

# Greenfields

## IRRIGATION DISTRICT



On Tuesday, June 10<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 Chrig Ostberg, Dave Gulick, and Pat Brosten. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also, in attendance were: GID employees, Cory Copenhaver, Tony May and Eric Mayer. Jason Hahn with the Bureau of Reclamation was in attendance, along with Tracy Wendt with SRWG. Also present were Jordan Ratliff with RPH Irrigation and Chris Music with Montana Valley Irrigation.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 6:12 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 May 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. It was noted that we should remove the statement that was strictly a matter of opinion voiced by GID's attorney. Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the minutes with the statement removed and VP Brady seconded the motion. All in favor and the Minutes were approved. The Board then reviewed the May warrants. There were two payments for employees' health insurance premiums, due to receiving the previous month's statement late. The Edge Marketing warrant was for Phase II of our Database project which tied our GIS mapping program to the database. Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the warrants and Commissioner Ostberg seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

**Parties Presenting Issues:** Jordan Ratliff with RPH Irrigation and Chris Music with Montana Valley Irrigation were there to address the Board regarding issues they are experiencing with submitting pivot installation plans to GID. There is some disagreement about whether it is the responsibility of the pivot installation company or the landowner/producer to have the plans reviewed and approved by GID before supplies are purchased and work begins. The pivot installers are seen as the experts in this process, so GID deems them to be the most logical choice to be the responsible party. Chris explained that he would like to see GID have an application online that they would fill out and submit each time a pivot is proposed. Manager Juel went on to explain to the pivot reps why it was important for GID to be made aware of the installation in advance, so as to avoid any unforeseen issues after the pivot has been installed. The Board assured the gentlemen that the GID staff would put together a formal pivot installation process to be completed each time.

**Contacts to Execute:** Board President signed the Collective Bargaining Agreement after the dates had been amended to reflect the actual duration of the contract. Board President Brunner then signed the DNRC Agreement #2 which revised the duration of the contract, as well.

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

**Reservoir and River Operations:** See M.R. for full details. Reservoir and River Operations: Gibson Reservoir is 74.5% of normal, with inflows dwindling, which is bleaker than last year's conditions. There is 12,000 acres of usable volume in Willow Creek Reservoir. We are likely to be out of water

by the second to the last week of July. Turnbull will not generate nearly as much power or revenue due to the shortened season and the fact that canal will likely run at full capacity for most of the season. On a positive note, the crew can get back to work on Arnold Coulee earlier than expected. The National Climate Prediction is above-normal temps and well below normal precipitation for June through August, with September through November expected to see normal temps and normal precipitation. Last year was the first time in a very, very long time that Gibson didn't fill completely. A brief discussion was had on ways to prolong the water season.

**Water Rights:** No update.

**GID Staff Updates:** We have hired a local engineer to help with our SCADA system. We have a \$30,000 grant to update our SCADA program, it was hoped that some of his wages may end up being paid from this grant.

**Office Improvements & General Administration:** We still need 2 new computers and new GIS software.

**GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates:** Manager Juel reported that approximately 92% of big producers, with only 38% of the smaller producers being certified.

**Farm Unit Operations:** Board to review and approve the request to split FU 035 and assign assessment to FU 035.2 during the Agenda portion of the meeting.

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

**GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment:** We will need to replace two of the ditch rider trucks this Fall. It will cost around \$9,500 for GID to repair the lowboy trailer, along with the \$1,000 paid for the rental trailer while it is out of commission. The alignment is currently being worked on. We will still need to look at replacing the excavator and our fleet of dump trucks.

**Spencer Pearson Lawsuit:** Previously discussed during the Executive Session meeting held prior to this meeting.

**Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit:** See the M.R. for further details. Previously discussed during the Executive Session meeting held prior to this meeting.

**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 are still waiting for a decision from the Public Service Commission. Transmission Design & Construction: Little has occurred regarding the construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg since September of 2024. The contractor has returned to finish the river crossing and hang wire on the south side of the river. Pishkun Inlet: NEPA is projected to be done by August 1<sup>st</sup> with Tribal consultation and coordination between BOR and BLM. We have received the draft LOPP from Reclamation and the Board will have the opportunity to review it and approve it at next month's meeting.

