

# Greenfields

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 6 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 Chase Brady, Commissioners Chris Ostberg, Dave Gulick, and Pat Brosten. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also, in attendance were: GID employees, Tony May and Eric Mayer. Jason Hahn with the Bureau of Reclamation was in attendance, along with GID's Range Rider, Ron Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 6:02 P.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 of the June 10th Regular Meeting. No discrepancies were found, and VP Brady made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Brosten seconded the motion. All in favor and the Minutes were approved. The Board then reviewed the Executive Session minutes from June 10<sup>th</sup>. No discrepancies were found, and VP Brady made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Brosten seconding the motion. All in favor and the minutes were approved. Next, the Board reviewed the June warrants. Manager Juel explained to the Board that the Sorenson Engineering warrant would make the total paid so far of the \$325,000 estimate to be \$260,000. It was also clarified that the Diesel Fever warrant was for the repair of the lowboy trailer and that the Mountain View warrant mostly consisted of costs for tires, chemical and bulk diesel. Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the warrants and VP Brady seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

**Parties Presenting Issues:** None.

**Contacts to Execute:** Board President to sign the updated Repayment Schedule. Manager Juel explained that the payment due on August 15<sup>th</sup> would be roughly \$70,000. We have borrowed \$1.3M so far for Arnold Coulee expenses. He also explained that the Board could find these line items budgeted for in both the expenses side and the revenue side of the updated Budget.

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

**Reservoir and River Operations:** See M.R. for full details. Reservoir and River Operations: Gibson Reservoir is 22% of normal, with inflows dwindling, which is bleaker than last year's conditions. There has now been a drought advisory issued for our area. President Brunner asked about the potential and benefits seen if we were to dike Pishkun. Next year we will plan to dike Pishkun, as it is too late in the season now to see any real benefits. A brief discussion was had on diking off Pishkun versus making it larger. Commissioner Gulick asked about a forced rationing earlier in the season during drought years. Manager Juel asked Jason how the Bureau feels about dropping the reservoir below suggested winter levels and he explained that the 5,500 acre-feet guideline is set to discourage destruction of the concrete. The Board felt that we should drop Pishkun an additional 6 feet, as it would help the District to provide an additional 3 days or so; however, the only benefit would be

realized on the east end of the project. Tony May reminded the Board that if we were to drop Pishkun down further and were unable to refill it in the Spring, it would be catastrophic. The drain season is expected to be quite brief, as well. Manager Juel informed the Board that he has a meeting with members of the FSID Board tomorrow morning because they feel that they have yet to receive the entirety of the water they are entitled to each season and are in strong opposition of our early shut-off date. Manager Juel provided the Board with a handout of FSID's daily diversions as measured by the gauge/s. He explained that he doesn't feel that the accuracy of the gauges could be correct during a portion of the timeframe recorded. He intends to plead with them to renegotiate an amended diversion schedule. The National Climate Prediction is now predicting well-above normal temps and well-below normal precipitation for July through September with October to December expected to see normal temps and normal precipitation.

**Water Rights:** Nothing new.

**GID Staff Updates:** No staff updates.

**Office Improvements & General Administration:** Collin upgraded Mark's laptop computer with a new SS hard drive and will do the same for Erling's computer. We will be getting Nancy a new computer after the water season.

**GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates:** Nancy continues trying to get through the certification paperwork.

**Farm Unit Operations:** No farm unit changes or new pivot installations for review, however, Manager Juel is working on preparing a pivot installation request form for the Board to review.

**Monthly Financials & 2025 Budget:** See the M.R. for further details regarding accounts receivable and payable for June. Manager Juel had an updated 2025 Budget for the Board to review. Turnbull Hydro income received so far was \$30,000. Board will need to review the need to bump the assessment fee by 3% or \$1.50/acre to cover inflation of non-discretionary expenses at the August meeting.

**GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment:** We still need to replace at least 2 Ditch Rider trucks this Fall. We are also hoping to replace our +13-year-old CAT 320 excavator and need to develop a plan to replace our fleet of dump trucks that are +25-years-old.

**Spencer Pearson Lawsuit:** The Pearsons did not file an an-house appeal with the HRB, so that complaint is closed. Regarding Pearsons' District Court claim, we had some procedural wins, but the complaint was not dismissed entirely, as hoped.

**Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit:** See the M.R. for further details. A mediation/settlement conference has been set for August 14<sup>th</sup> at Steph's office. See the handout provided by the Mediator. 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. General: Regarding GID's fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-Tariffs: We submitted a motion for reconsideration and the PSC filed a continuation

to give themselves more time to make a decision. Transmission Design & Construction: Crews have resumed work on the south side of the River, stringing wire, hanging single phase underbuild and crossing the River. After July 15th, they can resume northward toward the Arnold Coulee site. The GID crew has resumed work, all but the water master and ditch riders who will resume work the last week of July. Commissioner Gulick mentioned to Manager Juel that the contractor needs to include an automatic restart capability on for the generator, otherwise approval to restart will need to come from both NWE and WAPA. Transmission of Easements: A switchyard easement on State land west of Jackson's Corner is still pending PPA and wheeling requirements. Funding: The next semi-annual WEEG grant report is due in September. See the M.R. for further details regarding the InterCap Loan payment schedule. Pishkun Inlet: NEPA compliance is the critical path. Transmission lines will begin to be put in this Fall or winter.

**GID Infrastructure Projects:** For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: We have not received word yet on the \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) submitted through Rep. Downing's office. We are applying for funding through the Aging Infrastructure Account FY26, in case the previously mentioned opportunity falls through. Willow Creek Spillway Repair: GID will need to repay the Bureau back \$411,236.70 and have until September 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight to do so. The BOR's work on the multimillion-dollar, replacement study effort is on hold due to staffing shortage. Sun River Bridge Replacement: Construction continues and the drilling of the shafts for the primary bridge will start, as well as girder fabrication in a couple of weeks. Winter shutdown is expected in November. Tunnel #3 Rehab: We are working with the local bank to secure a \$1M LOC to satisfy the emergency reserves requirement. The repayment schedule for the for the federal funding opportunity will likely be a 30-year term. Manager Juel and O&M Foreman Mayer hope to visit the site after water shuts off next week to see how the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of repairs held up and then to meet with the contractor and discuss solutions to resolve any issues encountered. J-Wasteway: The \$125k DNRC-RRG grant was approved and funds will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>. By itself this structure will start conserving water, but once it can talk to other sites and can control inflows and outflows, we will see major water savings. A new flume is to be installed on Spring Coulee. SRS 71 Check: The grant agreement is expected to be executed in August. Tony May added his thoughts that 71 Check should be at the top of our repair list, as he feels that is where the majority of our irrigation water is lost. Pishkun Outlet Replacement: Our funding application for \$19,054,209 was awarded by BOR. We are waiting for the next round of planning grants so we can get some preliminary engineering and topo surveying work done.

