

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday June 11th, 2024, at 6:00 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, Cory Copenhaver and Steve Lettengarver. Tracy Wendt with Sun River Watershed Group, Jason Hahn with the Bureau of Reclamation, Drew Pearson with WWC and GID's Range Rider, Ron Wilson, were all present. Along with water users Bill Pearson, Barry Neifer and Ann Hall with the Teton County FSA.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 6:02 P.M

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The next item of business was to approve the minutes from the May 14th Regular Meeting, Special Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes. There were no discrepancies found in any of the sets of minutes and Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Brady seconded the motion. All in favor and minutes of both meetings were approved. The Warrants List was then reviewed. There was a brief explanation by Manager Juel that approximately \$165,000 was for Arnold Coulee expenses with another \$86,067 for payroll, out of the total warrants of \$278,797. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants list and Commissioner Brady seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Parties Presenting Issues: Water User Barry Neifer was there to address the Board regarding a complaint he had that his neighbor had put in a turnout that had previously been taken out on ground less than 50 acres and he believed it to be against GID Board Policies. Water Master Lettengarver provided a map of the area referenced. Neifer explained that it had previously been taken out because it flooded his neighbor's ground, along with his corner because it is all uphill. President Brunner explained that if the turnout had not been abandoned, then his neighbor has the right to request it be put back in. Manager Juel and O&M Foreman Mayer will go check it out to see if it will potentially cause problems.

Contacts to Execute: None.

Agenda:

- #2)** President Brunner then asked that we jump to Item #2 on the Agenda, as it pertained to Jason Dahl and he was present to expound on his request, see handout provided. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of the request. He explained that if GID were to approve the request, we wouldn't be giving up our easement, but it is a temporary closure to facilitate more efficient farming practices. O&M Foreman Mayer will work out a cost estimate and let the producer know his cost-share amount. O&M Foreman confirmed that the lateral has no current purpose nor use. Manager Juel will draft a letter to both producers affected by this closure confirming the details. Commissioner Gulick moved to approve the request and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- #3)** Request is being made by water user Marty Klinker to split FU 482 and create a new FU 488.1, see handout provided. This split has already been done and is only being provided as an FYI to the Board. The new FU has 1 acre of assessment. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the request and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

- #4) Request is being made by water user Bill Pearson to have the ditch closed in on Fus 869 and 869.1, see handout provided. Bill gave the Board a brief overview of his intentions and offered that he would do the work required for the ditch to be pushed in, if GID would like. However, if GID would like to do it themselves, he is requesting a cost-share. O&M Foreman Mayer sees no issue with allowing them to fill it in themselves. There is a GID check and headgate that will have to be removed by our crew. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- #6) Request is being made by water user Ernest Kietzman to put in a new sump. Water Master Lettengarver gave a brief overview of his request. He will need to get legal permission from his neighbor Bud Sather, as the sump will be put in on his ground, but GID has no issue with it. A letter will be sent to the producer outlining the details. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the motion and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

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

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Reservoir and River Operations: Gibson is 94% full, which is about 91% of normal. The inflows have picked up a little with the warmer temps, but do not anticipate spilling. Willow Creek Reservoir is about 88% of normal and is dropping. We will likely see it about 1/3 full once the season has ended. Pishkun Reservoir is 94% full and is also about 91% of normal and is dropping. There is no snowpack left. The National Climate Prediction is now predicting well-above normal temps and well-below normal precipitation for July through September, with October through December predicted to be above normal temps and normal precipitation. We started filling out of Pishkun about 3 weeks ahead of normal schedule.

Water Rights: GID's boundary adjustment petition will be heard in the local District Cour in Choteau on June 24th at 1 P.M.

GID Staff Updates: The seasonal weed crew staff has been hired, along with the seasonal weekend office help.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: There is still a need to address the water users that are irrigating outside of the District boundaries.

Farm Unit Operations: The Board already addressed these requests during the Agenda portion of the meeting.

Monthly Financials & 2024 Budget: The Intercap loan is now active, and we have made our first draw of \$547,437.00. Manager Juel doesn't have an updated Budget to provide yet.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Office Manager Gulick has been working on insurance renewal efforts, as well as a solution to replace our aging file server. A proposal has been included in the Board packets from Fisher's Technology to assist GID in the replacement, as well as for them to be our new tech support.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: The 2 new side dumps are working well, but we are still looking for a new 3-axle lowboy to purchase.

Pearson Lawsuit: Nothing new to report.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: The next hearing on Reservoir Damages is on June 24th at 2:30 in Federal Court. FSID filed a motion to be dismissed and are filing a motion to disallow Sabato's claim due to pre-existing conditions. The Board had a brief conversation about FSID's role as a responsible

party. There is a settlement conference scheduled for August 14th at the Federal Courthouse, with the trial being set for November 4th.

Hydro Updates: General: The 2-day hearing with the PSC has been postponed until September. Arnold Coulee LOPP: The Sparky Wallace family has requested \$80,000 as property devaluation losses from SREC and GID or they will file a lawsuit. SREC has 60 days to decide how to handle the claim. An appraisal of the property was done and has been included. SREC will be starting on the Arnold Coulee leg of the transmission line the week of June 24th. Nothing new to report on any of the other projects. See the M.R. for further details.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: GID received a \$30,000 planning grant from the DNRC to kick-start this effort. This work includes the GSC headworks. The SRS project still needs to be closed out. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation: GID submitted a \$125K grant request on May 15th, as well as funds to cover the J-Wasteway Spring Coulee Headworks. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse: GID has received a \$12M loan guarantee that is not subject to the approach taken to address the roof collapse, but only the objective to rehabilitate the tunnel. A Pre-bid meeting was held on May 20th at the GID office with a site visit following. Bids were opened on June 6th, see bid results handout. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of the bids received, as well as the firms that submitted them. Construction is to begin after the PSC is shut down. We have 60 days to decide, but it would be better to make the decision sooner rather than later. An anticipated debt load and time frame was provided by Drew with WWC. Reclamation is now saying that the loan funds and the NEPA won't be available for close to a year, as it is now being seen as a historical landmark that can't currently be altered. A brief discussion was held by the Board and questions were addressed by Manager Juel and Drew. This project will be done in phases and rebids will be accepted for each phase, with the potential to see more economical prices for other phases. The Board decided to table this decision and to regroup in a week or so.

