

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday January 9th, 2024, at 6:30 P.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, Dave Gulick and Pat Brosten. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also, in attendance were: GID employees Eric Mayer, Steve Lettengarver and Cory Copenhaver.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the December 12th Regular Meeting Minutes. Clarification was made that the Special Audit was required due to GID receiving \$750,000 of Federal grant funds during the fiscal year ending on October 31st, 2022. The other thing noted was there were multiple resolutions mentioned in the minutes, but the only one addressed last month was the \$1.5M bond resolution for the State loan being pursued. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes with the amendments and Commissioner Brady seconded the motion. All in favor and minutes were approved. The Warrants List was then reviewed. The warrant to The First Bank of Montana for \$350,000 was to make a loan payment on the original \$1M loan. The short-term loan will need to be paid off by the middle of next month, but that payment will not be very big. The DEQ warrant was for our annual open mining of gravel fee. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: Chris Gomer, the Facilities Manager with the Bureau of Reclamation, will weigh in with his thoughts during the Manger's Report portion of the agenda.

Contacts to Execute: None.

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

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Snowpack levels are at around 15% of normal. The National Climate Prediction Center is predicting well-above normal temps and below normal precipitation for January through March, with April through June predicted to be normal temps and slightly below normal precipitation.

Water Rights: GID's Water Rights Attorney informed us that instead of a formal Board resolution, the Board would need to adopt a verbal agreement in the minutes in order for our attorney to make the previously discussed boundary changes. The State DNRC is still trying to acquire shared ownership of private water rights which were applied on State land through the Pettibone ruling. If successful, it could undermine our agreement with the DNRC.

GID Staff Updates: GID's newest ditch rider, Brad Hanson, started work last week. We also had one ditch rider give his two weeks' notice. We will need to hire two more ditch riders before the water season, and possibly two new weed sprayers, as well.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Nothing new to report as the GIS Specialist has been out of the office for most of December and January.

Farm Unit Operations: FYIs for a couple of new pivot installations, as well as an FYI for a request made by a producer wanting to change their point of diversion due to inability to work with the neighbor.

Monthly Financials & 2023 Budget: See M.R. for details. Cash flow continues to be an issue until the BLM ROW is approved.

Office Improvements & General Administration: We are hoping to revisit with potential insurance agents to see if there are additional ways to reduce our premium. The appraiser finally came to look over our property and recommended installing smoke detectors, which has been done.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: We are still looking to buy a good, used pickup truck, possibly a 4x4, to complete the fleet. We are also looking for a couple of new tractors and side dumps, should we get the BOR hauling job at Willow Creek.

Pearson Lawsuit: See M.R. for important dates. We have received a copy of Pearson's final reply brief. The trial is still set for January 18th, but we haven't been informed of the time or venue yet.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: The Plaintiff's Expert Disclosure has been received and Erling will pass it on to the Board shortly. The final deposition of Sabato's is scheduled for January 19th.

Hydro Updates: Hydro Development Strategy: Nothing new on GID's fight with NEW's intent to update the QF-1 tariffs. Manager Juel will be providing testimony in front of the PSC sometime in May. Arnold Coulee LOPP- The executed LOPP Agreement has been finalized. Transmission Design & Construction- To date there have been 3.8 miles of segment #4 and 1 mile of segment #5 put in. The remaining west to east segment (3.6 miles) of segment #5 is now under construction. Transmission Easements- Easement efforts continue to be a work in progress. A brief discussion was held on BLM's request to bury the transmission lines and an exhibit was provided by Manager Juel showing GID's mitigation transmission proposal. GID submitted a counteroffer on the Arnold Coulee plan only and what crosses BLM ground, nothing else. The easements on both State parcels have been secured. The BLM site ROW is dependent on SREC's ROW request that is currently being approved. Intercap Loan funding is contingent on the BLM ROW final approach. Design- The HPU design has been finalized. Pishkun Inlet- NEPA and NHPA efforts are temporarily halted, Chris Gomer with the BOR briefly explained that this is because we are still waiting for the Arnold Coulee decision to be made by the BLM to bury the line or not. The tribal input received will be weighed in, but it is our plan to steam ahead. Funding- Finalization is in progress. See the M.R. for details. We have prepared a Board Resolution that will allow the bond counsel fees and required reserves to be added to the 3% loan that will need to be voted on a signed during the Agenda portion of the meeting. Turbine-Generator We completed the RFP evaluation from 5 turbine suppliers, 2 Canadian, 2 German and 1 Czech Republican. None of them are made in the U.S., but Canadian Hydro offers the most American-made components. We have asked for an exception to be allowed in this case that we are not required to comply with the Buy America-Build America legislature.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Nothing new on the Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings. Willow Creek Spillway Repair- 7,000 CYs of rip rap are to be implemented

and before this Spring. We have prepared a Board Resolution acknowledging repairs that will be voted on and signed during the Agenda portion of the meeting. There is risk that a 1-year Reservoir restriction may be implemented, however, if we continue to get little to no snow, the restriction may be abandoned. Sun River Bridge Replacement- See the M.R. for the projected schedule. The PSC public road status continues to be questioned. The NEPA is in final review. SRS 71 Check- Everything has been done, except for putting in the new Smart gate and hooking up the electrical backup to the existing check, which will both be done later this month. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse- Our strategy is to do a test section this Fall, with 1st phase of construction to begin in August of 2024. Lower GSC Rehabilitation- See the M.R. for details. 1,200 feet of pipe is still to be laid.