**O&M Projects and Update:** O&M Foreman, Eric Mayer, gave a brief overview of what his crew has been doing this month and the work that will be addressed this Fall once water goes off. He informed the Board that there is a semi-permanent camp site set up at Pishkun and the 14-day maximum camping restrictions are not being enforced. It was announced that management also needs to look at the liner of the SRS once the water is shut down.

**Title Transfer:** We haven't heard anything new for a total transfer of title for the whole District, but a transfer of ownership of the Pishkun Reservoir and rock house, appears to be an option, which aligns with our hopes to one day in the future turn the rock house into an Airbnb.

**GID Grazing Lease Program:** GID Range Rider Wilson gave the Board a brief update of his inspection work performed on the GID grazing pastures.

**FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure:** The bi-weekly meetings with the FCA have resumed. They are currently focusing on a pressurized system with a re-regulation storage pond on the Ashuelot Bench, which would be a 10–15-year plan. Funding strategy may include a special assessment fee assessed just for the individuals that would benefit from implementing this system.

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

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

**Agenda:**


- 1) Board to review and approve the request by Tryg Brosten to sublease his pasture #50 to Terry Melander, handout. Commissioner Brosten gave a brief overview of the situation. VP Brady made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Ostberg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- 2) Board previously reviewed the updated Budget during the Financials portion of the M.R. It was discussed that we may want to move our monthly meetings back a week so as to have all financials completed and allow time for Manager Juel to also update the Budget for review.
- 3) Manager Juel reported to the Board that he was working on an official pivot installation process to be implemented, and the Board could expect an FYI shortly.
- 4) The split on FU 800, Bob Little, was not ready for Board review and approval, tabled.
- 5) Board to discuss the diversions for the pivot installed on FU 422 by Brian Beerman. President Brunner announced that he is unhappy with the choice made to make the diversion point an almost 2-mile stretch that comes out of a drain that is very hard to regulate. He feels that the District should insist that he move his turnout so as to avoid the need to order additional CFS that would not be necessary at the new location. Jason Hahn with the BOR also voiced his opinion that the District should not be allowing any new deliveries made from wasteways. O&M Foreman informed the Board that he and some of his crew would go assess the situation.

**Public Comment:** Tracy Wendt with SRWG was not present to give the Board an update, but had provided a handout.

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing more to report.

Commissioner Brosten moved to adjourn the meeting and VP Brady seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

**Board Action Recap:**

- Board approved the request to sublease pasture #50, Tryg Brosten to Terry Melander.
- Board tabled the request to split FU 800, Bob Little, as documentation was not ready yet.



**AGENDA FOR:** Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** June 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes

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

**PARTIES PRESENTING:**

**CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:** Intercap Loan Schedules Form

**MANAGER's REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1) Board to review and approve request to sublease Grazing Pasture #50, Tryg Brosten, see handout.
- 2) Board to review and approve the updated 2025 Budget, see handout.
- 3) Board to report on official pivot installation reporting process developed with irrigation reps.
- 4) Board to approve splitting FU 800, Bob Little, and creating a new FU with assessment, attached.
- 5) Board to discuss diversions for pivot on FU 422, owned by Donald Knight and produced by Brian Beerman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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



Monthly Warrant List  
 GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
 June 2025



DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
06/09/2025	37917	Jon's Automotive	-878.00
06/10/2025	37920	Jon's Automotive	-139.00
06/10/2025	37918	Choteau Ace	-10.99
06/10/2025	37921	Montana Valley Irrigation LLC	-5,046.00
06/10/2025	37922	R&L Eagle Grocery	-11.67
06/10/2025	37923	True Value	-11.99
06/10/2025	37924	Frontier Family Practice	-183.00
06/10/2025	37925	Uda Law Firm	-5,972.50
06/10/2025	37926	A&I Distributors	-2,030.31
06/10/2025	37927	Torgersons	-308.44
06/10/2025	37928	Northwest Parts & Equipment	-609.16
06/10/2025	37929	Mountain View Co-Op	-31,769.99
06/10/2025	37930	Pacific Steel	-334.91
06/10/2025	37931	Smith Oblander & Meade & Mitcham, P.C.	-3,079.13
06/10/2025	37932	Teamster's Local #2	-1,152.00
06/10/2025	37933	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	-1,300.25
06/10/2025	37934	Choteau Acantha	-96.00
06/10/2025	37935	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
06/10/2025	37936	Republic Services	-139.41
06/10/2025	37937	7 Electric	-742.00
06/10/2025	37938	Ethnoscience, Inc	-4,543.04
06/11/2025	37947	Wyatt Awtrey	-100.00
06/11/2025	37946	Nancy Fry	-49.99
06/11/2025	37945	Collin Moore	-35.00
06/11/2025	37941	Mountain View Canvas	-20.00
06/11/2025	37942	TB - 941	-13,511.99
06/11/2025	37943	TB - SWT	-1,672.00
06/11/2025	37944	TB - MPERA	-9,717.13
06/16/2025	37974	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	-197.77
06/16/2025	37975	Collin Moore	-99.99
06/25/2025	38007	TB - 941	-11,696.60
06/25/2025	38008	TB - SWT	-1,464.00
06/25/2025	38009	TB - MPERA	-8,757.94
06/25/2025	38023	Jenny Gulick	-200.00
06/25/2025	38024	Pinion, Don	-599.00
06/30/2025	38059	Aflac	-106.20
06/30/2025	38060	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-3,118.25
06/30/2025	38061	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-24,816.00
06/30/2025	38062	Teamster's Local #2	-1,011.00
06/30/2025	38063	I State Truck Center	-314.68
06/30/2025	38064	Tri-State Truck & Equipment	-801.49
06/30/2025	38065	MCI	-72.09
06/30/2025	38066	Montana Valley Irrigation LLC	-6,851.86