**GID Infrastructure Projects:** For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: Manager Juel is reviewing the draft PER for Federal and State funding opportunities. We submitted a \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) through Senator Sheehy's office. President Brunner expressed his concern that GID continues to take on so many funding opportunities on various projects before seeing completion of the projects we have already started. Manager Juel explained that it is crucial that we proceed with this project to avoid seeing a devastating failure. Willow Creek Spillway Repair: Manager Juel is still working to negotiate with the Bureau on the terms of the repayment of the \$300,000-\$400,000 we owe them. Sun River Bridge Replacement: Project is still on schedule. Tunnel #3 Rehab: Board and Manager Juel will review the Repayment Contract with BOR. We still need to meet with our lender at the First Bank of Montana to put our line of credit in place so that we have a reserves account in order to meet the terms of the contract. 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 \$125k DNRC-RRG grant for this project will also be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pishkun Outlet Replacement: Our funding application for \$19,054,209 was awarded by BOR. This represents financial assistance regarding extraordinary maintenance work through the Aging Infrastructure Account. Manager Juel is reviewing the draft of the report created by the 9 BOR experts that met in April to discuss replacement and rehabilitation options for the new outlet.

**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.

**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 bi-weekly meetings with the FCA have resumed. WWC and the FCA will be working on the Systems Improvement Plan (SIP). Water Master, Tony May, has been brought in on these conversations.

**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 discuss and decide what to do with Grazing Pasture Lease #72 being given up because there is no water and it is isolated. See attachment. The Board decided to put it up for rebid.
- 2) Board to review and approve splitting FU 035 and assigning assessment to FU 035.2, handout. Tony May gave a brief overview of what he observed for water delivery for both farm units and the history of the original farm unit. Vice President Brady made a motion to approve the split and Commissioner Brady seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion is carried.
- 3) Board to review and approve the updated grazing pasture lease agreement between Marty Klinker and Layton Senef, see handout. Marty has requested to add another pasture to the

agreement for 2025. Commissioner Brosten mad a motion to approve the lease agreement and Vice President Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Tracy Wendt with SRWG gave a brief update and provided the Board with a handout. The update included and Agenda of upcoming events She reported to the Board that the Sun River Bridge Replacement will cause a closure of the Sun River for recreational activities from June 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Jason Hahn with the Bureau had nothing to announce.

**Miscellaneous:** Manager Juel provided the Board with the minutes and Agenda from the GID System Improvement Plan Kick-off Meeting held on June 9<sup>th</sup> with WWC, the FCA, the NRCS and Tony May, along with himself. It contained project goals and objectives for the Board's review.

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



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Board President



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Board Secretary

**Board Action Recap:**

- Board requested a formal pivot approval/review process to be established.
- Board decided to put up grazing pasture #72 back up for rebid.
- Board approved the request to split FU 035.2 and assign assessment to FU 035.2.
- Board approved the Lease Agreement between Marty Klinker and Layton Senef for 2025.



**AGENDA FOR:** Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 10<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:** May 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**PARTIES PRESENTING:** Jordan Ratliff with RPH Irrigation, Chris Music with Valley Irrigation and Brett Severinsen with Severinsen Irrigation plan to be present to address issues they are experiencing with pivot installations for GID's water users

**CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:** Board President to sign the 2025-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the DNRC Amendment #2

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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



# Monthly Warrant List

May 2025

DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
05/05/2025	37776	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-\$26,367.00
05/12/2025	37817	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	-\$2,600.50
05/12/2025	37818	Fairfield Sun Times	-\$315.90
05/12/2025	37819	Republic Services	-\$139.80
05/14/2025	37843	TB - 941	-\$9,508.20
05/14/2025	37844	TB - SWT	-\$1,117.00
05/14/2025	37845	TB - MPERA	-\$7,559.70
05/14/2025	37820	Anaconda Foundry Fabrication Company	-\$10,057.00
05/16/2025	37846	Jenny Gulick	-\$19.90
05/16/2025	37847	Michelle Lauver-	-\$15.40
05/23/2025	37848	USPS.	-\$600.70
05/28/2025	37879	Eric Mayer-	-\$78.50
05/28/2025	37880	Michelle Lauver-	-\$11.40
05/28/2025	37881	TB - SWT	-\$1,662.00
05/28/2025	37882	TB - 941	-\$13,493.10
05/28/2025	37883	TB - MPERA	-\$9,942.90
05/31/2025	37884	Tractor & Equipment, Co	-\$41.40
05/31/2025	37885	Tri-State Truck & Equipment	-\$33.40
05/31/2025	37886	Visa	-\$2,400.60
05/31/2025	37887	MCI	-\$72.20
05/31/2025	37888	Montana Valley Irrigation LLC	-\$5,046.00
05/31/2025	37889	Macon Supply, Inc	-\$4,153.10
05/31/2025	37890	Teton County 4-H	-\$75.00
05/31/2025	37891	7 Electric	-\$742.00
05/31/2025	37892	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	-\$8,196.20
05/31/2025	37893	United States Fire Insurance Company	-\$843.70
05/31/2025	37894	Montana Materials & Construction	-\$880.00
05/31/2025	37895	Great Falls Redi-Mix Inc	-\$1,761.10
05/31/2025	37896	Montana FFA	-\$100.00
05/31/2025	37897	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-\$1,087.30
05/31/2025	37898	National Laundry	-\$134.00
05/31/2025	37899	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	-\$7,635.00
05/31/2025	37900	Fairfield Drug, Inc	-\$9.20
05/31/2025	37901	Sun River Watershed Group	-\$100.00
05/31/2025	37902	Fairfield Sun Times	-\$40.00
05/31/2025	37903	TD&H Engineering	-\$277.50
05/31/2025	37904	Fisher's Technology	-\$245.00
05/31/2025	37905	Victory Insurance Company	-\$4,404.00
05/31/2025	37906	Aflac	-\$159.30
05/31/2025	37907	Northwest Media	-\$172.00
05/31/2025	37908	General Distributing Co	-\$17.00
05/31/2025	37909	K's Auto Parts	-\$175.00
05/31/2025	37910	Torgersons	-\$308.44

