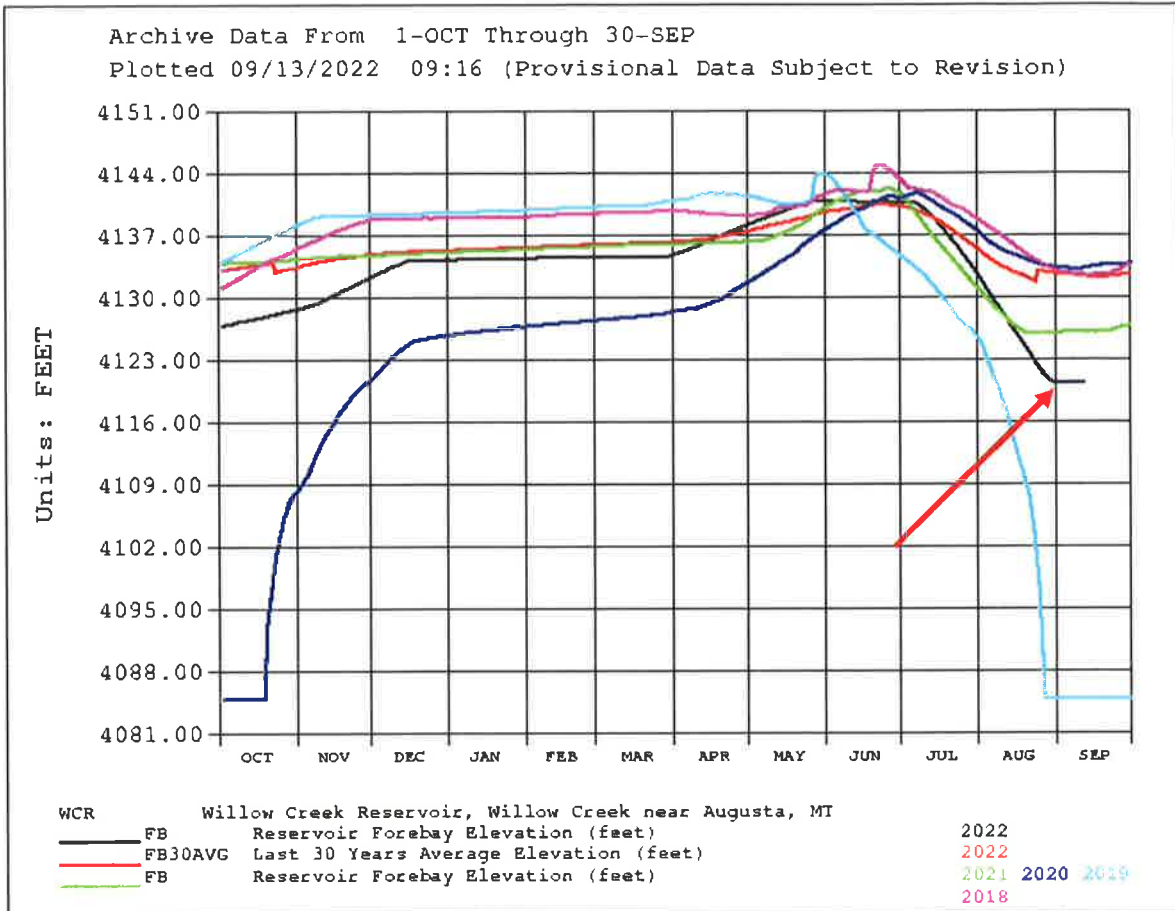
1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 09/13/22