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06/30/2025	38067	Republic Services	-139.45
06/30/2025	38068	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
06/30/2025	38069	Northwest Parts & Equipment	-153.30
06/30/2025	38070	North 40	-61.15
06/30/2025	38071	Old West Lumber, Inc	-152.85
06/30/2025	38072	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-445.54
06/30/2025	38073	Houston Engineering, Inc	-2,614.50
06/30/2025	38074	Motor Power	-85.20
06/30/2025	38075	Ray Smith & Son Handles, LLC	-778.06
06/30/2025	38076	Uda Law Firm	-862.50
06/30/2025	38077	North Star Equipment	-1,000.00
06/30/2025	38078	Big Sky Hydraulics & Machining, Inc	-5.22
06/30/2025	38079	National Laundry	-67.02
06/30/2025	38080	Fairfield Drug, Inc	-10.26
06/30/2025	38081	Mountain View Co-Op	-5,398.25
06/30/2025	38082	Choteau Ace	-43.98
06/30/2025	38083	Fisher's Technology	-399.80
06/30/2025	38084	Northwest Equipment Mfg, Inc	-240.15
06/30/2025	38085	R&L Eagle Grocery	-59.76
06/30/2025	38086	General Distributing Co	-154.07
06/30/2025	38087	K's Auto Parts	-317.33
06/30/2025	38088	Sorenson Engineering	-65,000.00
06/30/2025	38089	NorthWestern Energy	-1,498.54
06/30/2025	38090	Pacific Steel	-9,199.85
06/30/2025	38091	Diesel Fever	-9,548.58
06/30/2025	38092	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-3,282.71
06/30/2025	38093	GM Financial	-846.48
06/30/2025	38094	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	-17.42
06/30/2025	38095	Town of Fairfield	-141.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-\$247,340.76</b>

Recap of June 2025 warrants:

Regular warrants \$247,340.76  
 May 2025 payroll \$ 84,830.56  
 Total \$332,171.32

Approved by  \_\_\_\_\_  
 President Date  
 Submitted by  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bookkeeper Date

# Sales by Product/Service Detail

## GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

June 1-30, 2025

TRANSACTION DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	CUSTOMER FULL NAME	LINE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	SALES PRICE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Fin Chg								
06/30/2025	Invoice	FC	FELLERS, SONNY	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	1.00	86.71	86.71	86.71
<b>Total for Fin Chg</b>					<b>1.00</b>		<b>\$86.71</b>	
<b>LABOR</b>								
06/10/2025	Invoice	250165	RPH Irrigation	MAN HOURS	2.00	40.00	80.00	80.00
06/16/2025	Invoice	250168	BOGDEN, MIKE	MAN HOURS	2.00	40.00	80.00	160.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250169	SCHENK, CHANCE	MAN HOURS	2.00	40.00	80.00	240.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250170	BRADY, CHASE	MAN HOURS	2.00	40.00	80.00	320.00
<b>Total for LABOR</b>					<b>8.00</b>		<b>\$320.00</b>	
<b>MISC</b>								
06/18/2025	Invoice	250170	BRADY, CHASE	2 WEED FORKS	2.00	30.00	60.00	60.00
<b>Total for MISC</b>					<b>2.00</b>		<b>\$60.00</b>	
<b>Pipe</b>								
06/02/2025	Invoice	250163	FREEMAN, BEN	24" HDPE	20.00	25.00	500.00	500.00
06/16/2025	Invoice	250168	BOGDEN, MIKE	15" HDPE PIPE	40.00	15.30	612.00	1,112.00
<b>Total for Pipe</b>					<b>60.00</b>		<b>\$1,112.00</b>	
<b>Structure</b>								
06/10/2025	Invoice	250164	RPH Irrigation	8'x36" SCREENED SUMPS	2.00	1,020.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
06/10/2025	Invoice	250165	RPH Irrigation	8'X36" SCREENED SUMP	1.00	1,020.00	1,020.00	3,060.00
06/10/2025	Invoice	250166	Klinker, David	14' USED WING CHECK	1.00	900.00	900.00	3,960.00
06/10/2025	Invoice	250171	BOUMA, DOUG	4" CONCRETE FOOTINGS	4.00	40.00	160.00	4,120.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250169	SCHENK, CHANCE	CATTLE GUARD AND FOOTINGS	1.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	6,620.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250170	BRADY, CHASE	CONCRETE FLAT CHECK	1.00	800.00	800.00	7,420.00
<b>Total for Structure</b>					<b>10.00</b>		<b>\$7,420.00</b>	
<b>TRK TIME</b>								
06/16/2025	Invoice	250168	BOGDEN, MIKE	MILES TRUCK AND/OR TRAILER- TRANSPORT	12.00	9.00	108.00	108.00
<b>Total for TRK TIME</b>					<b>12.00</b>		<b>\$108.00</b>	
<b>TRUCK TIME</b>								
06/10/2025	Invoice	250165	RPH Irrigation	HOURS TRUCK TIME- EXCAVATOR	2.00	225.00	450.00	450.00

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06/16/2025	Invoice	250168	BOGDEN, MIKE	HOURS TRUCK TIME- CAT 326 EXCAVATOR	2.00	225.00	450.00	900.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250169	SCHENK, CHANCE	HOURS TRUCK TIME- 320 EXCAVATOR	1.00	200.00	200.00	1,100.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250169	SCHENK, CHANCE	HOURS TRUCK TIME- TRANSPORT	1.00	40.00	40.00	1,140.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250170	BRADY, CHASE	HOURS TRUCK TIME- CAT 320 EXCAVATOR	1.50	200.00	300.00	1,440.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250170	BRADY, CHASE	HOURS TRUCK TIME- TRANSPORT	1.00	40.00	40.00	1,480.00
<b>Total for TRUCK TIME</b>					<b>8.50</b>		<b>\$1,480.00</b>	
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06/10/2025	Invoice	250165	RPH Irrigation	SETH WOODHOUSE SUMP INSTALLATION				0.00
06/16/2025	Invoice	250168	BOGDEN, MIKE	CLEANED DRAIN AND INSTALLED 40' OF HDPE ON EXISTING PIPE IN DRAIN AND BACKFILLED FU 762.1				0.00
06/18/2025	Invoice	250169	SCHENK, CHANCE	INSTALLED CATTLE GUARD ON GS CANAL ON F.U. 572.3				0.00
<b>Total for --</b>					<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>101.50</b>		<b>\$10,586.71</b>	

I Tryg Brosten sub lease GID Pasture #50 to Terry Melander for 10 pair of cows for the grazing season 2025. The amount of the lease is for \$1000.00

  
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Tryg Brosten

  
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Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Melander