Title Transfer: Nothing new to report. If we enter a repayment contract for either Tunnel #3 or Pishkun Inlet LOPP, we are not eligible to finalize the title transfer until payoff has been completed. See the M.R. for details.

GID O&M Projects: O&M Foreman Mayer provided a very brief update and informed the Board that the crews would begin work on Arnold Coulee next week.

GID Grazing Lease Program: Range Rider Wilson will be out on Saturday to reassess pastures that have historically had issues.

FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure: A 2-day modernization strategy and tour is currently in progress. A presentation was given by representatives from the group preceding tonight's meeting.

Miscellaneous: See M.R. for details.


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

- 1) Board to review and sign Resolution 2024-05 regarding the terms for securing transmission line easement for Arnold Coulee Hydro with Merle Morris family, attached. Manager Juel provided an overview of the terms that Morris had requested. President Brunner voiced that he would like wording to be changed to include the terms of the lease are transferable only within the Merle Morris family. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the resolution with the amendment and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the resolution is approved.
- 5) Board to review and decide upon the quote provided by Fisher's Technology to update our antiquated server. A brief overview was given by Office Manager Gulick. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the quote and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Tracy with SRWG gave the Board a brief update on upcoming events scheduled. The DNRC is releasing funds for the Muddy Creek restoration. There is a Water Management group on July 1st at 1 P.M.

Commissioner Brady moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Board President


Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- 1) The Board approved the signing of Resolution 2024-05 with amendment requested and tabled to next month.
- 2) The Board approved the request from landowner Jason Dahl, to fill in lateral SRS 121-4.
- 3) The Board approved the request from landowner Marty Klinker, to split FU 482 and create a new FU 488.1.
- 4) The Board approved the request from landowner Bill Pearson, to close in the ditch on Fus 869 and 869.1.
- 5) The Board approved the quote to update GID's antiquated server after the water season.
- 6) The Board approved the request from landowner Ernest Kietzman, to put in a new sump.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11th 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 14th Special Meeting Minutes and May 14th Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING: Barry Neifer to address the Board with a complaint regarding a change to the Board By-Laws.

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Board review and sign Resolution 2024-05 regarding terms for securing transmission line easement for Arnold Coulee Hydro with Merle Morris family, attached.
- 2) Board to review and approve request from landowner, Jason Dahl, to fill in lateral SRS 121-4, see handout.
- 3) Board to review and approve request from landowner, Marty Klinker, to split FU 482 and create a new FU 488.1, see handout.
- 4) Board to review and approve request from landowner Bill Pearson to have ditch closed in on FUs 869 and 869.1, see handout.
- 5) Board to review and decide upon quote to update our antiquated server, handout provided.
- 6) Board to review request from landowner, Ernest Kietzman, to put in a new sump. Steve to expound.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt, handout provided.

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Warrant List
 May 2024



Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
May 24				
05/01/2024	36338	Michelle Lauer-TB - 941	cleaning supplies	-31.46
05/01/2024	36339	TB - SWT	81-6001490	-8,690.58
05/01/2024	36340	TB - MPERA	4052635002wth	-949.00
05/01/2024	36341	State of Montana DNRC	retirement	-6,485.54
05/07/2024	36342	State of Montana DNRC	VOID: SRS Reregulation GJE, RGJE created o...	0.00
05/07/2024	36343	State of Montana DNRC	VOID: J-Wasteway GJE, RGJE created on 05/...	0.00
05/07/2024	36355	State of Montana DNRC	SRS Re-regulation	-250.00
05/07/2024	36356	State of Montana DNRC	Spring Coulee Headworks	-250.00
05/08/2024	36357	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana	247191	-3,316.66
05/08/2024	36358	Big Sky Sawmill	VOID: douglas fir- 7 Check GJE, RGJE created...	0.00
05/09/2024	36408	Local Government Service Bureau	annual filing fee	-1,300.00
05/13/2024	36409	Fairfield Drug, Inc	office	-8.38
05/13/2024	36410	TB - UI Tax	031 1512	-759.67
05/14/2024	36411	Bat Electric, Inc.	invoice #7195 Arnold Coulee	-121,980.00
05/14/2024	36412	Rugged Solutions	work trailer	-20,000.00
05/15/2024	36433	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,552.76
05/15/2024	36434	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-950.00
05/15/2024	36435	TB - MPERA	retirement	-6,495.00
05/16/2024	36436	Aflac	insurance	-106.20
05/29/2024	36464	TB - 941	81-6001490	-9,379.12
05/29/2024	36465	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,056.00
05/29/2024	36466	TB - MPERA	retirement	-6,848.54
05/29/2024	36467	Republic Services	utilities- April	-139.19
05/28/2024	36468	Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	insurance premium increase with 2025 Volvos ...	-3,420.00
05/31/2024	36470	Aflac	supplemental insurance	-159.30
05/31/2024	36471	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana	247191	-1,658.33
05/31/2024	36472	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-23,632.00
05/31/2024	36473	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-959.00
05/31/2024	36474	Western Conference of Teamsters Pe...	pension	-3,723.50
05/31/2024	36475	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-623.60
05/31/2024	36476	A & I Distributors	repairs	-1,483.49
05/31/2024	36477	Consolidated Electrical Distributors	Arnold Coulee	-178.60
05/31/2024	36478	Fairfield Drug, Inc	office supply	-7.58
05/31/2024	36479	Fairfield Sun Times	ads	-324.00
05/31/2024	36480	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	Accounting	-3,600.00
05/31/2024	36481	GPM Enterprises, Inc	repairs	-715.50
05/31/2024	36482	Great Falls Redi-Mix Inc	Lower GSC	-2,836.76
05/31/2024	36483	Home Depot Credit Services	Arnold Coulee	-821.91