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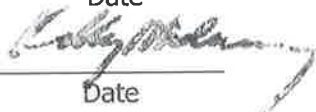
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05/31/2025	37911	NorthWestern Energy	-\$753.50
05/31/2025	37912	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-\$26,367.00
05/31/2025	37913	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-\$3,249.57
05/31/2025	37914	GM Financial	-\$846.48
05/31/2025	37915	Cintas First Aid & Safety	-\$185.41
05/31/2025	37916	Town of Fairfield	-\$141.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-\$154,141.52</b>

Recap of May 2025 warrants:

Regular warrants  
 May 2025 payroll  
 Total

\$157,161.52  
\$ 74,792.73  
 \$231,954.25

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 06/10/25

**1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 06/10/25**

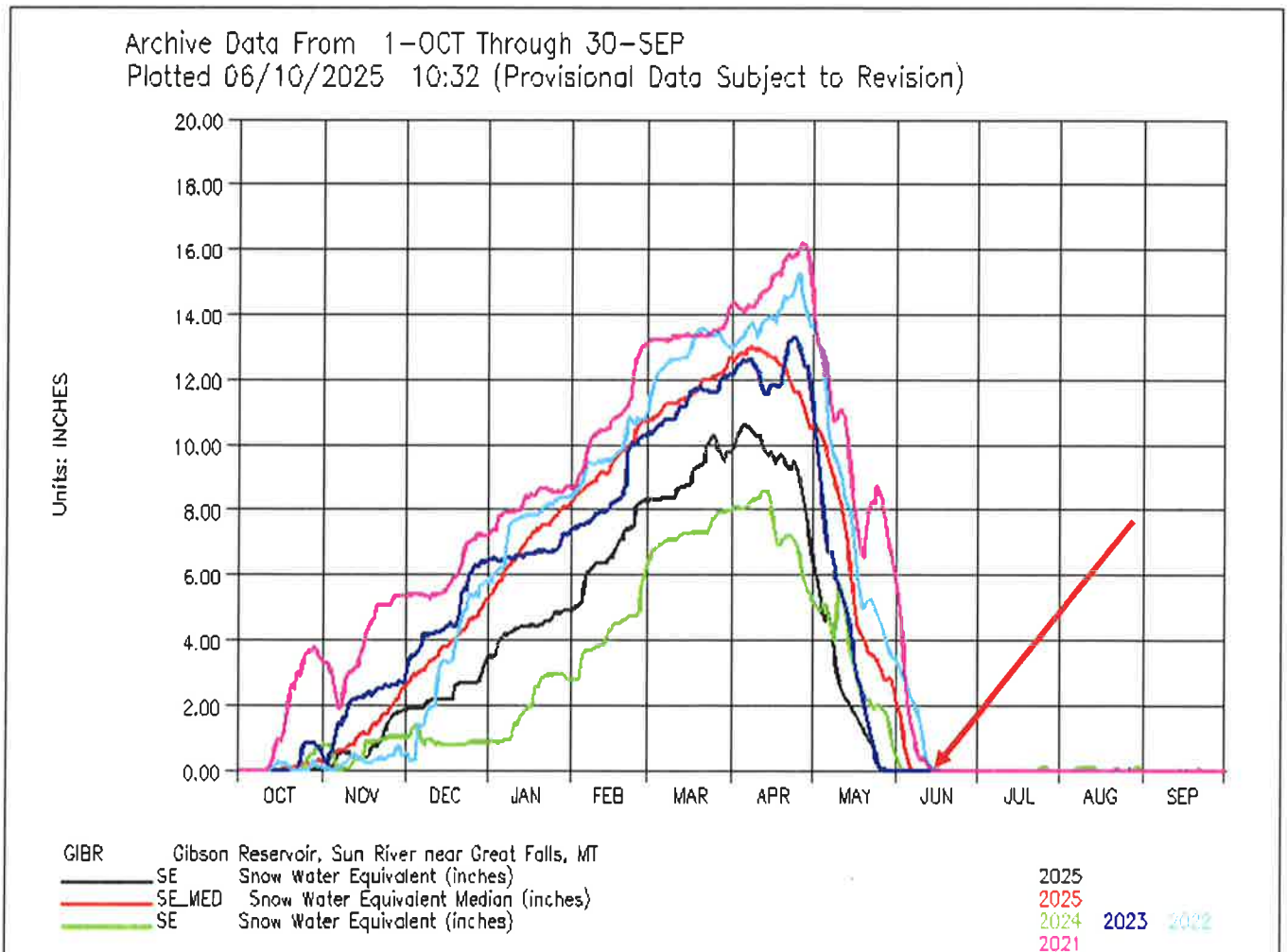
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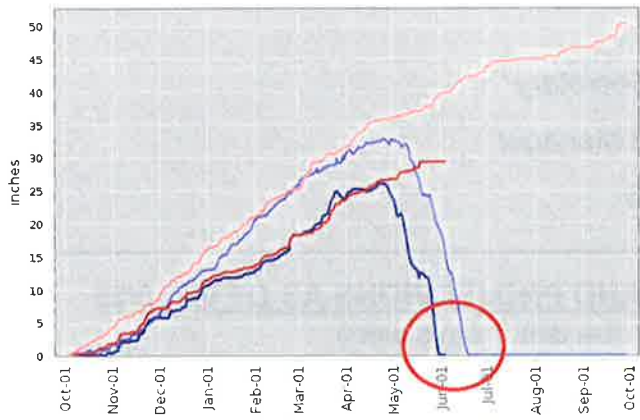
- Gibson Res: 70,100 Ac-ft, 71% Full & 74.5% of Normal,
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 1000 to 1150 cfs, 30% to 40% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: 1300 to 1400 cfs,
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 20,600 Ac-ft, 65% Full, 71.5% of Normal
- Willow Creek Inflows: 70 to 15 cfs
- Pishkun Reservoir: 21,000 Ac-ft, 80% Full & 82% of Normal,
- Pishkun Discharges: 1440 to 1570 cfs,