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



To: GID Commissioners  
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

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

Subject: Manager's Report 07/15/25

**1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 07/14/25**

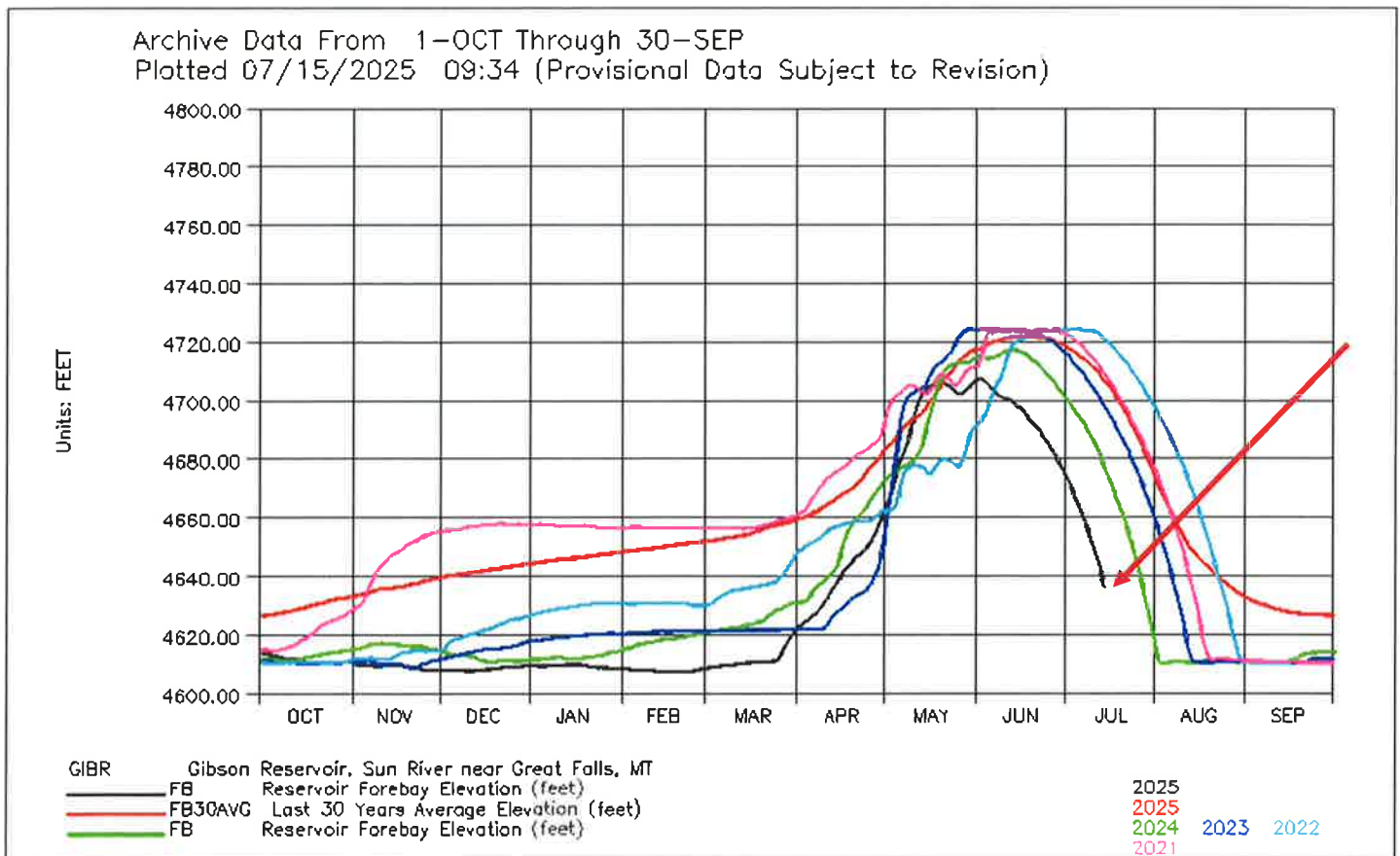
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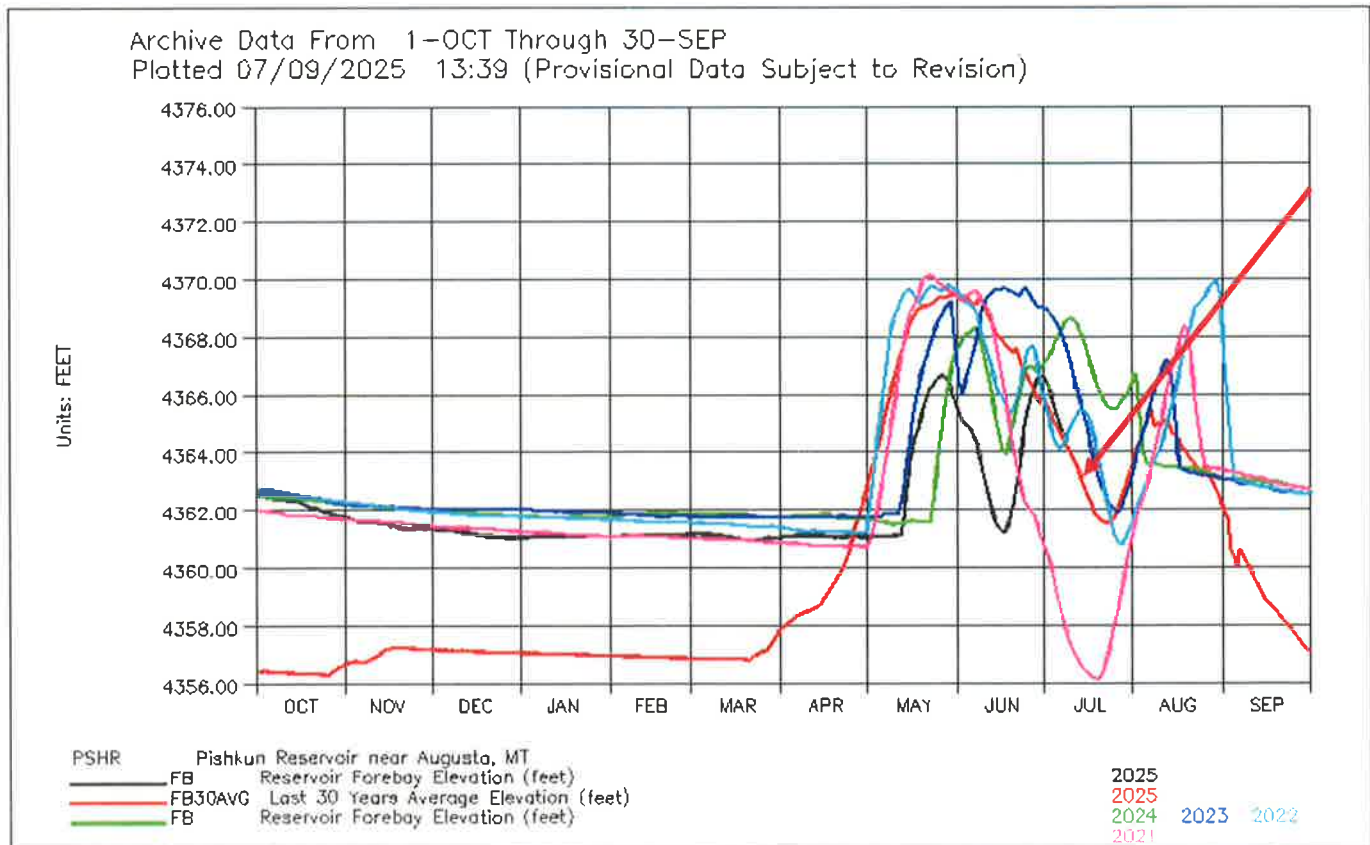
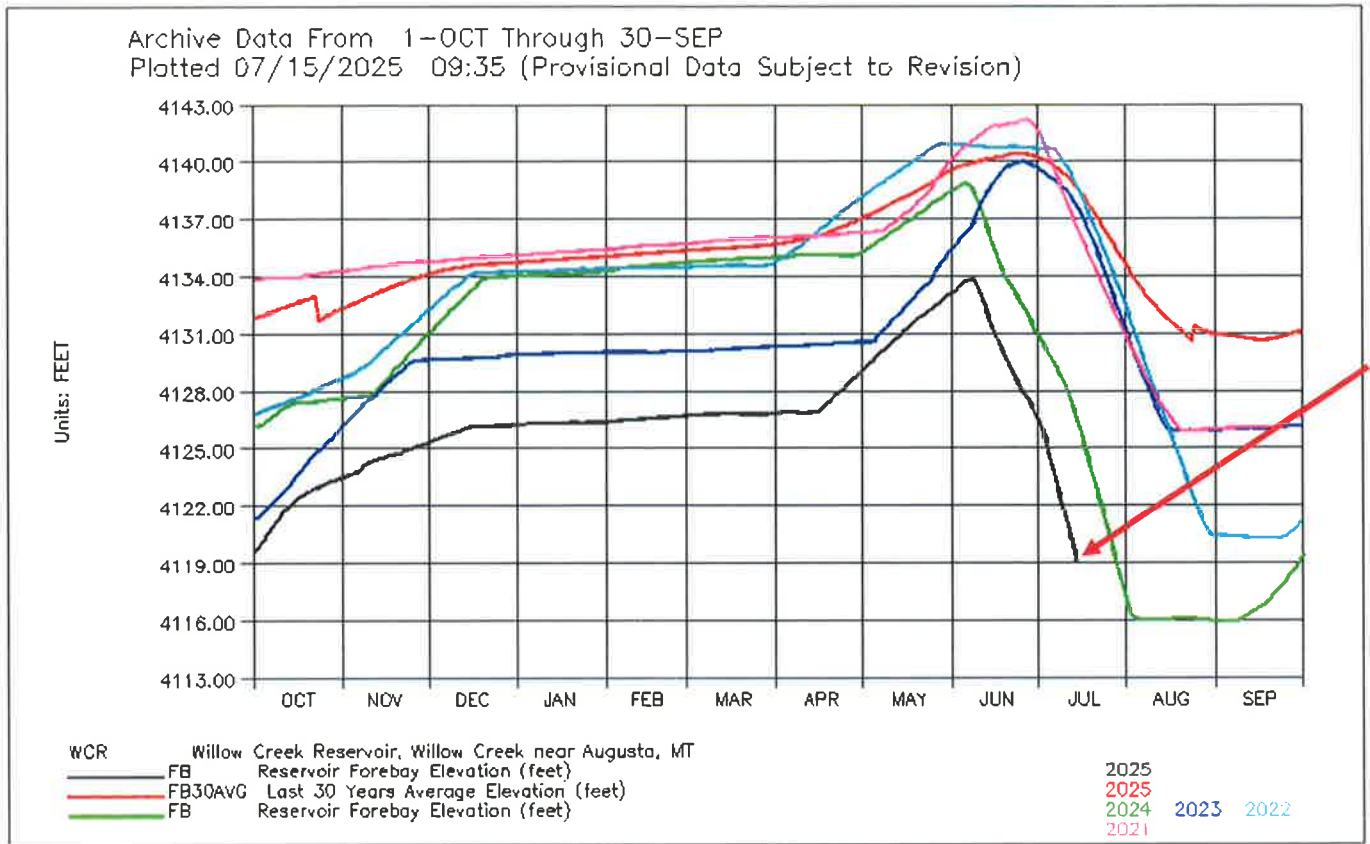
- Gibson Res: 17,200 Ac-ft, 17% Full & 22% of Normal,
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 300 to 350 cfs, 35% to 40% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: +/-1350 cfs,
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 7,400 Ac-ft, 23% Full, 27% of Normal
- Willow Creek Inflows: +/-10 cfs
- Willow Creek Releases: 200 to 240 cfs
- Pishkun Reservoir: 18,200 Ac-ft, 73% Full & 94% of Normal,
- Pishkun Releases: 1600 to 1650 cfs,