Title Transfer: Nothing new to report. We have received a draft MOU and agreement from the USBR to move forward.

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

GID Grazing Lease Program: Manager Juel is still planning on following up with lessee regarding the restoration requirements on Pasture #11. There are two grazing pasture leases that are being given up and will go back up for rebid this Spring. A brief discussion was held regarding the details.

FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure: An update was previously provided during the Special Meeting preceding this one.

Miscellaneous: See M.R. for details. Gibson Dam Tender has improved security atop Gibson Dam to prevent trespass and vandalism.

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

Agenda:

- 1) Board to approve a landowner request to change irrigation water access, Farm Unit 718.1, handout provided. No issues were found, and Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the request, with Commissioner Brady seconding the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. Water Master Lettengarver will draft an approval letter.
- 2) Resolution 2024-01, Resolution for Interim Risk Reduction Measures, Willow Creek Reservoir Spillway, to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve and sign the Resolution, with Vice President Norris seconding. All in favor and the Resolution is signed.
- 3) Resolution 2024-02, Resolution relating to the reimbursement of Appropriate Costs in the Financing of the Cost of the Improvements to the District's Pishkun Hydroelectric Project, to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Brady moved to approve and sign the Resolution, with Commissioner Brosten seconding the motion. All in favor and the Resolution is approved and signed.
- 4) Water Rights Request to include Farm Unit 599.1 inside GID boundaries, tabled from last month. Commissioner Brady moved to approve adding the Farm Unit into GID boundaries and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Tracy with SRWG is not present, so Erling gave a brief update and informed the Board that there would be a SRWG Board meeting next Thursday in Fairfield.

Commissioner Brosten moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- 1) Board voted to approve request to change irrigation water access on FU 718.1.
- 2) Board voted to approve and sign Resolution 2024-01 for Interim Risk Reduction Measures on the Willow Creek Spillway.
- 3) Board voted to approve and sign Resolution 2024-02 regarding the reimbursement of appropriate Costs for improvements to the Pishkun Hydroelectric Project.
- 4) Board voted to include FU 599.1 inside GID boundaries.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday January 9th at 6 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: December 12th Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING: None.

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt, handout provided.

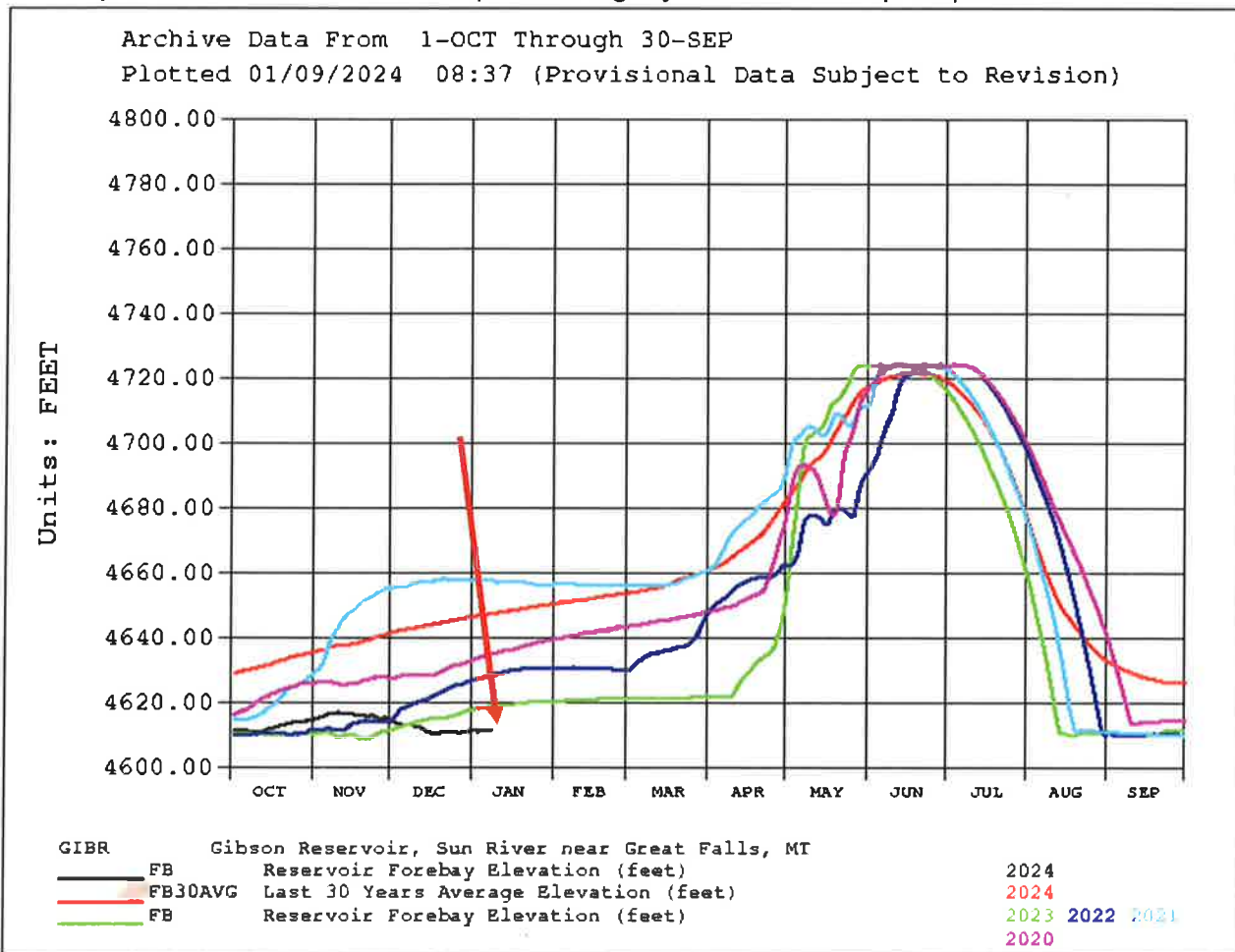
To: GID Commissioners
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