B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

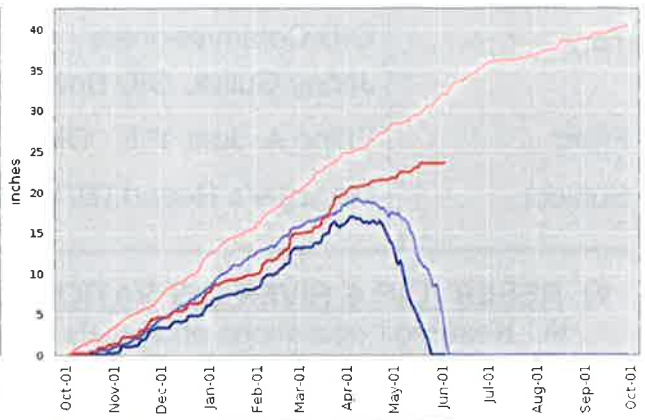
- All Sites = 0.0"

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

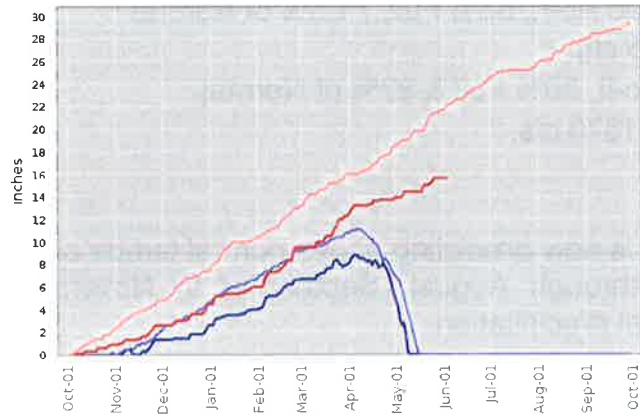




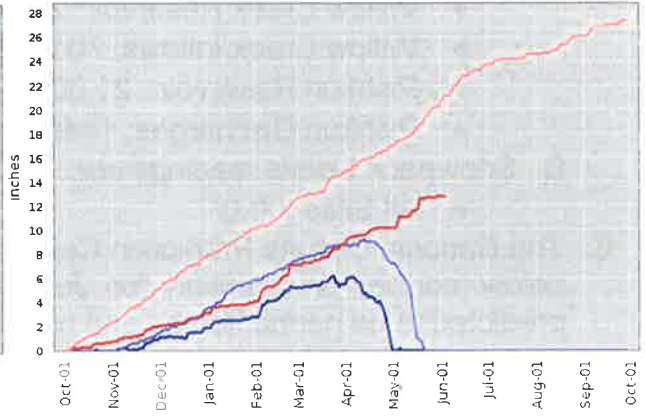
**BADGER PASS** (snow-water equivalent)