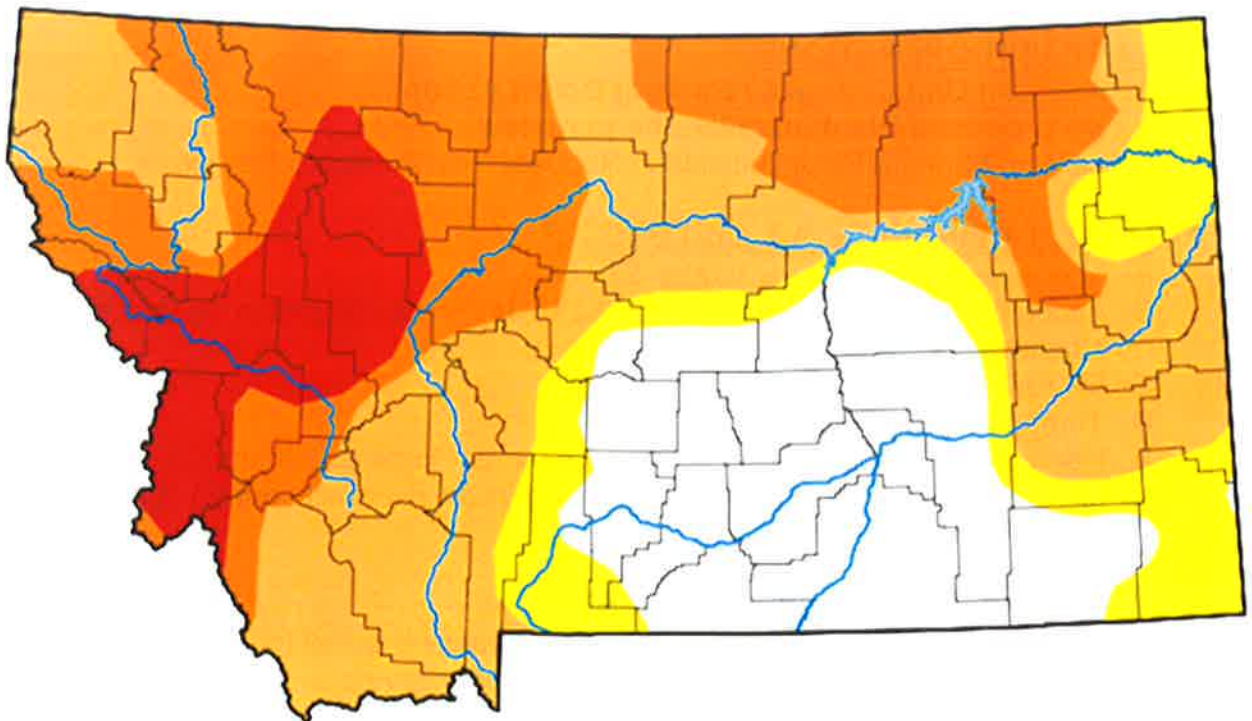
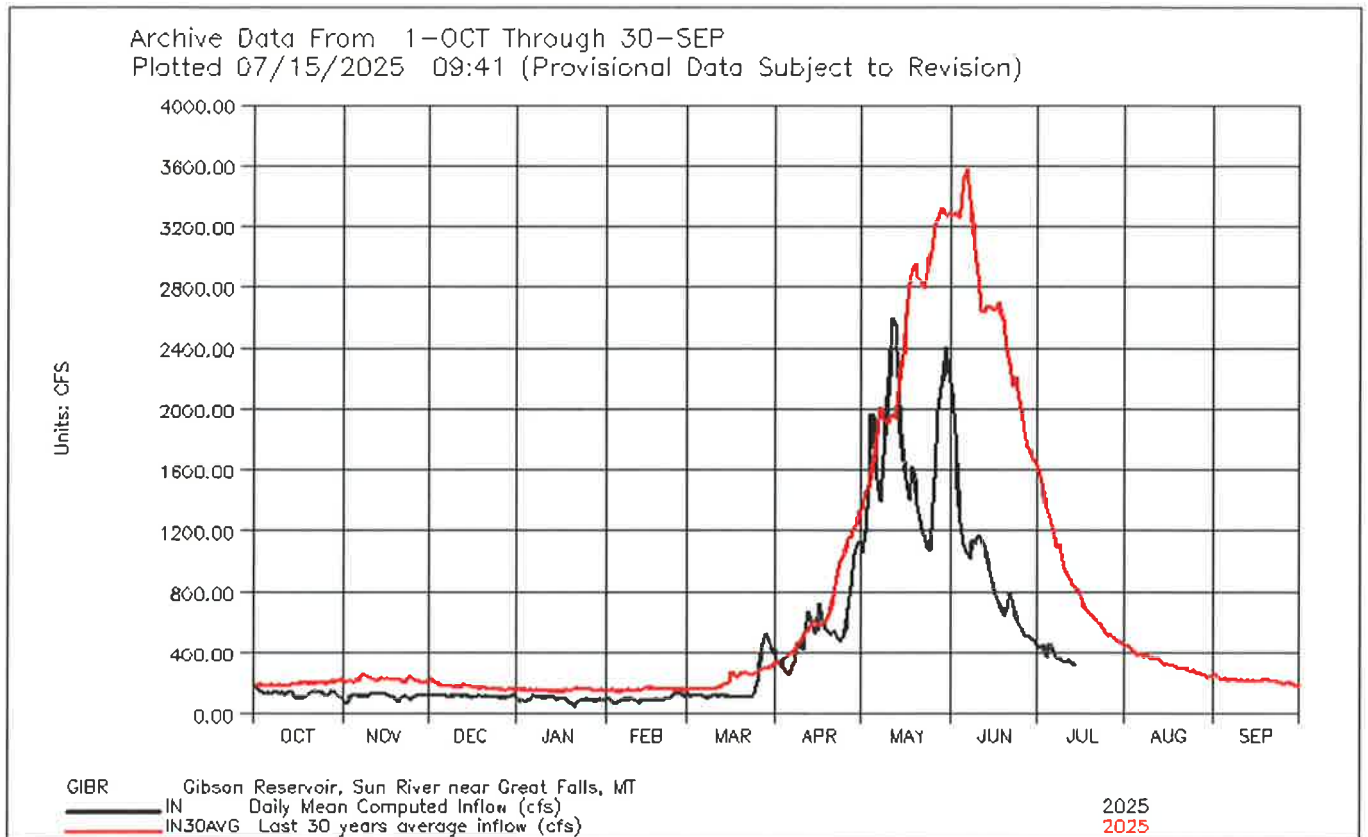
B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