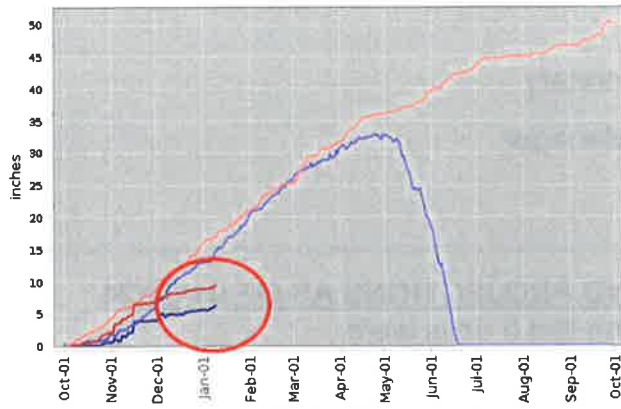
From: Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager

Subject: Manager's Report 01/09/24

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 01/08/24

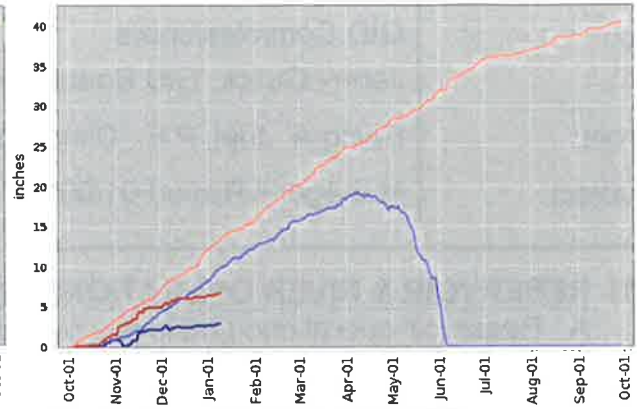
- A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:
- Gibson Res: 6,050 Ac-ft, 6% Full & 25% of Normal
 - Gibson Inflows: varying from 105 to 130 cfs, 66% to 81% of Normal.
 - Gibson Outflows: +/-110 cfs,
 - Willow Creek Reservoir: 21,360 Ac-ft, 67% Full, 95% of Normal
 - Willow Creek Inflows: 5-10 cfs
- B. Snowpack Levels readings are:
- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 6.2"
 - Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 2.9"
 - Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = **0.1"**
 - Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = **0.0"**
 - Gibson Reservoir Watershed = **1.0"**, **15.3% of normal per (USBR)**
- C. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting well-above normal temps and below normal precipitation for January through March. April to June is predicted to be normal temps and slightly below normal precipitation.



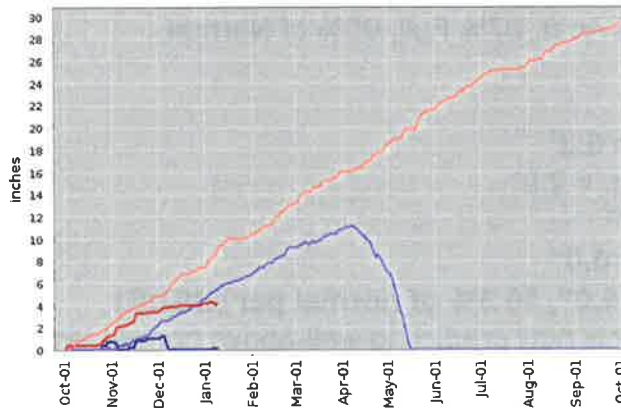


BADGER PASS

(snow-water equivalent)

