

On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. the Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held its 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 and Dave Gulick. Pat Brosten was not present. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also, in attendance were: GID employees, Cory Copenhaver, Tony May and Steve Lettengarver. Chris Ostberg on the Advisory Board was present, along with water user: Bill Pearson. Jason Hahn with the Bureau of Reclamation was in attendance, along with Tracy Wendt with SRWG and Trudy Whitmore with the Fairfield Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 8:32 A.M. President Brunner reminded the group that public comment would be accepted but held to a maximum of 5 minutes per individual.

**Board to Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants:** The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the March 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. There were no discrepancies found in the Regular Minutes and Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Gulick seconded the motion. All in favor and the Minutes were approved. Next the Board reviewed the Executive Session Minutes. No discrepancies were found, and Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Gulick seconding the motion. All in favor and the minutes were approved. The Board then reviewed the March warrants. President Brunner asked about the AFFCO warrant and Manager Juel explained that GID was reimbursed the funds to pay AFFCO from our grant. The Riverside warrant was for the remainder of the gates and gate skins for Arnold Coulee. The International Pipe warrant was to reorder the pipe needed for Arnold Coulee, with the intention that we would use the pipe already purchased for Pishkun Inlet. Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the warrants and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

**Contacts to Execute:** None.

**Parties Presenting Issues:** None.

**Contracts to Execute:** None.

### **Manager's Report:**

**Reservoir and River Operations:** See M.R. for full details. Reservoir and River Operations: Snowpack is currently 79.7% of normal, which is still way above last year's. Willow Creek and Gibson Reservoirs are historically low, which is slightly troubling, but Pishkun is at normal levels. Gibson Inflows are starting to increase. We will start to run some water over to Willow Creek and it should be running at full flow by the end of the week. The National Climate Prediction is normal temps and normal precipitation for April through June, with July through September expected to see well-above normal temps and well-below normal precipitation. Last year was the first time in a very, very long

time that Gibson didn't fill completely. The Board will discuss the water allotment and start-up date later in the meeting.

**Water Rights:** No update.

**GID Staff Updates:** We received a draft of the Union Bargaining Agreement, but no final copy. The two ditch rider positions have been filled by Matt Genger and Drew Quencer. Matt will be seasonal but may work outside of the water season if it is mutually agreed upon and beneficial. Tony May will be the new Water Master.

**Office Improvements & General Administration:** GID's Annual Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> went well and was well attended.

**GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates:** The certification packets have all been sent out, except for a few that had issues with their maps.

**Farm Unit Operations:** No farm unit changes, only a few new pivot installations for the Board's FYI.

**Monthly Financials & 2025 Budget:** See the M.R. for further details regarding accounts receivable and payable for March. Manager Juel will have an updated Budget for the Board's review at next month's meeting.

**GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment:** Commissioner Brosten is organizing the rebuild of our lowboy trailer. We are looking at replacing our 13+ year-old CAT 320 excavator and our 2 dump trucks in the near future. Volvo is going to have us keep the loaner truck that we were given to replace the faulty one and we will swap titles. Cory Copenhaver gave a brief overview of the issues with the truck, in the absence of O&M Foreman, Eric Mayer.

**Spencer Pearson Lawsuit:** Nothing new from the Human Rights Bureau, but GID submitted its response to the complaint last month. Spencer has filed another lawsuit in District court, as well. GID's insurance provider has agreed to provide defense coverage and has appointed counsel out of Billings and he/she will work with Steph Oblander.

**Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit:** See the M.R. for further details. The Trial is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We still have a couple of motions pending in District Court regarding the insurance dec action.