- All Sites = 0.0"

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







The US Drought Monitor's map for Montana, released July 3, 2025

In summary.....

1. As shown above, Gibson inflows have been extremely low this year.
2. Our watershed is in the middle of the severe drought conditions.
3. Gibson did not fill again this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
4. Willow Creek Reservoir also did not fill again.
5. Gibson, Pishkun, and Willow Creek Reservoirs should last until July 20<sup>th</sup>. **See Handout.**
6. Both the PSC and the SRS will begin “stepping down” over a day or two.
7. There will not be much of a “Drain” season.
8. Representatives from Fort Shaw will be here in the morning to discuss the status of Willow Creek uses. **See Handout.**

**2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES**

- A. Water Rights Adjudication for Basin 41K continues. **No update.**

**3) STAFF UPDATES**

- A. No Staff Updates.

**4) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

- A. Collin upgraded Mark’s computer with a new SS hard drive. Will have him do the same for my computer.
- B. Unfortunately, Nancy’s machine warrants a complete replacement. Will do after the water season.

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

- A. Nancy is still updating certifications.

**6) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS**

- A. **No Farm Unit Changes requiring Board Action**
- B. **No proposed Pivot installations to review**
- C. I am preparing a Pivot Installation Request form for Board Review

**7) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2025 BUDGET**

- A. The receivables for June totaled \$10,587.
- B. Accounts payable for June totaled \$247,341 for the warrants as well as \$84,831 in salaries comprising two pay periods.
- C. Review updated 2025 Budget.
- D. Turnbull Income for May = \$30,000
- E. Need to review the need to bump assessment to cover inflation of non-discretionary expenses; 3% or \$1.5/acre. A decision must be made during the August Board meeting.

**8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

- A. Still need to replace at least 2 Ditch Rider trucks this Fall for next year.
- B. Hoping to replace our +13-year-old, CAT 320 excavator with nearly 5,000 hours while it still has some trade-in value. We will get some prices of comparable replacement machines for the Board to look at for this Fall.
- C. We also need to develop a plan to replace our fleet (3) of +25-year-old dump trucks.