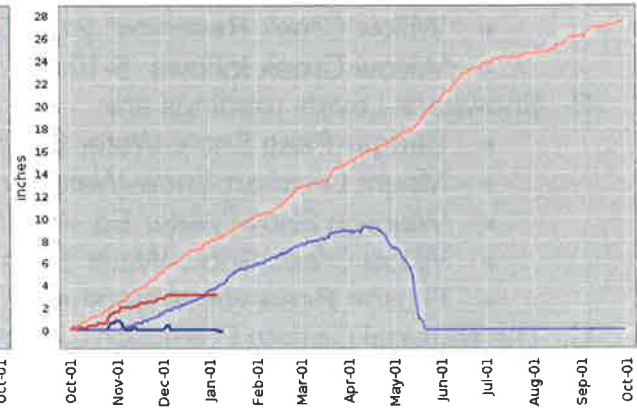


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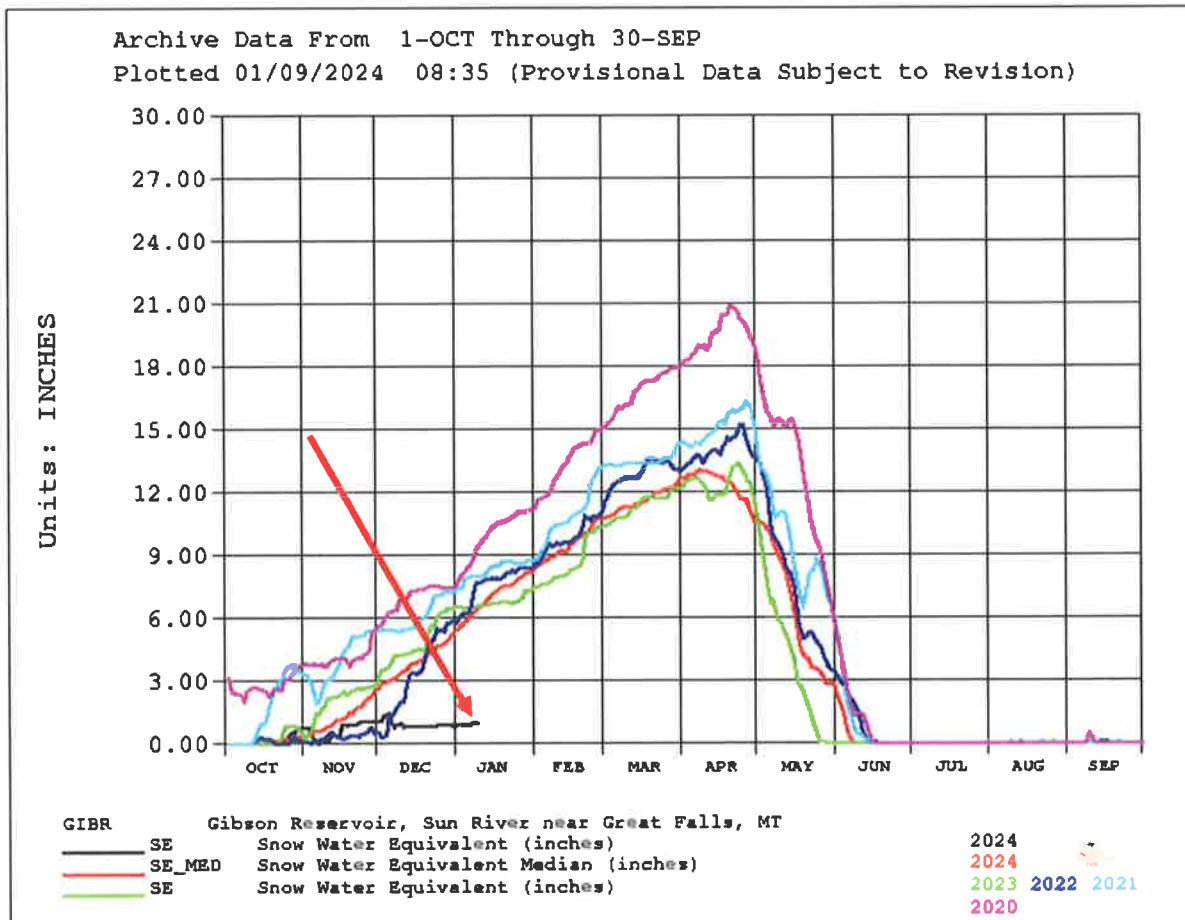