**Hydro Updates:** General: See the M.R for details. Transmission Design & Construction: Little has occurred regarding the construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg since September 2024. The contractor has yet to return to the site. It is concerning that the construction restrictions were imposed to address the local bird nesting season between April 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to finish the river crossing next week. Power Purchase Agreement: Negotiations with NWE and WAPA are not getting anywhere. Manager Juel has included the latest communication with NWE in the packets for the Board's review and he gave the Board a brief overview of what the letter stated. We are still working with Basin Electric to buy our power, but no dollar figures have been discussed yet. Construction: The turbines were set on Monday and leveled on Tuesday. Crews will be working closer to Fairfield doing work to get ready for the water season. Pishkun Inlet Hydro: The NEPA documents have been finalized, and the BLM ROW has been secured.

**GID Infrastructure Projects:** For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: We submitted a \$4.4 million CDS (Congressional Directed Spending) request through Senator Sheehy's office. This work will include a new GSC headworks structure, new headworks for GS-59, new measuring devices and hydropower generation. Willow Creek Spillway: The hauling of the riprap is done. The remaining items include dressing up the haul road, fixing fences, repairing/replacing cattle guards. We are still working with the Bureau to determine the amount GID will have to pay back. Sun River Bridge Replacement: The removal of the old bridge is just about completed Reclamation secured more money for the demo and removal of the old bridge. Tunnel #3 Rehab: We are not necessarily happy with the outcome of the work done there. We have surveyed the as-is condition and will let it go for a season before a review of the necessary amendments planned for future rehab. The repayment contract is the last hurdle to get approval for the Phase II low interest loan. The repayment doesn't begin until the project is done, but interest will start accruing. We don't believe it will affect the flow because of the smoothness of the new steel liner. Pishkun Outlet: The Bureau has a crew doing a design charette here this week to discuss replacement and rehab options.

**Title Transfer:** Nothing new to report.

**GID Grazing Lease Program:** GID Range Rider Wilson was not present to give the Board an update.

**FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure:** The FCA will be contracting directly with WWC to implement the SIP with the NRCS. Manager Juel explained that the Bureau of Mines & Geology will want some staff gauges recalibrated. There was a brief discussion about the need for an aquifer recharge for the city.

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

**Agenda:**

- 5) The board to review the proposal letter from the Fairfield Historical Society's request for GID and the USBR to allow them to utilize the old manager's residence as a meeting hall under Permit, attachment. Trudy Whitmore with the FHS was present to formally present this request to the Board and give any clarification needed. She explained that they would like to include the residence in the SUP, along with the museum and Trudy gave further clarification of how each building is planned to be used. The Board will consider the request but does not see any reason the FHS would postpone the request to finalize the SUP with the Bureau.
- 1) Water User, Matt Fischer, is requesting to abandon SRS 124-6 on F.U. 163, handout provided. Eric has been working with Matt and has drafted a letter to allow for the closure but ensure that GID is not giving up its right-of-way. Matt is the only user on the ditch. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the request and Vice President Norris seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 2) Board to discuss the allotment and start-up date for the 2025 water season. A brief discussion began, but it was determined that it was a little premature to make such a decision, with Spring rains and snow expected. The allotment will likely begin at a 1-foot allotment, but it can always be raised if conditions become more favorable. We also need to consider that producers may be planning to explore the PPA program again. The county would need to declare a drought but hasn't done so yet. A newsletter will go out before the start of the season to inform the