**9) PEARSON LAWSUIT, ROUND II**

- A. Spencer and Hilary Pearson did not file an in-house appeal with the HRB, so that complaint has run its course.
- B. Regarding Pearson's other legal action against GID, the Park Co. District Court judge made decisions on the complaint and GID's motion to dismiss the case. We had some procedural wins, but the complaint was not dismissed entirely and so on it goes. Copy of Judge's Order provided to the Board.

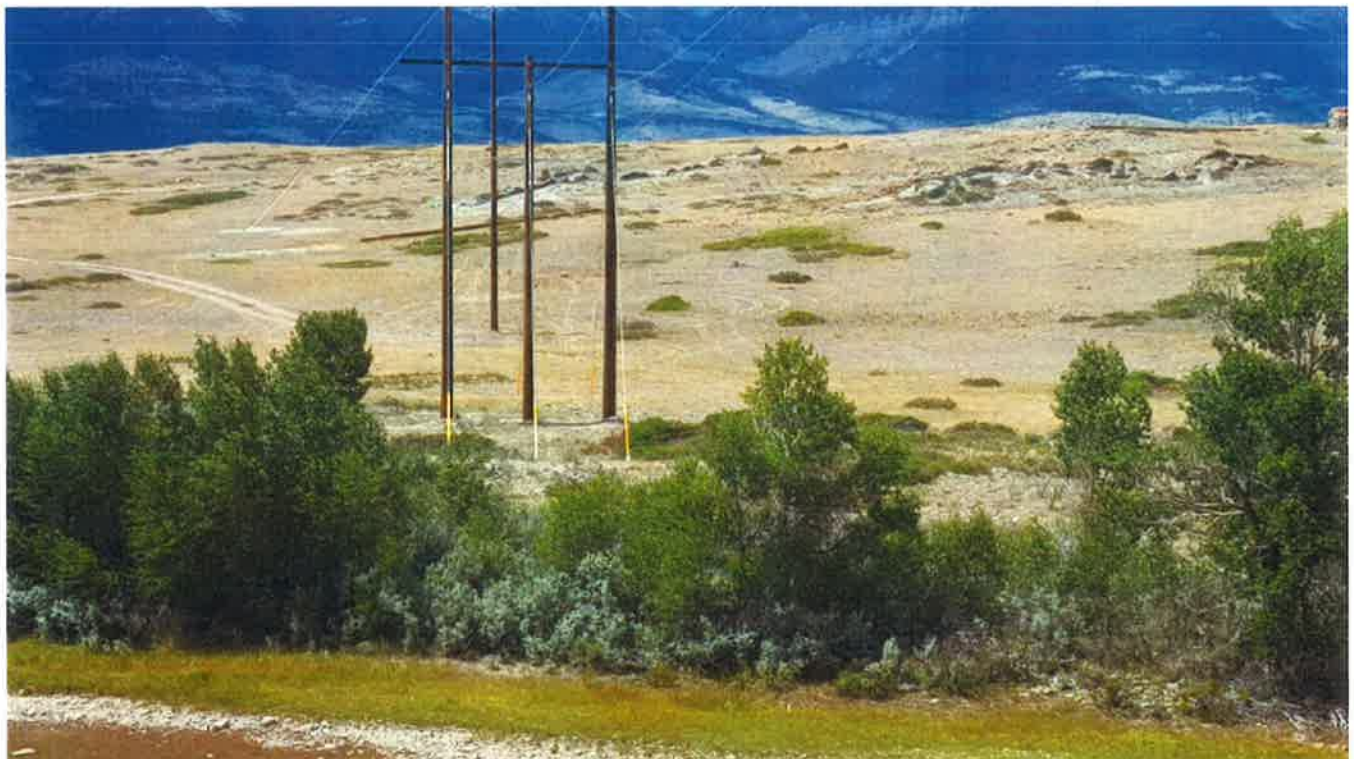
**10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL & LAWSUIT**

- A. Mediation/Settlement Conference set for August 14<sup>th</sup> at Steph's office. **See Handout from the Mediator.**
- B. Trial date – October 20<sup>th</sup> the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Still have a couple of motions pending in District Court regarding the insurance dec action.

**11) HYDRO UPDATES**

- A. General – Regarding GID's fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 Tariffs.
  - 1. We submitted a Motion For Reconsideration and the PSC filed a continuation to give themselves more time to make a decision.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP – Still hoping to be on-line Spring of 2026.
  - 1. **Transmission Design & Construction** –
    - Crews have resumed work on the south side of the River; stringing wire, installing the air-break switches, handing the single phase underbuild, and crossing the River. After July 15<sup>th</sup> they can resume northward to the Arnold Coulee site.





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, SPP, & WAPA are on-going.

5. **Funding –**

- Next semi-annual WEEG grant report is due in September.
- Next DOC-INTERCAP payment is due 08/15/25, \$71,488.05. The interest rate dropped to 5%. Expecting another interest rate drop mid-February. We still have \$1.1M to available to access when needed.

6. **Construction –**

- Crews have resumed construction this week, forming the powerhouse basement foundation walls and footings for the next tier of retaining walls.



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

1. **Funding** –

- Next semi-annual WEEG grant report is in September.
- Once we have NEPA compliance we can finalize DNRC loan which will fund transmission line construction.

2. **LOPP** – Reclamation has sent GID a Draft LOPP Agreement for review this site.

3. **NEPA Compliance** –

- The ROW application from BLM has been submitted to BOR & BLM.
- We have received SHPO concurrence regarding Cultural Resources.
- A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) NEPA compliance has been sent out for stakeholder review.

4. **Transmission Design & Construction** – Design mostly done, construction has yet to start. Expecting to make progress this Fall and Winter. Awaiting NEPA compliance.

5. **Power Purchase Agreement** – **Have not started this task.**

6. **Design Drawings** – Received updated preliminary drawings.

7. **Turbine-Generator Fabrication** – Turbines all paid for. Draft tubes on site.

8. **Site Construction** – Once NEPA is finalized we can begin with the road relocation phase.

D. Johnson Drop – **Nothing new.** Need to file the FERC 556 Form.

E. A-Drop – **Nothing new.** Need to file the FERC 556 Form.

F. Gibson Hydro – **Nothing new.**

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

A. Mary Taylor Facility –

1. I am reviewing the draft PER. This document will be used to support numerous funding opportunities, both from the State and Federal.
2. I need to update the hydropower feasibility analysis. Getting a quote and a proposed layout from CHC for the turbine-generator.
3. No word on the \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) submitted through Rep. Downing's office.
4. Applying for funding through the Aging Infrastructure Account FY26 just in case Rep. Downing's effort falls short.
5. Need to file the FERC 556 Form.