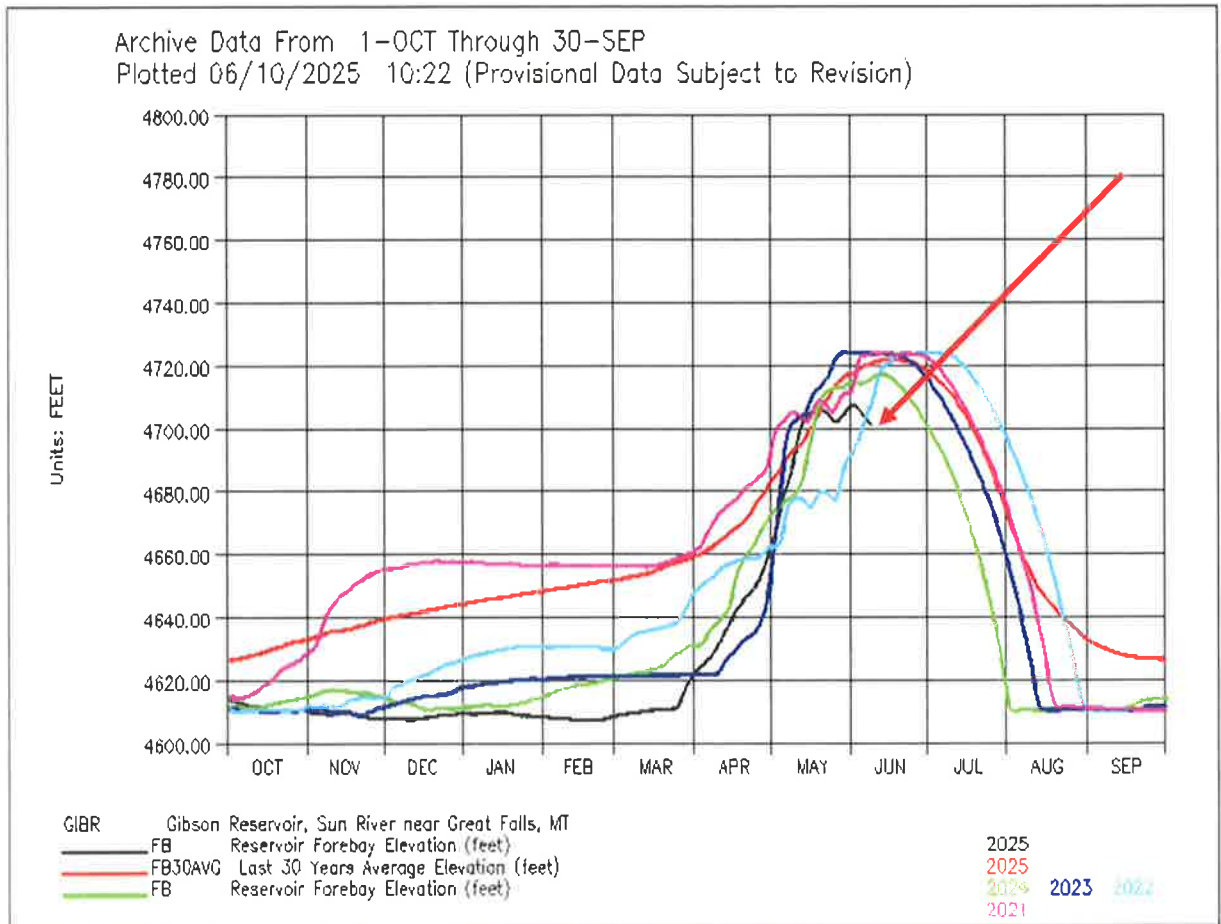
**MOUNT LOCKHART**



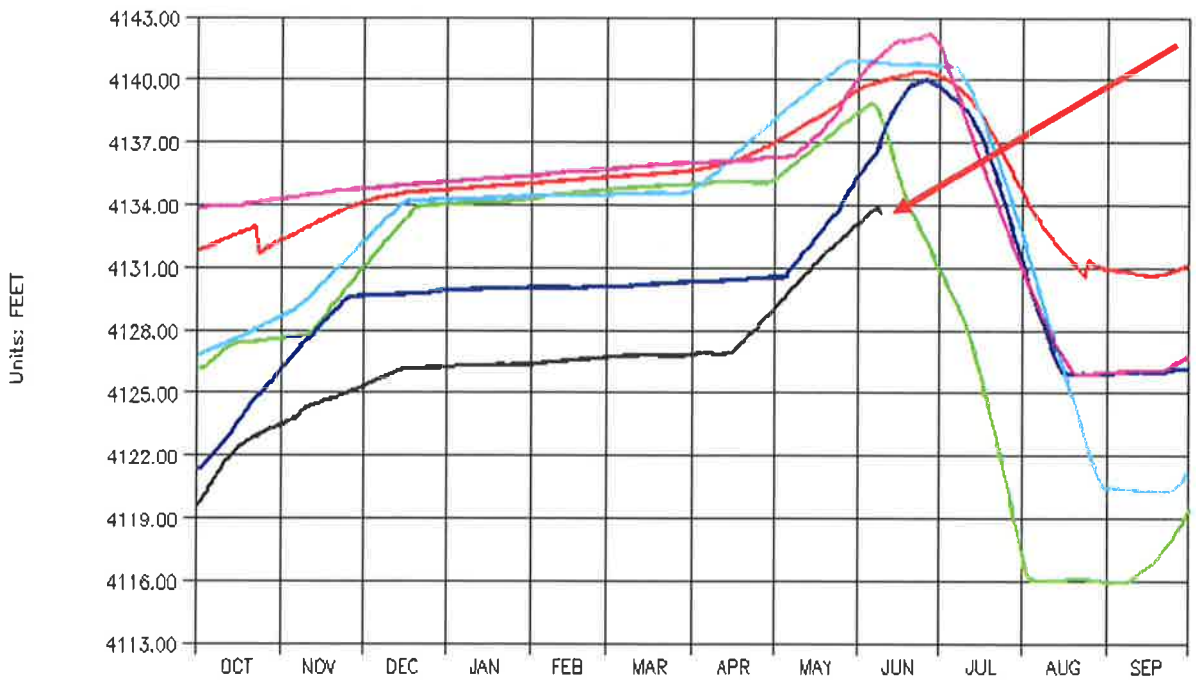
**WALDRON** (total precipitation)



**WOOD CREEK**



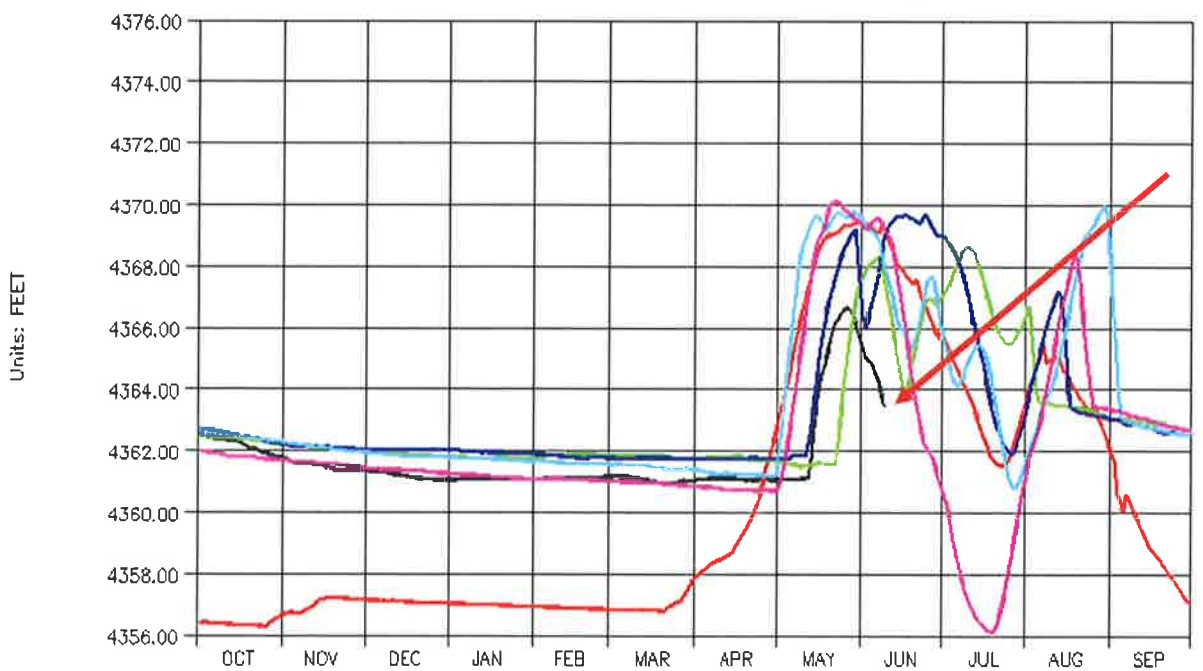
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WCR Willow Creek Reservoir, Willow Creek near Augusta, MT  
 — FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)  
 — FB30AVG Last 30 Years Average Elevation (feet)  
 — FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)