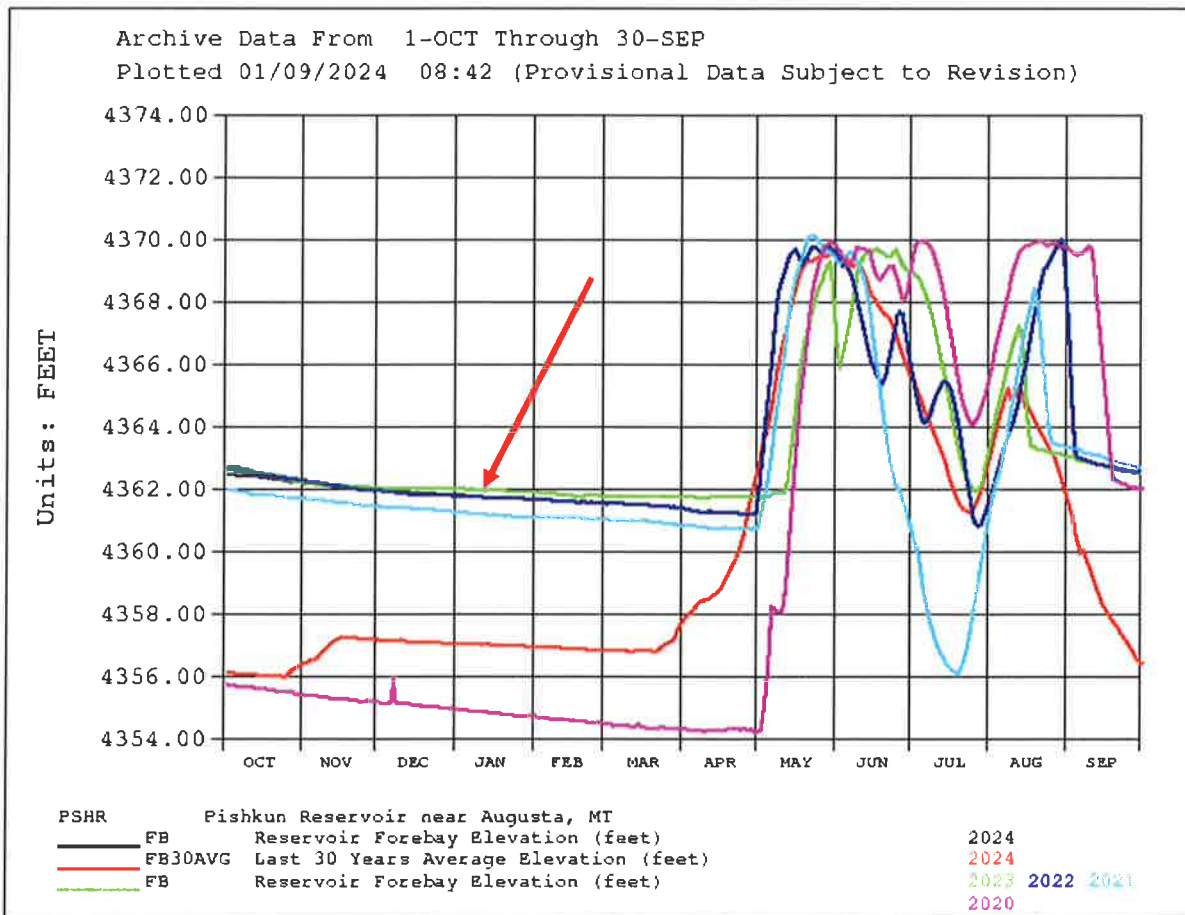
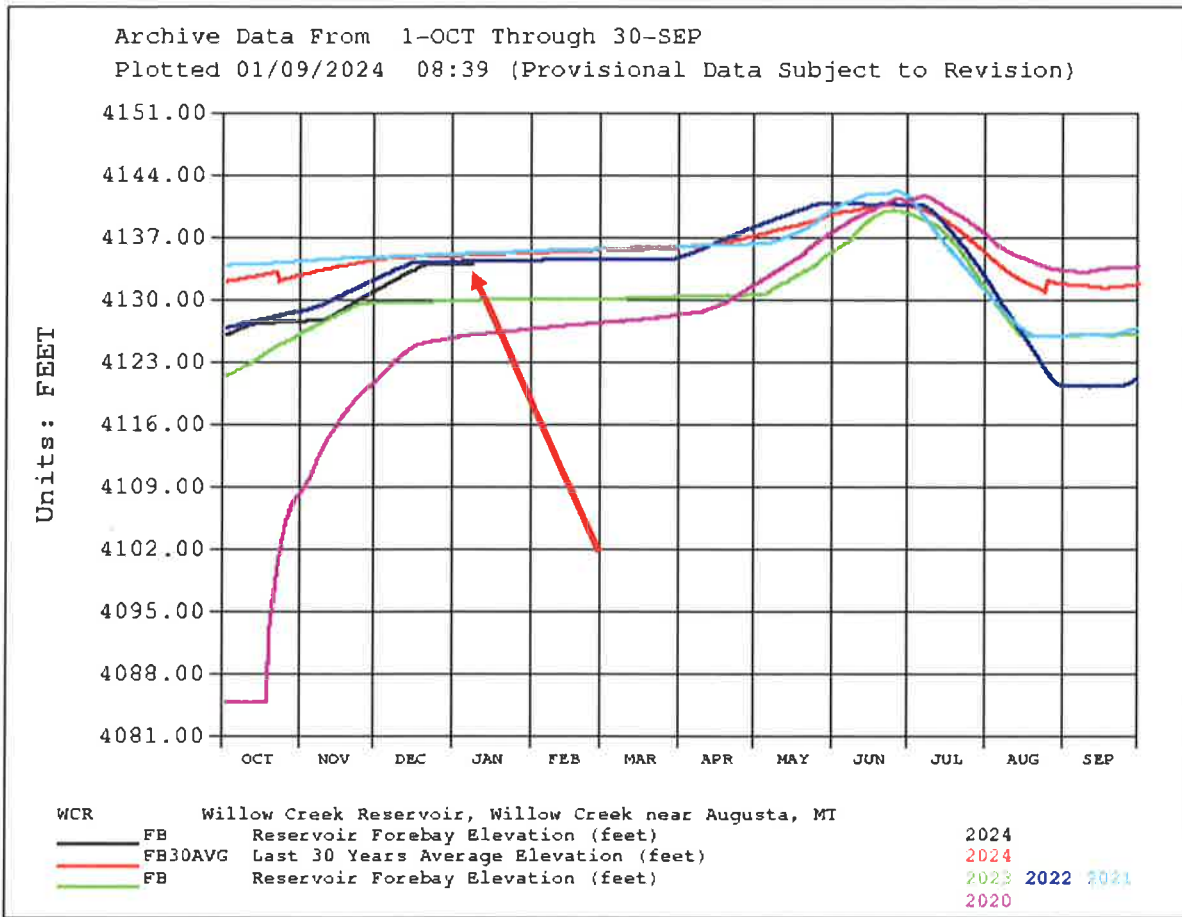
WALDRON