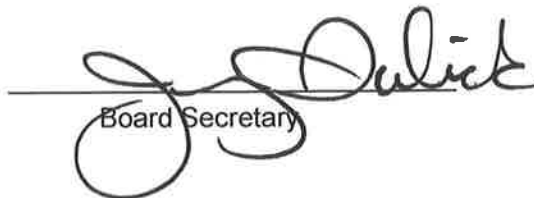
producers of the specifics for the 2025 season. The Board set a tentative start date for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- 3) Board to review the Ag Scholarship applications and award 2- \$1,500 scholarships, attached. There were only two applications received and both were very good candidates. Vice President moved to award them both a \$1,500 scholarship and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 4) New pivot installations for the Boards FYI, attachments. Nancy is working with 1 of the producers to ensure that they will not be watering outside of the boundaries with the new pivot.
- 6) Board to review and discuss the proposed contract between the USBR and GID for the repayment of the extraordinary maintenance costs for the rehab of the PSC Tunnel #3, attachment. Not all of the Board members had a chance to review the contract, so Manager Juel gave an overview. After 1 year, BOR will restructure a payment schedule, but interest will begin accruing immediately. Current interest rates are 4%. The BOR is getting pressure for irrigation districts to pay them for their assistance. Having reserves is critical for meeting the terms of this contract but can be used every year after they have been established and reported. Manager Juel explained that we will get a revolving line-of-credit each year to show that we have met the requirement to have access to reserve funds. GID will need to propose a reserve amount that is acceptable to the BOR.

**Public Comment:** Tracy Wendt with SRWG gave a brief update, handout provided. She explained that she included on the back the Agenda for the Working Group Meeting scheduled for next Thursday. Tracy then asked the Board for to consider its annual Spring Contribution of \$5,000 to the SRWG. Water quality monitoring starts this month. The Rain barrel event is in Fairfield this year on Mother's Day weekend. Later this year, the SRWG will hire engineers to create a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Floweree Canal intake and the Willow Creek outlet, both having funding available. Vice President Norris made a motion to approve the Spring contribution and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the donation request was approved.

Commissioner Brady moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:49 A.M.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

**Board Action Recap:**

- Board approved the request to abandon SRS 124-6 on F.U. 163, Matt Fischer.
- Board postponed establishing an allotment and start-up date for the water season.
- Board awarded 2 Ag Scholarships of \$1,500 each, Mikayla Toeckes and Kamber Bender.



**AGENDA FOR:** Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.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:** March 11th Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes

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