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
05/31/2024	36484	I State Truck Center	repair	-186.04
05/31/2024	36485	Jackson Murdo & Grant, P.C.	Arnold Coulee	-20,000.00
05/31/2024	36486	K's Auto Parts	repairs	-162.33
05/31/2024	36487	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	repairs	-597.47
05/31/2024	36488	MCI	long distance	-70.24
05/31/2024	36489	Mills Motor, Co.	repairs	-34.38
05/31/2024	36490	Mountain View Co-Op	tires/repairs/gas	-1,917.61
05/31/2024	36491	National Laundry	rugs/shop supply	-65.40
05/31/2024	36492	North 40	repairs	-79.98
05/31/2024	36493	Northwest Equipment Mfg, Inc	lift inspection	-223.60
05/31/2024	36494	Northwest Media	website domain	-199.50
05/31/2024	36495	NorthWestern Energy	utiilities	-595.84
05/31/2024	36496	Pacific Steel	pipe	-395.19
05/31/2024	36497	R&L Eagle Grocery	office/shop supplies	-74.24
05/31/2024	36498	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	utiilities	-3,650.09
05/31/2024	36499	Sun River Watershed Group	donation	-100.00
05/31/2024	36500	Teton County 4-H	award sponsorship	-100.00
05/31/2024	36501	Titan Machinery	repair	-541.08
05/31/2024	36502	Town of Fairfield	utiilities	-141.00
05/31/2024	36503	True Value	repairs	-244.47
05/31/2024	36504	Victory Insurance Company	WC100-0010152-2023A	-5,867.00
05/31/2024	36505	Visa	phone/office/repair/computer/misc	-1,860.34
May 24				-278,797.47

Recap of May 2024 warrants:
 Regular warrants
 May 2024 payroll
 Total

\$278,797.47
 \$ 86,067.56
 \$364,865.03

Approved by  Date _____
 President
 Submitted by  Date _____
 Bookkeeper

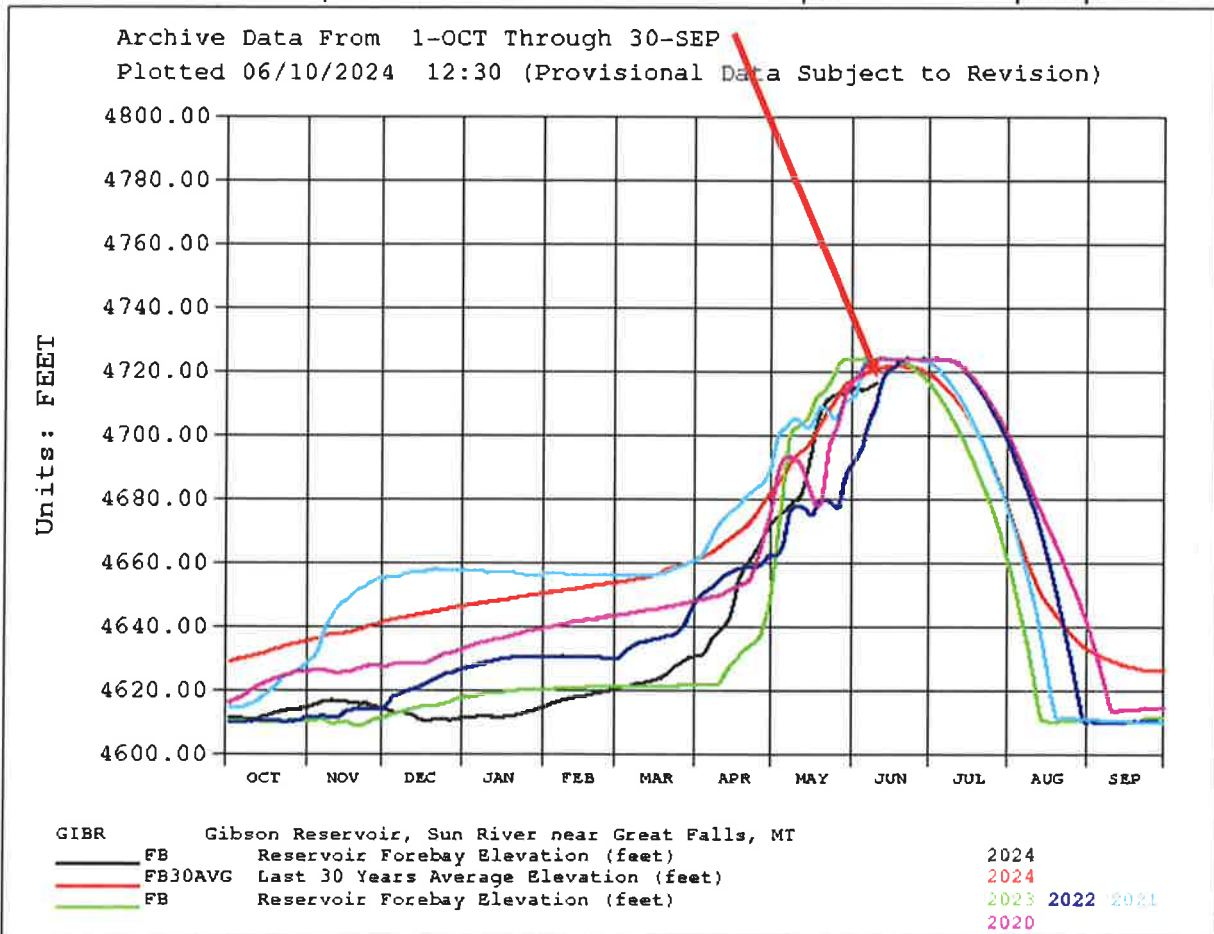
To: GID Commissioners
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