(total precipitation)



WOOD CREEK





D. In summary.....

1. The Willow Creek Feeder Canal was shut-off Dec. 19th. We were able to get caught up despite the delayed start-up.
2. All reservoirs are at normal levels except Gibson.
3. Snow pack is lagging. Lowest in the last 10 years.

2) **GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES**

- A. Still working with BOR and our lawyer to get the GID boundaries corrected. Need to adopt a verbal Board Resolution, recorded in the minutes, for our Attorney to make the previously discussed boundary changes.
- B. The State DNRC is still trying to acquire shared ownership of private water rights which were applied on State Land through the Pettibone ruling. If successful, could undermine our agreement with DNRC.

3) **STAFF UPDATES**

- A. Our new ditch rider, Brad Hanson, started the first of the year.
- B. Drew Quencher gave his notice and will be going to work at the City of Choteau. We will need to hire two ditch riders as well as a couple of weed sprayers.
- C. Wrapping up employee evaluations.
- D. Some employees are still taking additional time off to get their vacation time balances back in range.

4) **OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Hoping to revisit with potential insurance agents to see if there are additional ways to reduce our premium.
- B. The appraiser finally came to assess the value of our buildings. The big recommendation is to install smoke detectors in the main office building.

5) **GIS MAPPING, PLATS, DATA BASE, CERTIFICATION, & ASSESSMENTS**

- A. Nancy has been gone most of December.

6) **FARM UNIT OPERATIONS**

- A. FYI. A couple of new irrigation conversions to pivots. See details provided.
- B. FYI. Another producer wants to change their point of diversion due to inability to work with neighbor caused by a subdivision.

7) **MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2024 BUDGET**

- A. The account receivables for December totaled \$12,273.
- B. Accounts payable for December totaled \$579,916 for the warrants as well as \$50,057 in salaries comprising two pay periods.
- C. Cash flow continues to be a concern given the slow progress on the BLM ROW approvals. We made an interest and principal payment on our big loan with the bank. The short-term loan termed out and had to be paid off.

8) **GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

- A. Still looking for a good, used pickup, possibly a 4x4 pickup, to complete the fleet.
- B. Looking for new tractors and side dump trailers should we get the BOR hauling job at Willow Creek Reservoir. Should know more by Jan 9th. Depending on the outcome of the BOR meeting, we may be test driving a particular make and model.

9) PEARSON LAWSUIT

A. Scheduling Order Set

1. Pearson's Opening Brief – Sept 29th, 2023 (Received)
2. GID's Answering Brief – Nov. 2nd, 2023. (Done)
3. Pearson's Final Reply Brief – December 1st, 2023 (Received)
4. Trial – Jan. 18th, 2024, in Butte? Time? **No Word Yet**

10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL & LAWSUIT

A. Scheduling Order Set

1. Defendants' Expert Disclosure Deadlines
 - Liabilities – December 19th, 2023 (**DONE**)
 - Damages – January 19th, 2024
2. Plaintiff's Expert Disclosure Deadline – 12/19/23 (**DONE**)
3. Discovery Closes – March 29, 2024
4. Trial – November 4, 2024

B. Final plaintiff deposition, Sabato, is scheduled for Jan. 19th.

11) HYDRO UPDATES

A. General –

1. Nothing new on GID's fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 tariffs.
2. I will be providing testimony in front of the PSC sometime in May.

B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –

1. ✓ **LOPP** – The Executed LOPP Agreement has been finalized and is done.
2. **Transmission Design & Construction** – To date on the latest segment...
 - 3.8-miles of Segment #4 and the 1-mile, N-S leg of Seg. #5 are done.
 - The remaining west to east segment (3.6 miles) of Segment #5 move Ken Morris' road to Hwy 289 is now under construction. As of today, approximately 2.0 miles of poles have been erected and the Contractor is hanging travelers to pull the transmission conductor. The other 1.6 miles of poles are framed out but laying on the ground.