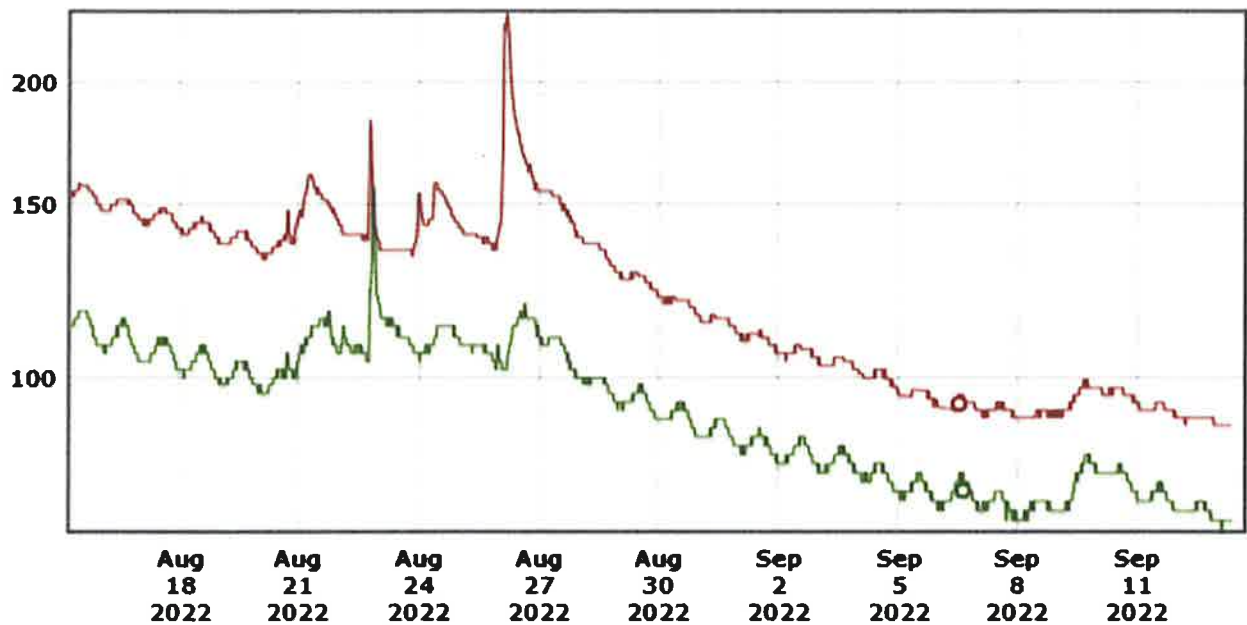
A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:

- Gibson Res.: 5,550 Ac-ft, 5.6% Full & 37% of Normal, Winter Level
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 176 to 212 cfs, 73 to 87% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: +/-190 cfs, $Q_{in}=Q_{out}$
- Willow Creek Reservoir: <8,350 Ac-ft, <26% Full, 44% of Normal
- Willow Creek Reservoir Releases: OFF as of August 29th
- Willow Creek Feeder Canal: Off
- Pishkun Reservoir: 36,300 Ac-ft, 78% of Full, 118% of Normal
- Pishkun Supply Canal: OFF as of August 29th
- Pishkun Releases: OFF as of September 6th

B. National Climate Prediction Center is predicting slightly above normal temps and normal precipitation for September through November. December to February is predicted to be normal temps and above normal precipitation.







INFLOWS – NORTH & SOUTH FORKS OF SUN RIVER

C. In summary.....

1. Uses of Gibson Reservoir, the Pishkun Supply Canal, and the Willow Creek Reservoir were terminated on August 29th.
2. Use of Pishkun Reservoir was terminated September 6th.
3. Irrigation demand was high right up until the end.
4. Willow Creek Reservoir dropped very low this year. Can not start refilling because of low Sun River flows.
5. The Drain season will terminate this Friday.

2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

A. Nothing new to report.

3) STAFF UPDATES

- A. Seasonal weed sprayers and mower finished the last week of August.
- B. Employee appreciation and end-of-season party was held last Thursday.
- C. Had a producer give a GID staff a death threat, reported to the county Sheriff.
- D. Employees cleaned-up GID's Adopt-a-Highway yesterday.

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

- A. Nothing new, Jenny and Nancy are still working on improvements to the data base.
- B. Nancy is still working on updating the infrastructure layers, mapping turnout locations.

5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

- A. **No Farm Unit Changes this month.**
- B. Still working on amending the Board Policies regarding drain usage and penalty for abuses and infractions. Probably should have a work session this Fall.

6) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2022 BUDGET

- A. Total of the account receivables for August was \$42,323.

- B. Accounts payable for August totaled \$641,338 & \$66,236 includes two pay periods. Mostly \$354,500 for 10% down payment for CHC turbines, \$42k for steel forms, \$33k for 2nd new P/U from Mills, \$37k for gas, diesel & tires, and \$49k for engineering services on various projects.
- C. Cash flow remains the Manger's biggest issue right now.
- D. Notified that GID will receive \$60,000 for the July Turnbull revenue. Already received \$100,000 in revenue from Turnbull for the months May and June. Revenue for August will be low due to losing one turbine.

7) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Jenny is still researching costs to replace our server with cloud-based file storage.
- B. Jenny is working with Douglas Wilson & Co. to complete our 2020-2021 audit.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Short-Term Needs
 - 1. In August, we finally took delivery of the two pick-ups GID ordered almost 2 years ago.
 - 2. Looking to purchase a trailer to also serve as a job trailer.
- 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) PEARSON LAWSUIT

- A. Regarding the alleged marital status discrimination complaint filed by Spencer Pearson against GID involving Reclamation's 960-acre limitation policies, our motion to stay the Discovery activities pending a decision on our motion to dismiss on the basis of Federal preemption, was denied so now we must address plaintiff's Discovery requests. Also, must compile our Discovery requests to be submitted to the plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs have asked for oral argument in the motion to dismiss which is scheduled for tomorrow, Sept. 14th.
- B. Depositions of Tim and myself are scheduled for Friday the 30th and Thursday the 29th respectively.
- 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.

10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL MAINTENANCE & LAWSUIT

- A. Had oral arguments regarding USBR's desire to sit on the sidelines. No work on the Judge's decision.
- B. Back and forth documents regarding the witness and documents to be relied on.

11) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. Hydro Power Development Strategy –
 - 1. Still pushing to develop Arnold Coulee & Pishkun Inlet sites.

2. No word yet on grant submitted for a WaterSMART WEEG grant in the amount of \$4.3 million. This grant would address Pishkun Inlet Hydro, finishing the Johnson Drop site and would make the A-Drop site hydropower friendly.

B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –

1. **Easements, Transmission Design & Construction** – The 4.4-mile transmission segment from the Sun River Crossing at the Morris ranch to just east of the Sun River ranch is officially completed. Now awaiting the final invoice. The next segment is approximately 8.6 miles extending from Silo F-08 where the 2021 segment ended and extends eastward to Jackson's Corner along Hwy 287. Design is done but having trouble procuring materials to keep the Contractor busy. Next, we will then tackle the 4.6-mile Arnold Coulee leg which involves obtaining State and BLM leases.
2. **Construction Drawings** – Team Sorenson is updating the drawings as we speak but I have not seen any versions beyond the 30% drawings that were completed months ago. Lack of drawings impacts authorization to proceed from Reclamation.
3. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Nothing new. Still trying to establish a LEO (legally enforceable obligation) by having site control, a LOPP Contract, and Agreements with SREC. Still no word from Central Montana Electric or Basin Electric as another option for securing a PPA to sell the electricity.
4. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Still waiting for a draft agreement from SREC. SREC is now telling me it will be the end of August before they can send me a draft. Need to get this in order to facilitate an LOPP Contract and PPA negotiations. I reached out to the local WAPA representative regarding “big-picture” transmission concerns. Initial contact but nothing lately.
5. **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Selected CHC. Tim and I were able to negotiate a price reduction. Paid the 10% down.
6. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Nothing new to report. Need to file a quarterly report at the end of September.
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. **LOPP** – Received and reviewed a 1st Draft of the LOPP Agreement. GID made comments and some objections. Have not seen a 2nd version yet. It has been over month since I have received any communications other than “it's in the works”. Met with BLM reps on-site on August 30th. They are waiting for updated drawings, and they need to coordinate with Reclamation regarding the impact to grizzly bears. Nothing new on the status of our water rights application, still in DNRC's in-box.
9. **Wire, Widgets & Windings** – Dale is making a run to Wibaux to pick-up small wire and miscellaneous items needed for the next segment and to keep the Contractor working. Still hoping to pick up the last six reels of conductor this Fall. Now looking at purchasing laminate poles from NorVal.
10. **Construction** – Currently GID is working on earthwork in preparation of the up-coming construction. Hoping to order rebar package for the intake structure and long-crested by-pass weir as well as steel embedments for

the penstock transition. Looking to start construction this Fall. We are very close to losing a year due to all the delays we are experiencing.

C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro –

1. **WaterSmart WEEG** – Still no word on the WaterSMART WEEG grant in the amount of \$4.3 million submitted in July. This grant would address Pishkun Inlet Hydro, finishing the Johnson Drop site and would make the A-Drop site hydropower ready.
2. Completed the Cultural Studies.
3. Committed to purchase of turbine and generator for this site.

D. Gibson Hydro –

1. Senator Daines' staff indicates that our Authorization Amendment legislation should become law by the end of the year.
2. Three Sen. Daines staffers took a tour on August 25th. Visited with members of the GID Board before the tour started.
3. Daines staffer indicated that FERC will soon begin the process of revoking the license for Gibson Hydro. Thom Fischer offered to purchase GID's half of the project. Instructed our attorney to seek a proposal from Tollhouse Energy to do just that.