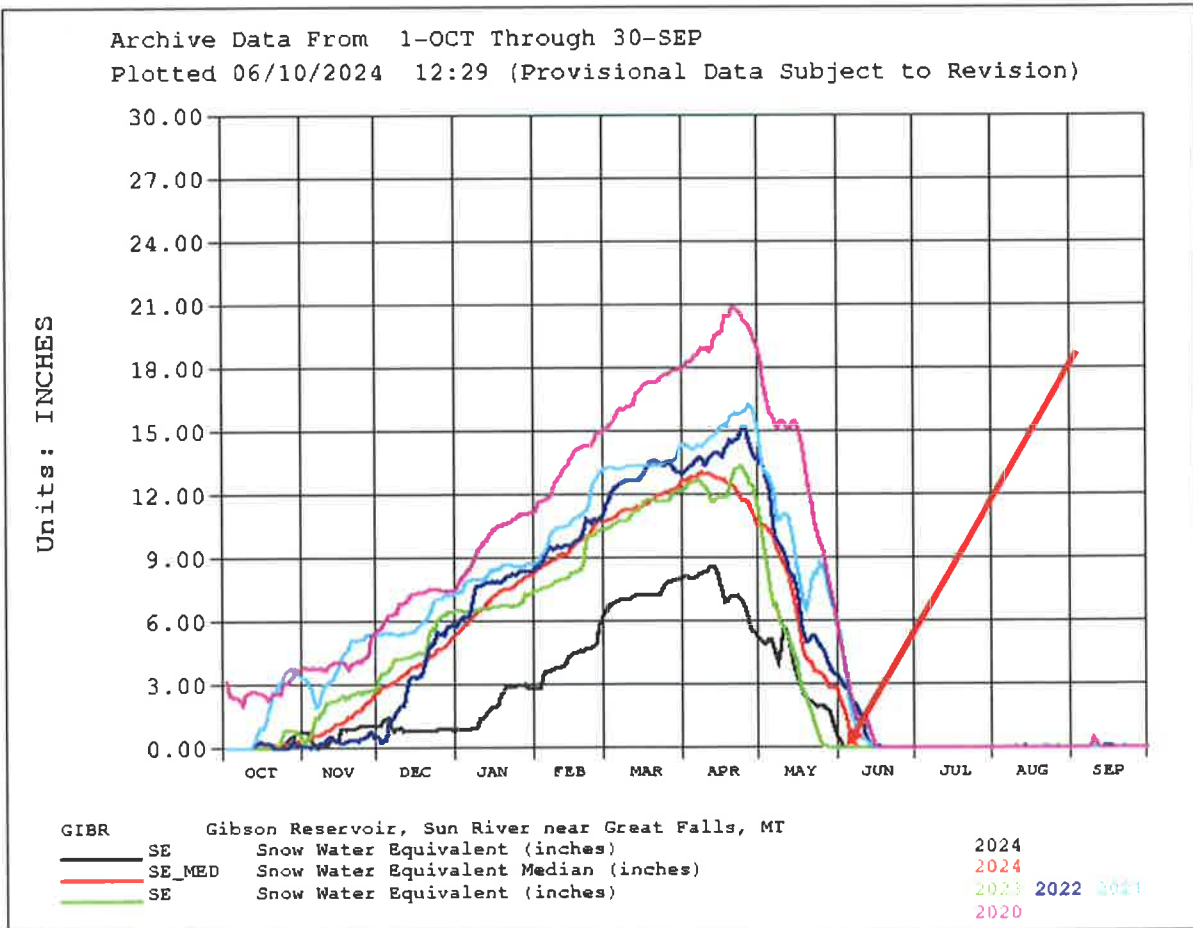
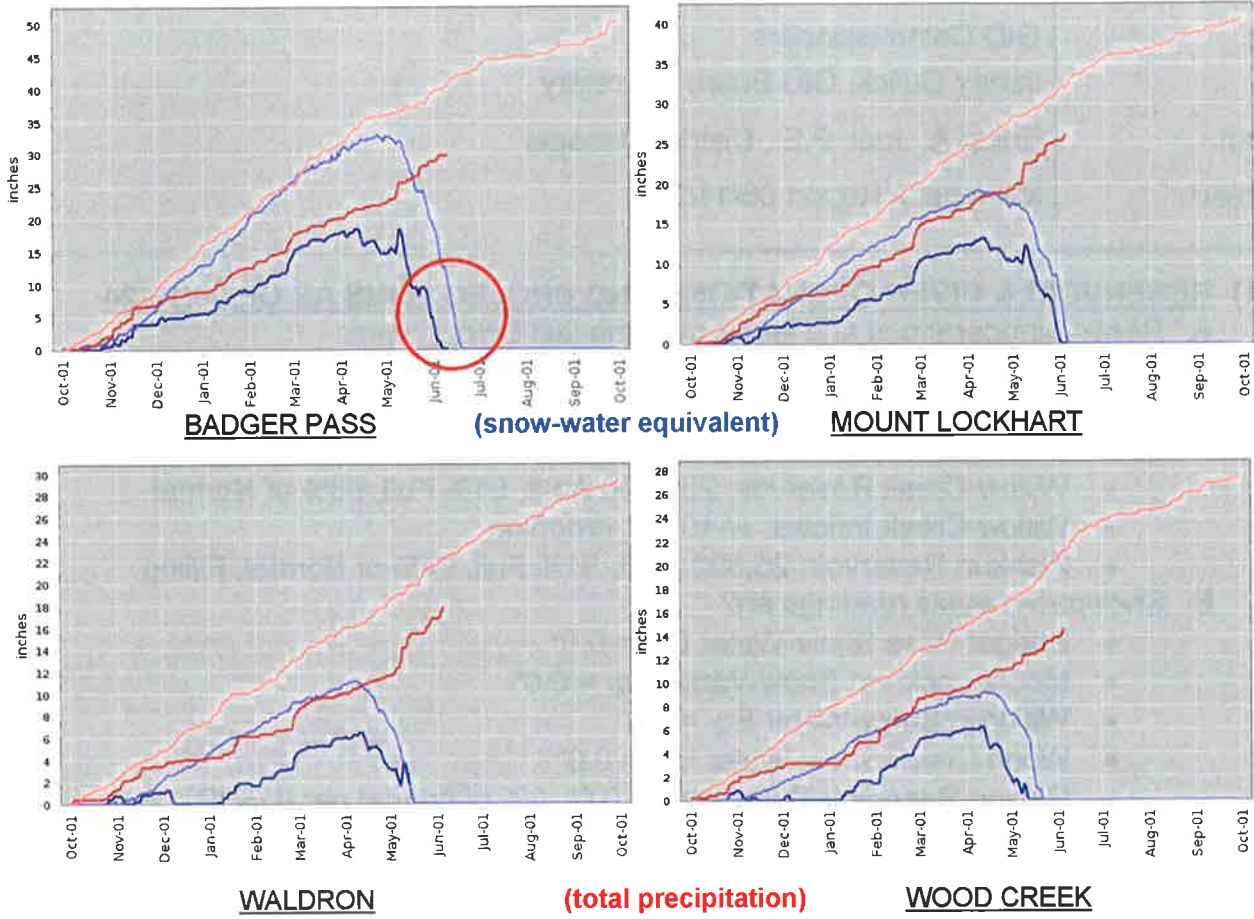
From: Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager

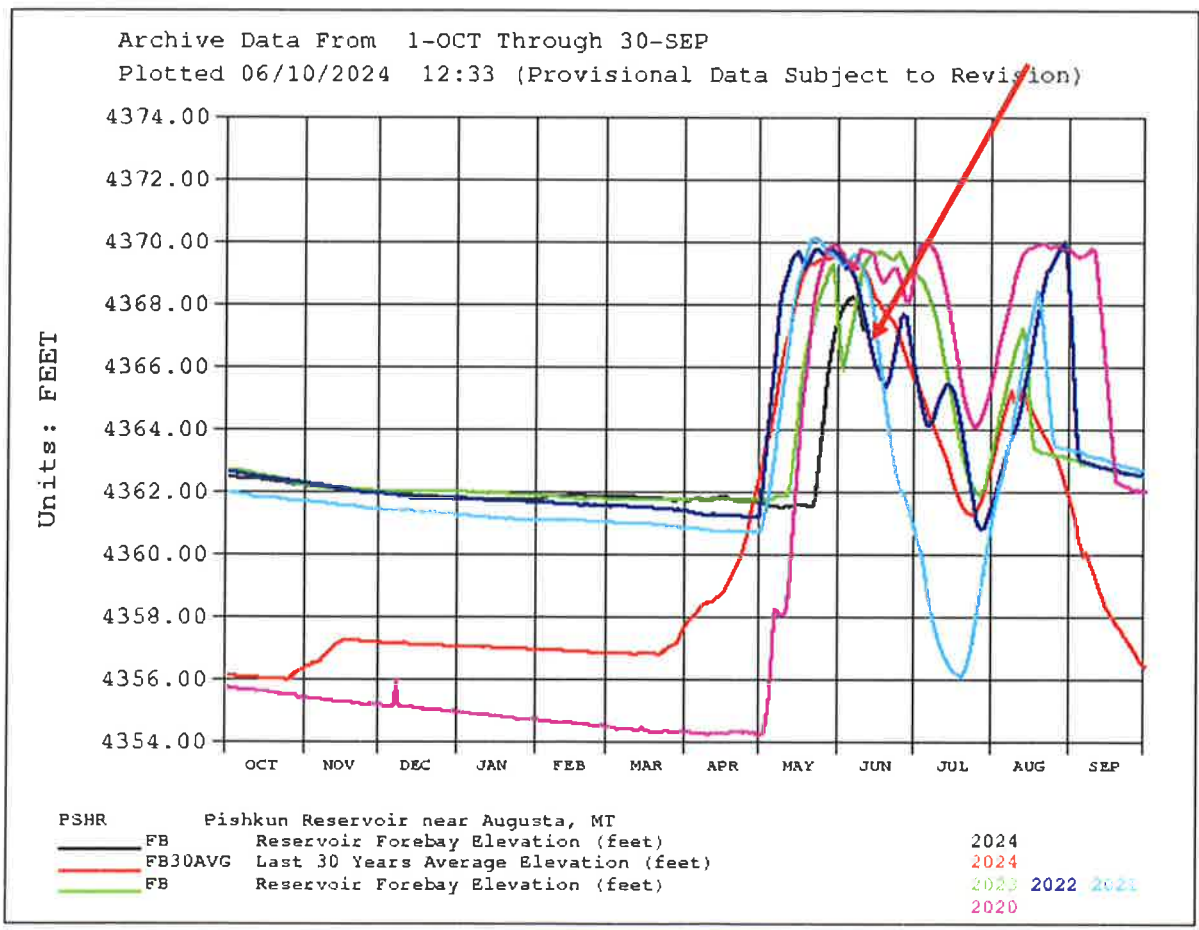
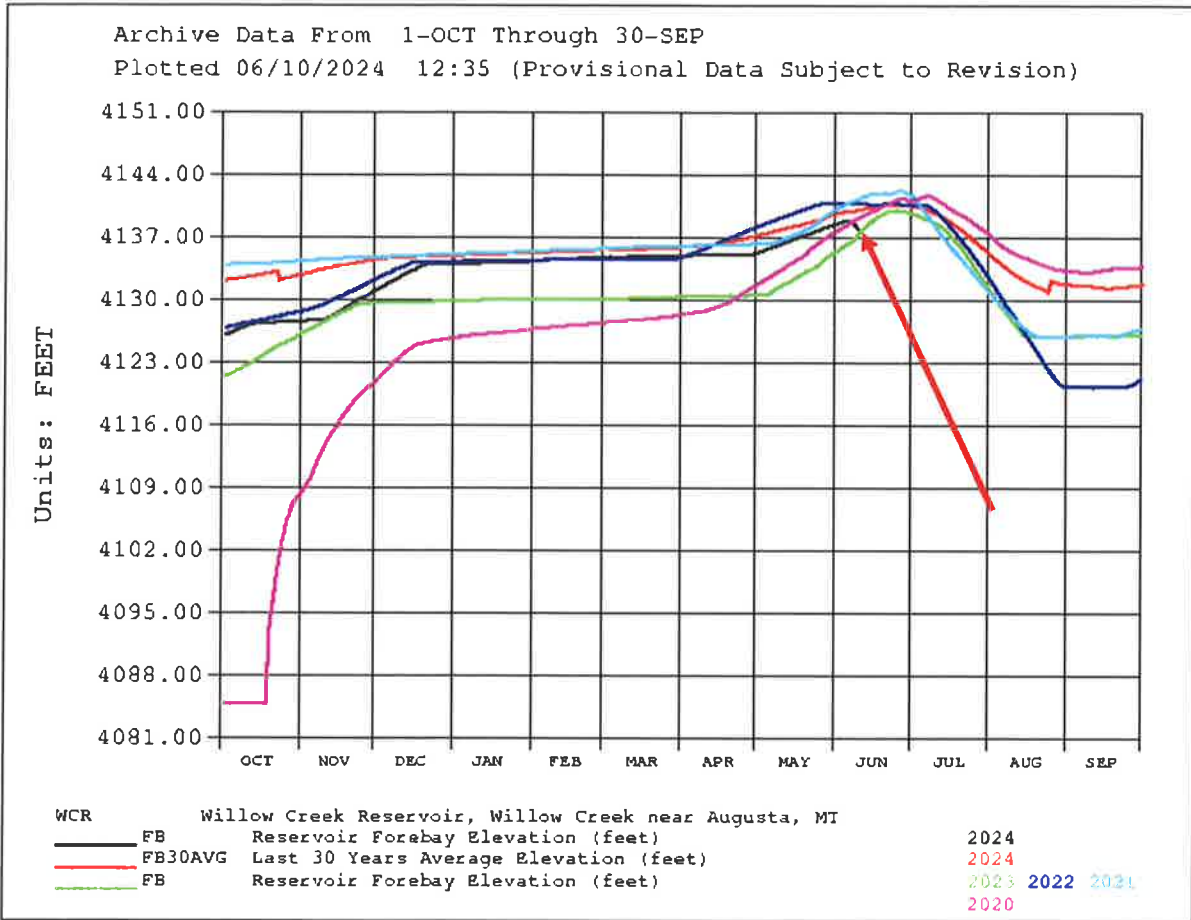
Subject: Manager's Report 06/11/24