**PARTIES PRESENTING:**

**CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) Water User Matt Fischer requested to abandon SRS 124-6 on Farm Unit 163, see handout
- 2) Board to Discuss Allotment and Start-up Date for the 2025 Water Season
- 3) Board to Review Ag Scholarship Applications and Award 2 \$1,500 scholarships, attached
- 4) New Pivot Installation FYIs for the Board
- 5) Board to review proposal letter from the Fairfield Historical Society's request for GID and the USBR to allow them to utilize the old manager's residence as a meeting hall under Permit, attachment.
- 6) Board to Review and Discuss Proposed Contract USBR & GID for Repayment of Extraordinary Maintenance Costs for Rehab of PSC Tunnel #3

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt to give the Board a brief update.



Monthly Warrant List  
 GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
 March 2025

DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
03/05/2025	37543	TB - 941	-8,194.04
03/05/2025	37544	TB - SWT	-873.00
03/05/2025	37545	TB - MPERA	-6,495.78
03/10/2025	37577	Anaconda Foundry Fabrication Company	-123,507.95
03/10/2025	37578	Montana Department of Revenue	-1,247.60
03/10/2025	37579	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	-893.60
03/10/2025	37580	Riverside Inc.	-112,525.00
03/10/2025	37581	GM Financial	-846.48
03/10/2025	37582	Visa	-3,642.60
03/10/2025	37583	Mountain View Co-Op	-848.10
03/10/2025	37584	Northwest Parts & Equipment	0.00
03/10/2025	37585	Breen Oil and Tire Company	-2,155.55
03/10/2025	37586	Republic Services	-140.21
03/10/2025	37587	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
03/10/2025	37588	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	-2,065.15
03/11/2025	37589	Fisher's Technology	-210.00
03/12/2025	37590	Aflac	-106.20
03/17/2025	37591	The Log Cabin Cafe	-1,500.00
03/17/2025	37592	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-22,155.00
03/18/2025	37626	Kelley Create	-1,235.86
03/18/2025	37627	Aflac	-106.20
03/18/2025	37628	Blossoms & Blooms	-150.00
03/18/2025	37629	Cozy Corner	0.00
03/18/2025	37630	Brian Colesworthy	-75.00
03/18/2025	37616	TB - 941	-8,540.45
03/18/2025	37617	TB - SWT	-904.00
03/18/2025	37618	TB - MPERA	-6,620.41
03/18/2025	37619	Michelle Lauver-	-19.98
03/18/2025	37620	Jenny Gulick	-78.01
03/18/2025	37631	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-23,632.00
03/20/2025	37621	FASTER BASSET	-100.00
03/27/2025	37622	Anaconda Foundry Fabrication Company	-148,599.00
03/27/2025	37623	MT Dept of Revenue	-1,501.00
03/27/2025	37624	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	-2,700.00
03/31/2025	37655	A Jay Concrete Pumping, LLC	-3,001.13
03/31/2025	37656	Aflac	-106.20
03/31/2025	37657	B.A. Fischer Sales Co., LLC	-5,272.04
03/31/2025	37658	Cintas First Aid & Safety	-196.69
03/31/2025	37659	Fairfield Sun Times	-371.28
03/31/2025	37660	General Distributing Co	-34.10
03/31/2025	37661	International Pipe & Supply	-50,000.00
03/31/2025	37662	K's Auto Parts	-37.99
03/31/2025	37663	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-74.75