B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings – Nothing new.

C. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –

1. The project costs and finances have been finalized with BOR. GID will need to return \$411,236.70.
2. BOR's work on the multimillion-dollar, replacement spillway study effort is sidelined due to staff reduction at BOR's TSC in Denver.

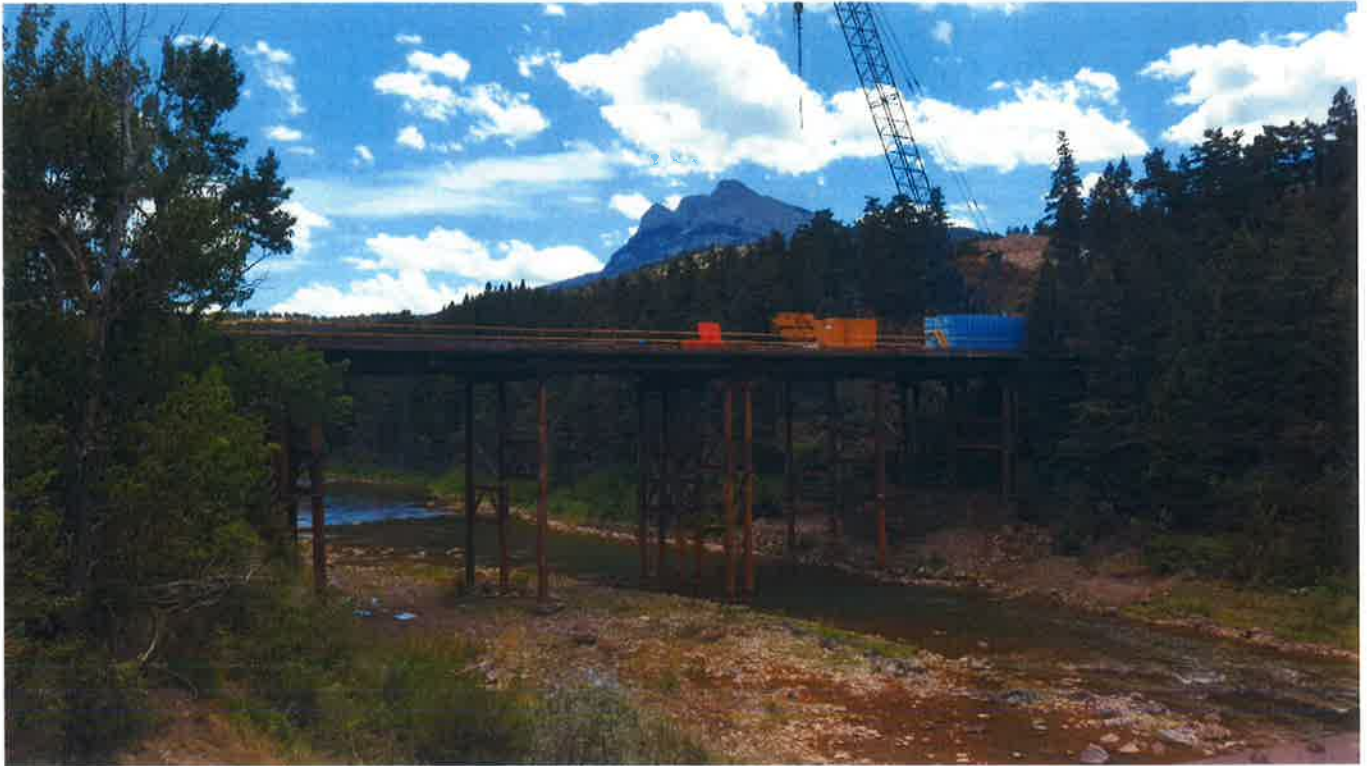
D. Sun River Bridge Replacement

1. Projected Schedule – Still on schedule

- Construction continues. Will start drilling the shafts for the primary bridge supports. Bridge girder fabrication will start in a couple of weeks. They will be delivered and set by the end of August. Winter shutdown is expected in November. Bridge opening and dedication set for July 2026.

2. Status of Old Bridge – Historical designation obstacles have been cleared so that the old bridge can be demolished. Signed an MOU regarding removal activities. Demolition will start once the new bridge is in service.





E. Tunnel #3 Rehabilitation –

1. Need to finalize the repayment Contract with BOR. Getting a \$1M LOC from the local Bank to satisfy the emergency reserve requirement.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase is complete but there are lingering QC issues to be addressed. The Contractor has improved issues, but other concerns still remain.
3. Holding off on the Phase 2 until Phase 1 issues are resolved. Will review the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of work again after one season of use when the PSC is shutdown.

F. J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –

1. Received the start-up paperwork for the \$125K DNRC-RRG grant that was approved by the State Legislature. DNRC is expecting a Grant Agreement will be executed July 2026.

G. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 2– SRS Main Check

1. Received the start-up paperwork for the \$125K DNRC-RRG grant that was approved by the State Legislature. DNRC is expecting a Grant Agreement will be executed August 2025.

H. Pishkun Outlet Replacement –

1. Nothing new.
2. Waiting for the next round of planning grants so we can get some preliminary engineering and topo surveying work done.
3. 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.
4. Have not been provided a final version of the Valve Planning Study Report prepared by BOR.

**13) TITLE TRANSFER**

A. Nothing new.

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

- A. Eric if present will provide a brief verbal update.
- B. The concrete lining on a portion of the Sun River Slope (SRS) Canal downstream of the old Roger Jones land is showing wear and tear. Need to develop a repair plan that can be implemented after the water season or this Fall.

**15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM**

A. Pasture season is gearing up. Ron can provide an update if he is present.

**16) DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA**

A. The bi-weekly meetings with the FCA have resumed. During the last meeting we reviewed the Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) which highlights numerous projects that will be advanced into preliminary design.

**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. Nothing.

**19) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – JULY**

- Prepare and file FERC 556 Self-Certification Forms for QFs at Mary Taylor, Johnson Drop, and Pishkun Inlet.
- Complete my review of the Draft NEPA for Pishkun Inlet LOPP
- Continue progress on Arnold Coulee PPA.
- Closeout Willow Creek Spillway IRRM project.
- Review and Finish the Mary Taylor PER
- Finalize the Line of Credit with the local Bank.

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

- Develop a strategy and a plan to replace our 3 dump trucks as well as the older CAT excavator.
- Evaluate status of Tunnel #3 rehabilitation and scope for Phase II
- Order at least 2 replacement Ditch Rider vehicles for next season.
- Trial Mediation for WCFC on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT GID BOARD MEETING AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

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