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 06/10/24

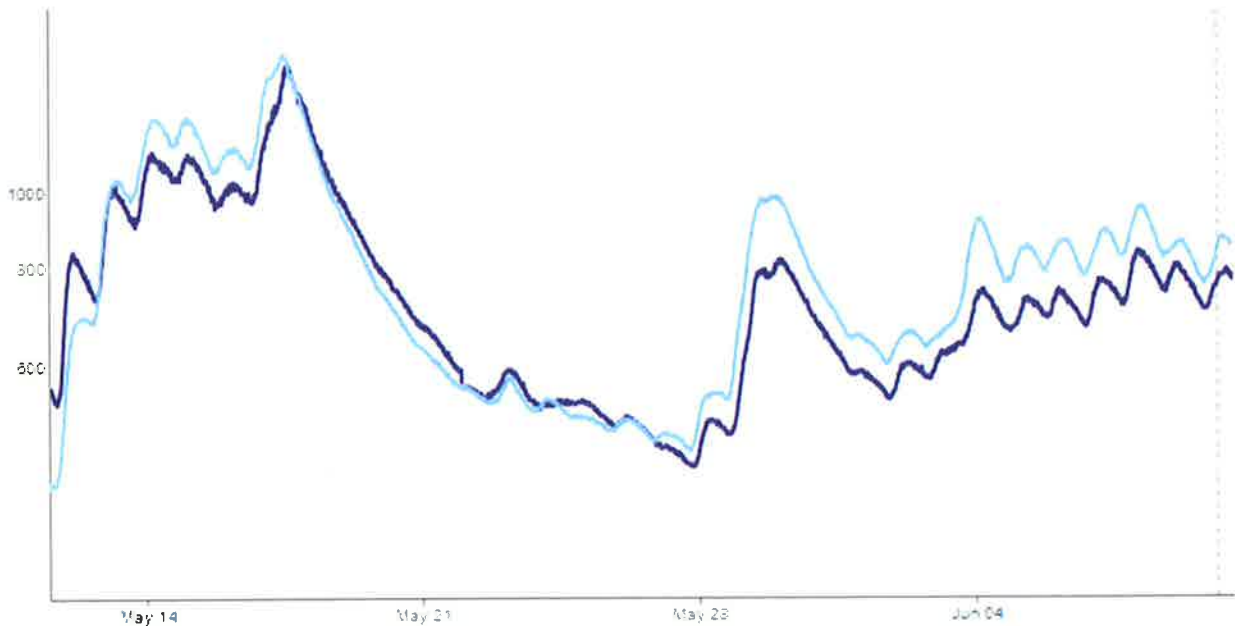
- A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:
- Gibson Res: 88,900 Ac-ft, 91% Full & 94% of Normal
 - Gibson Inflows: varying from 1,300 to 1,900 cfs, 62% to 74% of Normal.
 - Gibson Outflows: +/-1,370 cfs,
 - Willow Creek Reservoir: 25,8600 Ac-ft, 81% Full, 88% of Normal
 - Willow Creek Inflows: +/-10 cfs, dropping
 - Pishkun Reservoir: 26,500 Ac-ft, 91% Full, 94% of Normal, Filling
- B. Snowpack Levels readings are:
- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 0.0"
 - Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 0.0"
 - Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 0.0"
 - Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 0.0"
 - Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 0.0", 0% of normal per (USBR)
- C. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting well-above normal temps and well-below precipitation for July through September. October to December is predicted to be above normal temps and normal precipitation.