E. Johnson Drop –

1. Received a Preliminary LOPP agreement from Reclamation.
2. Preparing a Feasibility study.
3. Submitted a WaterSMART WEEG grant in the amount of \$4.3 million. This grant would address finishing the Johnson Drop site.

F. A-Drop –

1. Received a Preliminary LOPP agreement from Reclamation.
2. Preparing a Feasibility study.
3. Submitted a WaterSMART WEEG grant in the amount of \$4.3 million. This grant would make the A-Drop site hydropower friendly.

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

A. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings

1. **Nothing new from MDT.**

B. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –

1. Nothing new. Reclamation wants to implement an operational reservoir elevation level of 4133. This would only allow us use of the bottom half of the Reservoir and the reservoir would be drained each season. Unacceptable!! Their alternative is to haul rock and material to the spillway site as an emergency precaution.

C. Sun River Bridge Replacement –

1. FHWA now indicates that they will pass the project off to one of their preselected consultants. Met with one of the teams last Friday.
2. Nothing new on the application for \$1.2 million planning grant submitted to the FHWA on July 22 to help offset engineering costs.
3. Nothing new on the \$750,000 MCEP grant I submitted back in May.
4. Ribbon cutting ceremony planned for Summer of 2025.

D. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation –

1. Design work is on-going for this project.

- E. Phase II J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
 - 1. Next Phase is to build the confining dikes in order allow for actual reregulation. SRWG was \$1.7 million Muddy Creek Restoration Grant. Some of this grant includes Phase 3 of J-Wasteway.
 - 2. Need to install the gates before we can close out the DNRC grant and get our final reimbursement.
- F. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse –
 - 1. WWC is working on the design. Using a IDG grant we received. Received a draft set of drawings but have yet to review them.
 - 2. Big picture, still need to find a source of funding to do repair.
 - 3. Mark inspected the Tunnel last week it may need additional work.
- G. Lower GSC Rehabilitation –
 - 1. Received a \$75,000 WaterSmart grant. Received the grant agreement. WWC is working on a design.
- H. MC-41 Drop Chute Failure –
 - 1. Ordered the pipe to replace the chute drop. This project is on GID, no grant, no design assistance. It is obvious that this has been patched numerous times in the past.
 - 2. Need to complete by next Spring.
- I. PSC Road – Completed making improvements to the canal road in preparation for the Arnold Coulee work this Fall.
 - 1. 3rd Mill Coulee Drop – The stilling basin on the lower MC Drop has experienced failure. It is obvious that this structure as well has been patched numerous times in the past. Don't want to replace this drop since the Ashuelot Bench has bigger plans. Need to dewater and re-evaluate to determine a logical solution.

13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. Finished drafting and sent my responses to the Preliminary Options received from Reclamation. No response back from Reclamation yet.

14) GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. No O&M's list this month. Eric will provide a verbal update.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Range Rider still reviewing pastures.
- B. Common theme is that the pastures are showing high degree of wear.
- C. Putting together a pasture lessee letter addressing typical concerns regarding the pastures.

16) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Kick-off meeting with Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) to discuss District overhaul and modernization is scheduled for Wednesday at 11am.
- B. Received new informational signs from Reclamation regarding recreational usage and subsequent law enforcement for Willow Creek and Pishkun Reservoirs. USBR has reached an agreement with NFS law enforcement to start enforcement. Nothing Yet.

17) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – SEPTEMBER

- Work on response to Discovery requests for the Spencer Pearson lawsuit.
- Start construction of the next 8.6 miles of transmission line.
- Continue to advance efforts to secure Transmission Agreement with SREC.
- Review and negotiate the LOPP agreement with Reclamation.
- Finalize INTERCAP Loan details.
- Advance efforts to initiate PPA negotiations with NorthWestern Energy or Basin Electric.
- Satisfy BLM's requirements regarding additional easement.
- Finalize additional water rights from DNRC.
- Push FERC revocation of the Gibson Hydro license.
- Finish delivery of wire reels in September.
- Advance the construction drawings.
- Solicit for rebar package for by-pass weir and intake structure.
- Solicit for roller gates, transition pipe and entrance collar.

18) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – OCTOBER & ON

- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11th @ 7PM

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