3. **Transmission Easements** – Easement efforts continue to be a work in progress.
 - A meeting with SREC, BOR, BLM and GID was held on Dec. 13th. I feel it was somewhat fruitful. BLM will allow the transmission line to be buried with acceptable mitigation that accounts for the perceived impact to the Pipit habitat along the Arnold Coulee transmission segment which crosses BLM land.
 - I believe that BLM and BOR basically agree on all other components of the NEPA and NHPA compliance documents. The Tribal input requested on the Cultural studies did not produce any responses.
 - Easements across State Trust Lands for Arnold Coulee leg have been approved by the State Land Board and SREC is finalizing them.
 - The switchyard site will be on State Trust lands 2.6 miles west of Jackson's Corner. This easement has yet to be officially started.
 - The lack of the BLM ROW is still impacting GID's ability to finalize our INTERCAP Loan.
 4. **BLM Site ROW** – BLM has everything needed to process GID's facility site ROW request. BLM is holding off approval pending approval of SREC's ROW request. Will not grant one ROW without approval of the other.
 5. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Nothing new regarding this work. Waiting for easements before finalizing Agreements.
 6. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Still reviewing NWE's proposed edits to the PPA which they returned shortly after I sent an email to NWE stressing that due to the elapsed time since sending the initial PPA request (9 months), GID would be requesting a new start time and the current energy rates in effect would.
 7. **Design Drawings** – The foundation block design was reviewed by Reclamation, and they returned their comments and suggestions. Just recently received a new set of construction drawings. Need to forward onto BOR. The HPU design has been finalized. The fabrication of the powerhouse controls (\$600k) are in progress.
 8. ✓ **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Done.
 9. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Nothing new. Next quarterly report is due on 03/31/24. The financial portion of the grant is basically done as we have exhausted the \$2 Million grant allotment as well as satisfied GID's \$2 Million minimum match requirement.
 10. **INTERCAP Loan** – The GID Board has approved the Bond Resolution for the Loan. However, the Department of Commerce is holding off from processing the loan until all the easements/ROWS have been secured. I made a plead with the DOC since the State easement has been secured and the BLM ROW is on final approach. **Nothing back yet.**
 11. **Construction** – Site construction is pending approval of BLM's ROW.
- C. **Pishkun Inlet Hydro – NEPA and NHPA are the critical path.**
1. **Funding** – Finalization is in progress.
 - We have finalized the grant award and agreement for the WaterSmart WEEG grant. (Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address Pishkun Inlet Hydro.)
 - Have a grant agreement in-place for the \$125k DNRC grant. This money is being used for the road relocation and canal crossing.

- Still working on loan agreement requirements for the \$1.5 million State loan guarantee. **Prepared a Board Resolution that will allow the bond counsel fees and required reserves to be added to the 3% loan.** DNRC wants the NEPA process finished and the easements in-place before releasing the funds. The loan would be based on a revenue bond. Next meeting with the State DNRC reps will be Jan. 31st. This money will help pay for the transmission lines.
 - Still working on the preliminary loan requirements for the \$5.03 million BIL loan guarantee through USBR's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) program.
 - Both the WEEG grant and the BIL loan include "Buy America" requirements. Have submitted a draft BABA exemption request waiver addressing the hydropower machine for Reclamation's review. No word back yet.
2. **LOPP** – Reclamation cashed our check for \$10,000 to initiate the Final LOPP for this site. This will kick start the NEPA and NHPA process.
 3. **Transmission Easements – Have not started this task.** Easement efforts will follow a similar path as the Arnold Coulee site. The cultural resource evaluation and the environmental studies have already been completed.
 - A small piece of BLM land will get approved with the Arnold Coulee ROW request.
 - Easements across State Trust Lands for the Pishkun Inlet will require easement plats. The lessee will also have to agree to those sections that they lease from the State.
 - An easement across private land is pending finalization of the BLM and State easements. GID has verbal acknowledgement and approval from the landowner.
 - Easements across Reclamation-withdrawn land will be addressed in the Final LOPP Agreement.
 - A lack of easements and ROWs is a detriment to our ability to finalize GID's \$1.5 million RRGL Loan.
 4. **Transmission Design & Construction – Have not started this task.** Awaiting funding before initiating the design and construction phases.
 5. **Power Purchase Agreement – Have not started this task.** Will be submitting a PPA for this site ASAP to try and get ahead of NWE's latest efforts regarding the restructuring of QF-1 tariffs aka avoided costs.
 6. **Design Drawings – Have not started this task.** Will initiate an Engineering Services Agreement with the Sorenson Group. The design should parallel that of Arnold Coulee and therefore should be quicker and cheaper.
 7. **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Completed the RFP evaluation from 5 turbine suppliers, 2 Canadian, 2 German, and 1 Czech Republic. None are made in the US. Canadian Hydro has the most American-made components, and their proposal was the most cost-effective. RFP looked at the Johnson Drop and A-Drop turbines.
- D. Johnson Drop – **Nothing new.**
1. **Funding** –
 - WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address finishing Johnson Drop.
 2. **LOPP** – Need to send a request to Reclamation to initiate the permitting process for this site.