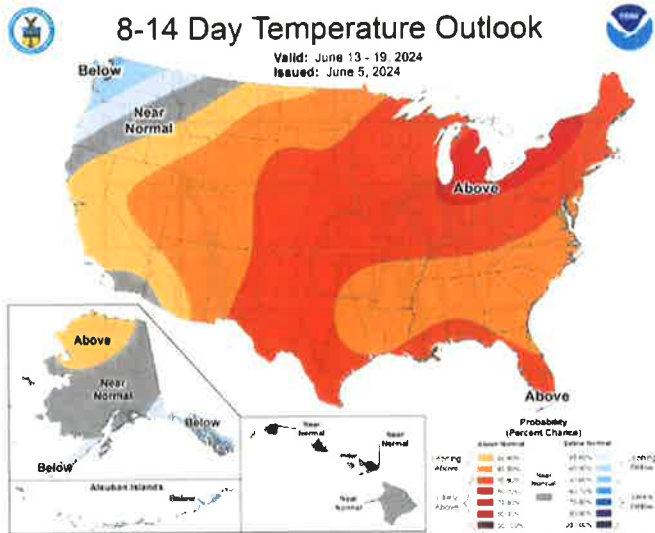
May 11, 2024 - June 10, 2024
Discharge, cubic feet per second



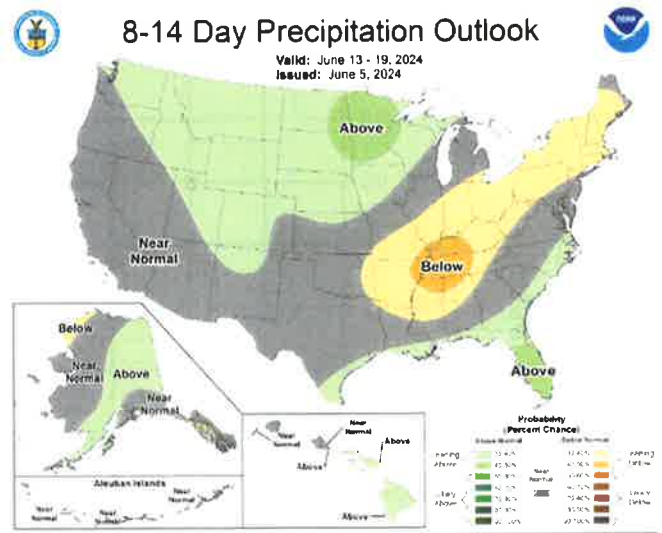
IMPORTANT Data may be provisional

North Fork Sun River near Augusta MT [06078500](#)
South Fork Sun River near Augusta MT [06079000](#)

Temperature Probability



Precipitation Probability



D. In summary.....

1. Gibson Reservoir is 7.5 feet from full and holding.
2. Willow Creek is 4.5 feet from full and dropping.
3. Pishkun Reservoir is 3.5 feet from full and dropping.
4. The PSC was started on May 21st.
5. The WCFC was shut down on June 4th.
6. The SRS was started on May 27th for flushing.
7. Snow pack is essentially gone.

2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

- A. GID's boundary adjustment petition will be heard in the local District Court in Choteau on June 24th at 1pm.

3) STAFF UPDATES

- A. We have a partial weed crew. Amy Neckstad is holding things together.
B. Seasonal office assistant is in place.

4) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Office Manager Gullick continues to work on efforts to reduce our annual premium due July 1st.
B. Office Manager Gullick is still working on a solution to replace our aging file server.

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

- A. Irrigation certification process is on-going. So far, roughly +/-96% completion.
B. Need to address several water users are irrigating outside the District boundaries.

6) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

A. Producers Request to Close a GID ditch on Division 7

1. Request to close and fill in Mill Coulee 56-2 that serves FU 870 and crosses FUs 869 and 869.1.
2. FU 870 now gets water from different location.
3. The cost to close the ditch has yet to be determined. Fill must be hauled in.
4. Producers requesting a cost share.

B. A Producer Request to Close a GID ditch in Division 8

1. Request to close and fill in SRS 121-4 that serves FU 165 and crosses FU 162.
2. FU 165 now gets water from different location.
3. The cost to close the ditch has yet to be determined. Fill may have to be imported.
4. Producers requesting a cost share.

C. Split FU 488 and Create new FU 488.1

1. This is catch-up from previous activity.
2. The landowner split 4.82 physical acres and 1 acre of assessment from FU 488 to create a new FU 488.1 for an existing residence.
3. There will be no net change in irrigation practice, nor irrigation coverage nor a change in the total assessment.
4. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

7) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2024 BUDGET

- A. The account receivables for May totaled \$5,766.
B. Accounts payable in May totaled \$278,797 for the warrants as well as \$86,068 in salaries comprising three pay periods. +/--\$164,000 was for the Arnold Coulee LOPP Project.
C. Our State INTERCAP Loan is now active, and we have pulled \$547,437 out already.

- D. May's tax payments have helped and we have decided against a loan from our local bank for now.
- E. An updated Budget handout may be available at the Board meeting.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Our two new semi-tractors with 29-ton side dump trailers that arrived on May 9th are working well. Occasional issues. Once hauling is done, we will look at selling off one of our existing semi-tractors.
- B. Still looking to replace our 3-axle, lowboy transport trailer which experienced a major breakdown in the spring support brackets. A new, replacement trailer will cost +/- \$100k.

9) PEARSON LAWSUIT

- A. Nothing new.