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DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
03/31/2025	37664	Keneco- Great Falls	-315.80
03/31/2025	37665	MCI	-72.28
03/31/2025	37666	MDS Supply	-754.00
03/31/2025	37667	National Laundry	-67.02
03/31/2025	37668	North 40	-39.98
03/31/2025	37669	NorthWestern Energy	-617.16
03/31/2025	37670	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	-298.78
03/31/2025	37671	Old West Lumber, Inc	-3,146.51
03/31/2025	37672	Sherwin Williams	-286.95
03/31/2025	37673	Smith Oblander & Meade & Mitcham, P.C.	-4,025.00
03/31/2025	37674	Strobel's Rentals. Inc.	-698.00
03/31/2025	37675	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-638.45
03/31/2025	37676	Teamster's Local #2	-1,998.00
03/31/2025	37677	Town of Fairfield	-141.00
03/31/2025	37678	Tractor & Equipment, Co	-501.74
03/31/2025	37679	Tri-State Truck & Equipment	-441.62
03/31/2025	37680	Uda Law Firm	-1,650.00
03/31/2025	37681	United States Geological Survey	-1,374.00
03/31/2025	37682	Victory Insurance Company	-2,571.00
03/31/2025	37683	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-2,303.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-\$563,326.74</b>

Recap of March 2025 warrants:  
 Regular warrants  
 March 2025 payroll  
 Total

\$563,326.74  
 \$ 56,529.97  
 \$619,856.71

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 04/09/25

**1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 04/09/25**

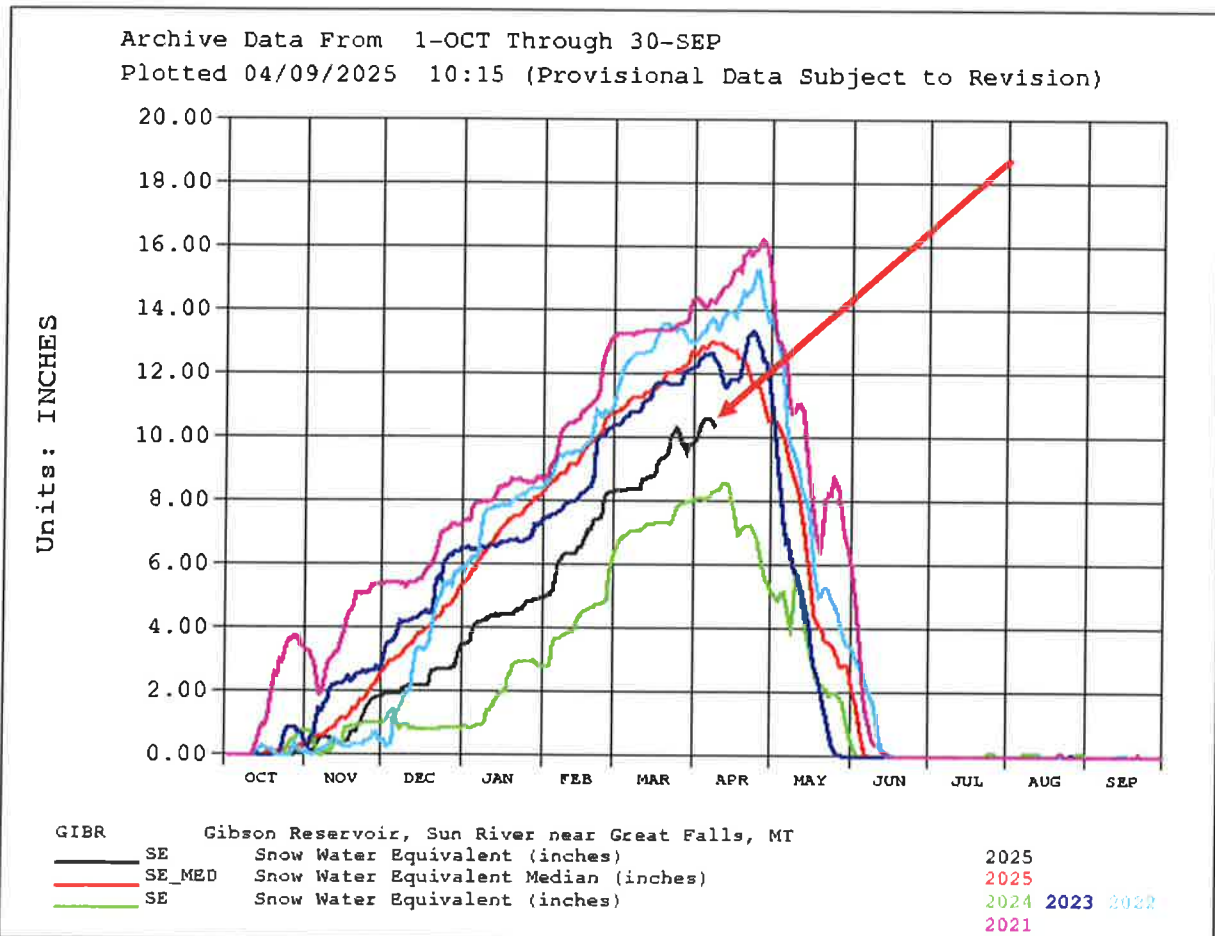
A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:

- Gibson Res: 14,000 Ac-ft, 14% Full & 40% of Normal,
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 260 to 350 cfs, 100% to 160% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: +/-110 cfs,
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 13,650 Ac-ft, 42.7% Full, 57.7% of Normal
- Willow Creek Inflows: <10 cfs

B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 25.2"
- Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 16.7"
- Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 8.5"
- Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 5.8"
- Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 10.3", 79.7% of normal per (USBR)

C. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting normal temps and normal precipitation for April through June. July to September is predicted to be well-above normal temps and well-below normal precipitation.



In summary.....