- E. A-Drop – **Nothing new.**
2. **Funding** –
 - WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address finishing A-Drop
 3. **LOPP** – Need to send a request to Reclamation to initiate the permitting process for this site.
- F. Gibson Hydro – **Nothing new.**
1. Nothing new regarding GID’s proposal submitted to the Lt Governor. The proposal is for State financial assistance for Gibson Dam since the project will have tremendous public benefits.

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
1. **Nothing new.**
- B. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
1. **Nothing new.** Past discussions regarded the mobilization and stockpiling up to 10,000 CYs of Rip Rap to be implemented before this Spring. GID and FSID would be responsible for a portion of the costs. GID could also be available to do some of the work under contract to BOR. Waiting for final details from BOR to determine how we could do that work. **Prepared a GID Board Resolution acknowledging repairs.**
- C. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
1. Projected Schedule
 - Geotechnical drilling to take place in April 2024
 - 70% Milestone – April 2024
 - 90% Milestone – July 2024
 - Final Design – Fall 2024
 - Advertise – Spring 2025
 - Construction 2025 and 2026
 2. NEPA
 - ✓ **DONE** - Cooperating Agency review of EA (30 days)
 - Public Review (30 days): January 2024
 - Public Meeting: Date TBD
 - Final EA for signature: End of Feb 2024
 3. Status of Old Bridge
 - SHPO rejected BOR’s request for removal from the eligibility list.
 - BOR is petitioning their liaison in DC to have it removed.
- D. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 1–
1. **Everything is done except for installation of the new Smart gate and hooking the electrical backup to the existing check.**
 2. Working off the \$125K DNRC grant received to do this work.
- E. Phase III J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
1. Executed the Engineering Agreement for the \$15K DNRC RRGL planning grant that was awarded to GID to complete Phase 3. Phase 3 is the confining berms, SCDA, and the re-regulation pond controls. We will pursue a \$125K RRGL grant to help with matching requirements for the SRWG’s WaterSmart Grant
- F. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse –
1. Engineer making edits to address BOR’s comments.

2. Again, GID was awarded a \$11.6 million guarantee through Reclamation's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) funding program & a \$500K ARPA grant.
3. Strategy-
 - i. Complete final design and finalize environmental compliance documents for Phase 1 construction.
 - ii. Procure materials and solicit by next summer Contractor.
 - iii. Award contract so contractor is ready to roll when PSC shuts off.
 - iv. 1st Phase of Construction to start August 2024.
 - v. Use the ARPA grant & then finalize BIL loan over the next 9 months.

G. Lower GSC Rehabilitation –

1. Finished the splitter box and the downstream measuring box.
2. Nearly done with the collection box.
3. Working off the \$75,000 WaterSmart grant.



13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. **Nothing new.** Received the draft MOU and agreement from USBR to move forward. Have not had a chance to review.

14) MISC GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. Eric will provide a verbal update if he's here.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Still need to follow-up with the restoration requirements for Pasture # 11.
- B. Two pastures have been given up.

1. Pasture #53, 50 AMUs @ \$15/AUM (F. Ginther)
2. Pasture #58, 20 AUMs @ \$75/AUM (T. McWilliams)

16)DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA

- A. Continuing with weekly meetings with FCA.
- B. Working on a pressurized district study for the Ashuelot Bench with a re-regulation pond above the first drop.
- C. Finalizing the System Improvements Plan (SIP) and developing the SOW.
- D. FCA reps will make a presentation prior to our next Board meeting in Jan. at 5:30.

17)MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Working on a proposal to reconfigure the gate operators, controls, and automation at Mary Taylor.
- B. Duke the Squatter was back at Willow Creek Reservoir. Claimed he was on State land. Judge told him to vacate. Mark said he is gone from his most recent site. We will have to check his other hiding spots.
- C. Still no update on the historic Muddy Creek gravel pit closeout. GID received a notification of violation from the MT DEQ. Sent an update to DEQ.
- D. Received another violation notice from DEQ regarding the Kasper Pit just north of Town. Submitted another request for a permit.
- E. Gibson Dam Tender Dale has improved security atop Gibson Dam to prevent trespass and vandalism.



18)SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – JANUARY

- Finalize BLM approval for site ROW and transmission line ROW for Arnold Coulee.
- Finalize the DOC-BOI INTERCAP Loan.
- Submit revised PPA to NWE for Arnold Coulee.
- Make progress on the Lower GSC ditch to pipeline project.

- Attend Pearson Trial.
- Attend the Sabato deposition.
- Review Sun River Bridge NEPA document
- Review Plaintiff's expert's report on the WCFC lawsuit.
- Following BLM approval, order pipe for tailrace channel underpass.

19) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – FEBRUARY & ON

- Need to find ways to reduce our insurance costs.
- Submit new PPA to NWE for Pishkun Inlet
- MWRA Conference Feb 7th to the 9th
- Finalize a Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) with FCA
- Finish SRS-71 Headworks
- Finish Lower GSC Pipeline
- Submit RRG Applications for J-Waste Way, Phase 3 and SRS Check, Phase 2
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NEXT GID BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 13th @ 6PM

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