10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL & LAWSUIT

- A. Recent decisions
 - i. Lost on Troy's question of standing and SOL
 - ii. Partial win on the status of Reclamation's easement authority
- B. Next hearing on Reservoir Damages is on June 24th at 2:30 in Federal Court
- C. FSID filed a motion to be dismissed due to a lack of responsibility.
- D. Filing a motion to disallow Sabato's claim due to pre-existing irrigation conditions as protected in MCA85-7-2212.
- E. Settlement Conference – August 14th, 2024, at Federal Courthouse
- F. Trial – November 4, 2024

11) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. General – Regarding GID's fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 Tariffs.
 - 1. The scheduled hearing has been continued to September.
 - 2. Costs are mounting up, but not sure what our options are.
 - 3. Setting up a site visit with a power broker to evaluate GID's generation potential and the resulting power sales. Shooting for June 18th to the 21st.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –
 - 1. **Transmission Design & Construction** –
 - Keith "Sparky" and Bonnie Wallace have requested \$80,000 total as property devaluation losses from SREC and GID or they will file a lawsuit.
 - Scheduled to start construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg the week of June 24th.
 - 2. **Transmission Easements** –
 - The easement for the switchyard site 2.6 miles west of Jackson's Corner will be on State Trust lands and has yet to be secured.
 - 3. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Nothing new regarding this work.
 - 4. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Negotiations with NWE are going slow. We have had side discussions with other power buyers.
 - 5. **Design Drawings** – Received a new version of the site drawings from Sorenson. The HPU is being fabricated. Also, the fabrication of the powerhouse controls (\$600k) is in progress. And had to initiate fabrication

of the draft tube and inlet gates and seal embedments as they are needed in the early stages of the powerhouse foundation block.

6. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Submitted semi-annual performance and financial reports describing activities, or lack thereof, through 03/31/24.
 7. **INTERCAP Loan** – Received the 1st reimbursement of \$547,437.
 8. **Construction** – Site construction has yet to begin due to limited staff and the need to get ready for the water season as well as showing progress on the Willow Creek Spillway work.
- C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro – **NEPA and NHPA are the critical paths.**
1. **Funding** – Nothing new.
 - Still working on the prelim. loan requirements for the \$5 million BIL loan guarantee through USBR's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) program.
 - Both the WEEG grant and the BIL loan include "Buy America" requirements. **Reclamation/DOI granted BABA exemption for hydropower machinery.**
 2. **LOPP** – Reclamation to initiate the Final LOPP for this site after Arnold Coulee kicks loose. This includes the NEPA and NHPA process.
 3. **Transmission Easements – Have not started this task.**
 - Finalizing Mr. Morris' easements across his land along the PSC.
 - Need to finalize a preferred transmission route before approaching the BOR and the BLM.
 4. **Transmission Design & Construction – Have not started this task.**
 5. **Power Purchase Agreement – Have not started this task.**
 6. **Design Drawings – Have not started this task.**
 7. **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Completed the RFP evaluation from 5 turbine suppliers, 2 Canadian, 2 German, and 1 Czech Republic. None are made in America. The Canadian Hydro proposal has the highest percentage of American-made components, and their proposal was also the most cost-effective. RFP also looked at the turbines for Johnson Drop and A-Drop, but a commitment has not been made.
- 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.**
1. **Funding** –
 - WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address reconfiguring A-Drop for future hydro.
 2. **LOPP** – Need to send a request to Reclamation to initiate the permitting process for this site.
- F. Gibson Hydro –
1. Nothing new.

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

A. Mary Taylor Facility

1. Received a \$30,000 planning grant from the DNRC to kick-start this effort.
2. This work includes the GSC headworks,

- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
 - 1. **Nothing new.**
- C. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
 - 1. Started hauling on May 13th. Eric to give report.
 - 2. Will take several weeks to complete.
 - 3. Fort Shaw has completed their hauling obligation
- D. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
 - 1. Projected Schedule
 - 90% Plans Milestone – end of June 2024
 - Final Design & Advertise – Oct. 2024
 - Open Bids – Dec. 2024
 - Award & NTP – Feb. & April 2025, respectively.
 - Construction 2025 and 2026
 - 2. The rock cairns turned out to be a nothing burger.
 - 3. The PSC, in its present condition, may prove to be a limitation to bringing in girders from the east side. FHWA is evaluating what road work maybe required.
 - 4. Status of Old Bridge – Still working to get the historical designation removed so old bridge can be demo' ed as part of the overall project.
- E. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 2– SRS Main Check
 - 1. Submitted the \$125k RRG grant application May 15th.
- F. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse –
 - 1. Projected Schedule
 - Pre-Bid Meeting was held May 20th at GID office followed by a site visit.
 - Bid Opening – June 6th, at 3pm at GID office. See Bid Results handout.
 - Construction – starts after the PSC is shut down in August.
 - 2. Working of a \$500K ARPA grant and a \$11.6 million loan guarantee through Reclamation's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding program.
 - 3. Reviewed the Repayment Contract, sent revised version to Board.
 - 4. Reclamation is now saying the loan and the NEPA is not ready for GID.
- G. Phase III J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
 - 1. Submitted the \$125K RRG grant application May 15th to help with GID's matching requirements for the SRWG's WaterSmart Grant.

13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. **Nothing new.**
- B. If we enter a repayment contract for either the Tunnel #3 or Pishkun Inlet LOPP, we cannot finalize Title Transfer.

14) MISC GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. Eric will provide a brief verbal update.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Need to get our Range Rider geared up.

16) DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA

- A. Continuing with bi-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. Proposing a groundwater study to the MBMG to characterize and quantify the impact of irrigation operations on the groundwater system, which is the source of Fairfield's municipal wells, the source wells for the Tri-County Water District, and Power's future wells. This study represents a collaboration of the SRWG, GID, and FCA.
- D. Now pursuing DNRC and WaterSmart planning grants to replace and modernize the Mary Taylor facility.
- E. A work session is scheduled in early June to develop modernization strategies.
 1. June 11th and the 12th
 2. Will make a presentation on the overall water balance analysis to the Board at 5pm just before regular Board meeting.

17) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. 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.

18) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – JUNE

- Make progress on PPA and discussions with alternative power buyers.
- Closeout SRS-71 Headworks project.
- Finish progress on rip rap hauling effort.
- District Court hearing regarding the petition to adjust District boundaries on June 24th.
- Also, there is a Federal Court hearing regarding the Willow Creek Reservoir damages on June 24th.
- Start Arnold Coulee Leg Transmission Line
- Start Arnold Coulee site work.
- Need to find ways to reduce our insurance costs

19) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – JULY & ON

- Finalize a Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) with FCA
- Attending MWRA summer meeting in Helena on July 10th and 11th.
- Meet with Reclamation staff in Billings July 22nd.

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING JULY 9th @ 6PM

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