1. Gibson inflows continue to be below normal but climbing.
  2. Snowpack development is improving, ahead of last year, but still behind the 30-year average.
  3. Started the WCFC on March 31<sup>st</sup> but had to back off/shut down to snow and ice blockage. Resumed on April 8<sup>th</sup>. May hit full flow over weekend.
  4. Still need to establish water allotment for 2025 and discuss the likelihood of a season start-up date.
- 2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES**
- A. Water Rights Adjudication for Basin 41K continues. **No update.**
- 3) STAFF UPDATES**
- A. Finally received a draft Labor Contract Agreement from the Union for GID's review. Have yet to complete my review.
  - B. We have filled out the Ditch Rider roster with two former employees. Tony May will be GID's next Water Master.
- 4) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**
- A. We still need to update a couple of computers and GIS software.
  - B. The GID Board received a thank you from Fort Shaw ID for coordinating the effort for the Montana Senate Committee hearing in Helena to defend, protect, or otherwise support current State law defining Commissioner elections.
  - C. GID' Annual Water User's meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> was well attended.
- 5) GIS MAPPING, PLATS, DATA BASE, CERTIFICATION, & ASSESSMENTS**
- A. Nancy and Jenny are getting the certification packets sent out for all producers and landowners.
- 6) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS**
- A. **No Farm Unit Changes requiring Board Action**
  - B. Several new Pivot Installations for the Board's information
- 7) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2025 BUDGET**
- A. The receivables for March totaled \$36,961.
  - B. Accounts payable for March totaled \$563,327 for the warrants as well as \$56,530 in salaries comprising two pay periods.
  - C. I will update the 2025 Budget for next month's meeting.
- 8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT**
- A. The Board has elected to have our existing 3-axle, heavy-duty transport trailer rebuilt rather than replaced.
  - B. Looking at replacing our +13-year, CAT 320 excavator with nearly 5,000 hours while it still has some trade-in value. We will get prices of comparable replacement machines for the Board to look at. The plan will be to take delivery early this Fall.
  - C. We also need to develop a plan to replace our fleet of +25-year-old dump trucks.
  - D. Eric will give us an update on the on-going Volvo tractor-trailer saga.

**9) PEARSON LAWSUIT, ROUND II**

- A. Nothing new from the Human Rights Bureau. We submitted GID's response to Pearson's complaint last month.
- B. Spencer filed yet another lawsuit in the local District court. GID was served the complaint. We filed a motion to dismiss. Pearson filed objections to our motion to dismiss. (see handout) A hearing will be most likely be ordered to hear oral arguments.
- C. Insurance carrier has agreed to provide defense coverage. They have appointed counsel out of Billings. GID will have to work with another legal counsel selected by the insurance carrier.

**10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL & LAWSUIT**

- A. Trial date – October 20<sup>th</sup> the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Still have a couple of motions pending in District Court regarding the insurance dec action.

**11) HYDRO UPDATES**

- A. General – Regarding GID's on-going fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 Tariffs.
  1. Awaiting a decision from the Public Service Commission.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP – Still hoping to be on-line Spring of 2026.
  1. **Transmission Design & Construction** –
    - Little has occurred regarding the construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg since September 2024. The Contractor has yet to return to the site. Concerns about the construction restrictions between April 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> which were imposed to address local bird nesting season. Hoping to finish the river crossing next week.
  2. **Transmission Easements** –
    - A switchyard easement on State land west of Jackson's Corner is still pending PPA and wheeling requirements.
  3. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Nothing new regarding this work. Awaiting finalization of the PPA.
  4. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Negotiations with NWE and WAPA are stalling out.
    - See the recent letter from Northwestern Energy.
    - If we choose to legally fight, either through the PSC or the FERC, it will add costs and time, and the outcome is uncertain.
    - Still researching other possible buyers.
  5. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** –
    - Need to submit semi-annual grant reports.
  6. **Construction** – Good Progress in March and April.
    - The turbines were set on Monday and leveled on Tuesday.
    - Next, we need to start building the powerhouse walls.
    - Crews will be working closer to Fairfield doing work to get ready for the water season.
    - Regarding tariffs, we need to take delivery of the generators ASAP.







C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro – **NEPA and NHPA are the critical paths.**

1. **Funding** – The reauthorized \$1.5 Million low-interest, DNRC-RRG loan which will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>, after the NEPA documents have been completed, and the BLM ROW has been secured.
2. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Need to submit semi-annual grant reports.
3. **LOPP** – Reclamation to initiate the Final LOPP for this site soon after the Arnold Coulee site kicks loose. This includes the NEPA & NHPA process.