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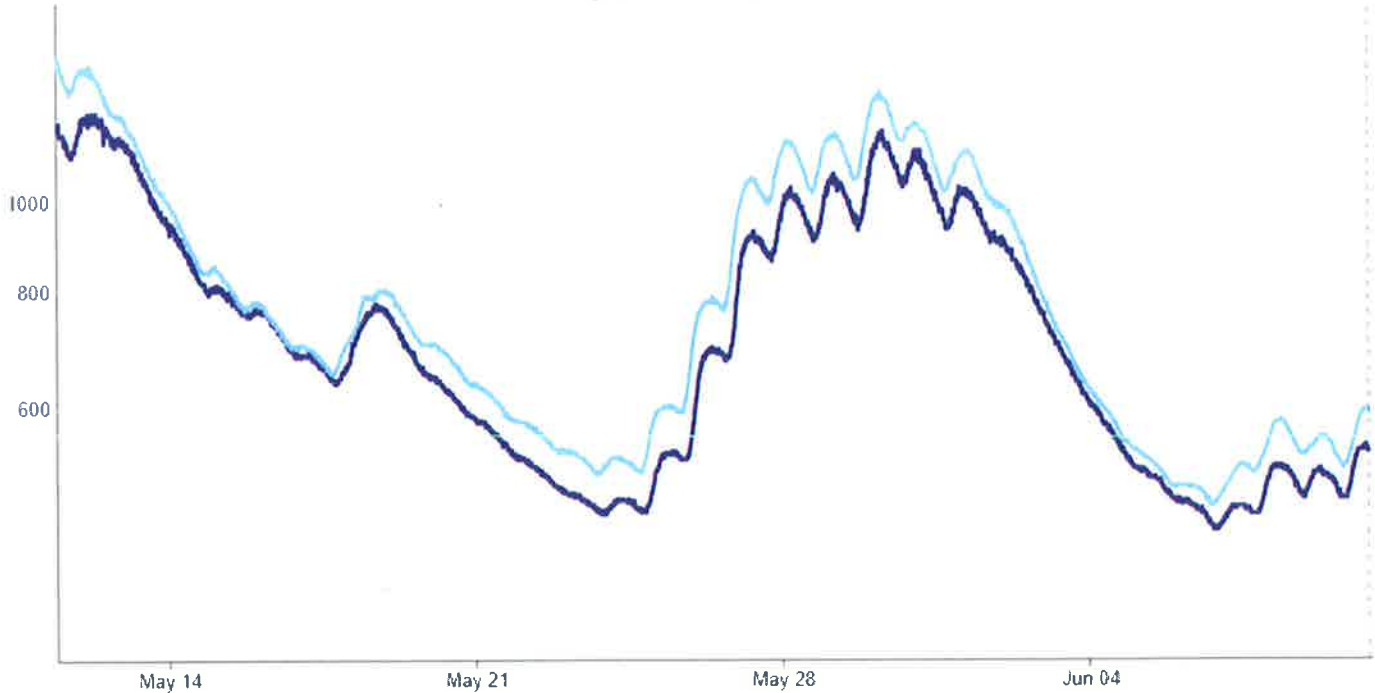
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PSHR Pishkun Reservoir near Augusta, MT  
 — FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)  
 — FB30AVG Last 30 Years Average Elevation (feet)  
 — FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)

2025  
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2021

May 11, 2025 - June 10, 2025  
Discharge, cubic feet per second



In summary.....

1. Gibson inflows are extremely low for this time of year.
2. Snowpack is essentially gone and Gibson will not fill again this year.
3. The WCFC was discontinued over the weekend. Willow Ck did not fill again.
4. Will be will only be about 12 kac-ft of useable storage in Willow Creek, of which FSID will have 2 kac-ft. Willow Creek will hopefully last until mid-July.
5. Gibson should last until the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last week of July.

## 2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

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

## 3) STAFF UPDATES

A. We received the revised final Labor Contract Agreement from the Union. **Ready for Board acceptance and signature.**

B. Hired Collin Moore, local engineer, to help with our antiquated SCADA system. Has made great strides in only a couple of weeks. He also can help with our computers.

## 4) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. We still need to update a couple of computers and GIS software.

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

A. Nancy is still updating certification. 92% of big producers & 38% of small producers.

## 6) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

A. **No Farm Unit Changes requiring Board Action**

B. **No proposed Pivot installations to review**

**7) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2025 BUDGET**

- A. The receivables for May totaled \$48,599.
- B. Accounts payable for May totaled \$154,142 for the warrants as well as \$74,793 in salaries comprising three pay periods.
- C. I will update the 2025 Budget for next month's meeting.