4. **Transmission Easements** –
  - The ROW agreement request from BLM has been submitted to BOR & BLM. We are awaiting comments. Expected less Friday.
  - A wetlands notification has been submitted to the USCOE.
5. **Transmission Design & Construction** – Design mostly done, construction has yet to start.
6. **Power Purchase Agreement** – **Have not started this task.**
7. **Design Drawings** – Received updated preliminary drawings.
8. **Turbine-Generator Fabrication** – Made the final payment on the turbines. Draft tubes on site.

D. Johnson Drop – **Nothing new.**

E. A-Drop – **Nothing new.**

F. Gibson Hydro – **Nothing new.**

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

- A. Mary Taylor Facility –
  1. Finalizing the PER (preliminary engineering report). Working under a \$30k planning grant.
  2. I need to update the hydropower feasibility analysis. Getting a quote and a proposed layout from CHC for the turbine-generator.
  3. Submitted \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) through Senator Sheehy's office. This work will include a new GSC headworks structure, new headworks for GS-59, new measuring devices, and hydropower generation.
  4. Now submitting similar request to Rep. Downing's office, due next week.
- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings – Nothing new.
- C. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
  1. The hauling of riprap is done. The remaining items include dressing up the haul road, fixing fences, repairing/replacing cattle guards, and such.
  2. BOR is still working to scope a multimillion-dollar, replacement spillway.
- D. Sun River Bridge Replacement
  1. Projected Schedule – Still on schedule
    - Construction has started. Tree clearing and earthwork on-going.
  2. Status of Old Bridge – BOR and the FHWA will still work on getting the historical designation removed so the old bridge can be demo 'ed.
  3. Been notified that money has been secured for the removal and disposal of the existing bridge to be completed under the construction project.
- E. Tunnel #3 Rehabilitation –
  1. Need to review the repayment Contract with BOR.
  2. The Contractor is essentially done but there are QC issues. See GID's email expressing concerns.
  3. Not sure what to do about a second phase of construction. May need to review work after one season of use.
- F. J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
  1. The \$125K DNRC-RRG grant won't be available until July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- G. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 2– SRS Main Check
  1. The \$125K DNRC-RRG grant won't be available until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

H. Pishkun Outlet Replacement –

1. Our funding application for \$19,054,209 was awarded was BOR. This represents financial assistance regarding extraordinary maintenance work through the Aging Infrastructure Account via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
2. A design charette including about 9 BOR reps is being held this week to discuss replacement and rehabilitation options.

**13) TITLE TRANSFER**

- A. **Nothing new.** Meet with BOR officials Wednesday morning and they are pushing for progress on the Title Transfer process.

**14) MISC GID O&M PROJECTS**

- A. Eric if present will provide a brief verbal update.

**15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM**

- A. Pasture season will be gearing up soon. Ron can provide an update if he is present.

**16) DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA**

- A. Continuing with bi-weekly meetings with FCA.
- B. FCA and WWC will be working on the Systems Improvement Plan (SIP)

**17) GROUNDWATER STUDY WITH MBMG**

- A. On-going scoping and data collection discussions with MBMG staff regarding the Greenfields Bench Groundwater Study.

**18) MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Still no update on the historic Muddy Creek gravel pit closeout. GID received a notification of violation from MT DEQ. Sent an update to DEQ.

**19) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – APRIL**

- Make progress on Arnold Coulee PPA.
- Closeout Willow Creek Spillway IRRM project.
- Submit Congressional Directed Spending request to Rep. Downing.
- Review Labor Contract.
- Finish Mary Taylor PER
- Prepare for the 2025 Water Season

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

- Complete NEPA for Pishkun Inlet LOPP
- Prepare for the 2025 Water Season

**NEXT GID BOARD MEETING MAY 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30AM**

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