**8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

- A. Need to replace at least 2 Ditch Rider trucks this Fall for next year.
- B. The Board has elected to have our existing 3-axle, heavy-duty transport trailer rebuilt rather than replaced. Repairs are not going as well as hoped. We had to rent a replacement trailer for a week. **Final costs are expected to top \$25,000.**
- C. 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.
- D. We also need to develop a plan to replace our fleet (3) of +25-year-old dump trucks.

**9) PEARSON LAWSUIT, ROUND II**

- A. The Pearsons were late one day completing their irrigation certification and ended up filing their certification under protest.
- B. As of May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Human Rights Bureau decided a "no-cause" finding on Pearson's discrimination claim. They have 15 days to appeal the HRB's findings: June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Still no word on the District Court complaint and GID's motion to dismiss the case.
- D. Insurance carrier has agreed to provide defense coverage on the HRB case. Still waiting for a decision on Dec. Action. They have appointed counsel out of Billings. GID will be seeking to get reimbursed for our expenses incurred before they elected to tender defense coverage.

**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 fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 Tariffs.
  - 1. We were successful on several issues but did not get what we needed on the avoided cost issues. Submitted a Motion For Reconsideration which if unsuccessful will allow us to proceed with a Judicial Review or the MT SSC. NWE also submitted a Motion For Reconsideration. **Copies of both provided to the Board for review.**
- 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 and across the River. Then they will again have to wait for July 15<sup>th</sup> to 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. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** –
    - Submitted the semi-annual grant reports.
  6. **Construction** – Nothing completed since 1<sup>st</sup> week of April.
    - The turbines were set and leveled back in early April.
    - Next, we need to start building the powerhouse walls. Hopefully, we can resume next week.
- C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro – **NEPA and NHPA are the critical paths.**
1. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Submitted the semi-annual grant reports.
  2. **LOPP** – Reclamation has sent GID a Draft LOPP for review this site.
  3. **Transmission Easements** –
    - The ROW application from BLM has been submitted to BOR & BLM.
    - The amended Cultural Resources report has been forwarded onto the SHPO for final concurrence.
    - NEPA is projected to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> of August, with Tribal consultation and coordination between BOR and BLM.
  4. **Transmission Design & Construction** – Design mostly done, construction has yet to start. Awaiting NEPA compliance, then we need to finalize the loan paperwork.
  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.**
- 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 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. Submitted \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) through Senator Sheehy's office and Rep. Downing's office. Congressman Downing called the 5<sup>th</sup> to say that our project is recommended for funding, and the next hurdle is to get our request out of the House Committee. Senator Sheehy's office called to let us know they would not be including our project in their list of proposed projects.
- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings – Nothing new.
- C. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
1. Need to finalize the project costs and finances.
  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. Pile driving for intermediate bents and casting the pile caps.

2. Status of Old Bridge – BOR and the FHWA will still work on getting the historical designation removed so the old bridge can be demolished. Signed an MOU regarding removal activities.





E. Tunnel #3 Rehabilitation –

1. Need to sign the repayment Contract with BOR. Trying to setup a meeting with a local Bank to establish an LOC.
2. The Contractor is essentially done but there are QC issues. The Contractor has improved the transition zones, but other concerns still remain.
3. Holding off on the second phase of construction. Need to review the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of work after one season of use.

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

1. The \$125K DNRC-RRG grant was approved by the State Legislature and sent onto the Governor's desk. Money won't be available until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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H. Pishkun Outlet Replacement –

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**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.  
B. Next week, the MBMG will be conducting synoptic runs on canal flows to quantify the range of typical seepage losses.  
C. Two wells drilled by the Town of Fairfield NW of Fairfield by the ball fields turned out in fact to be both dry holes.

**18) MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Nothing.

**19) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – JUNE**

- Prepare and file FERC 556 Self-Certification Forms for QFs at Mary Taylor, Johnson Drop, and Pishkun Inlet.
- Continue progress on Arnold Coulee PPA.
- Closeout Willow Creek Spillway IRRM project.
- Review and Finish the Mary Taylor PER
- Visit with Bank regarding a line of credit.
- Review the Value Planning Study Report prepared by the BOR.

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

- Develop a strategy and a plan to replace our 3 dump trucks as well as the older CAT excavator.
- Complete NEPA for Pishkun Inlet LOPP
- Evaluate status of Tunnel #3 rehabilitation and scope for Phase II
- Order at least 2 replacement Ditch Rider vehicles for next season.
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**NEXT GID BOARD MEETING JULY 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30AM**

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