

On Tuesday, March 11th, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. the Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held its Monthly Board meeting. The following are the minutes taken from that meeting. Those in attendance were: Board President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Chase Brady, 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. Chris Ostberg and Allen Beck on the Advisory Board were both present, along with water users: Mark McInerney, Curtis McInerney, Ryan McInerney, Tony Clark, Ben Freeman, Cordell Ostberg, Mike Hager, Spencer Ratliff, Zach Brosten and Joel Beck. Jason Hahn with the Bureau of Reclamation was in attendance, along with Tracy Wendt with SRWG and her co-worker, Madison Coyer.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 8:31 A.M. President Brunner reminded the group that public comment would be accepted but held to a maximum of 5 minutes per individual.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the February 13th Regular Meeting. There were no discrepancies found in the Regular Minutes and Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Brady seconded the motion. All in favor and the Minutes were approved. Next the Board reviewed the Executive Session Minutes. No discrepancies were found, and Commissioner Gulick made a motion to approve the minutes with Commissioner Brady seconding the motion. All in favor and the minutes were approved. The Board then reviewed the February warrants. Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the warrants and Commissioner Brady seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

Contacts to Execute: None.

Parties Presenting Issues: None.

The Board decided to postpone the Manager's Report until Agenda Item #1 is addressed.

Agenda:

- 1) Board to discuss proposed Board Policy amendments made by water user, Spencer Pearson. A handout was provided to those in attendance detailing the proposed changes. Commissioner Brady gave a brief overview of the current complaint filed in District Court by the individual and how it pertains to the proposed amendments. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of the changes proposed. President Brunner asked the group if there was any public comment. A question was raised regarding the paragraph giving specific examples of what a qualified recipient was. It was explained that by adding this language it has the potential for an individual to attempt to make numerous qualified recipients out of 1 individual. Mike Hager explained that the water users would like to see a breakdown of money that has been spent pertaining to the Pearson lawsuits. Manager Juel explained that MACO dropped GID due to

litigations and now GID's annual insurance premium has tripled. Allen Beck asked the Board if it had any intentions of making any of the proposed amendments and Manager Juel answered by saying the Board would review each suggestion thoroughly, but ultimately feels it already has a sound policy established. Manager Juel gave the Board a handout informing them of his response to Spencer regarding his request for clarification on the completion of his certification for the 2025 water season. He also informed the group that policies were amended last Fall to simplify and clarify the 960-acre limitation policy. He then explained how the policy had been deviated from for the past several years from its original intentions and the Board felt it was important to rectify this incorrect interpretation. Mark McInerney expressed his opinion that the next time legislation was to be reviewed and amended, the GID members should rally to see that the irrigation district's liability is limited. It was explained that currently the liability ceiling is \$750,000, but lawyers seem to find ways to get around that limit.

- 2) Spencer Pearson was not present to address the Board regarding land purchased and his request for clarification for how he was to certify to allow him to irrigate in excess of 960 acres, so Manager Juel will mail him the drafted response with simplified instructions.

Contracts to Execute: None.

Manager's Report:

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Reservoir and River Operations: Snowpack is currently 74.5% of normal, which is still way above last year's. Willow Creek and Gibson Reservoirs are historically low, which is slightly troubling, but Pishkun is at normal levels. The National Climate Prediction is well below normal temps and normal precipitation for March through May, with June through August expected to see above normal temps and well below normal precipitation. Last year was the first time in a very, very long time that Gibson didn't fill completely.

Water Rights: No update.

GID Staff Updates: We received a draft of the Union Bargaining Agreement to review. The interview process has begun for the Ditch Rider position. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of the 2 candidates. Also, we are conducting interviews for the 2 interested candidates for the Water Master position, to be filled at Steve Lettengarver's retirement. There will be no Commissioner Election this year, as Tim Brunner filed again for Precinct #3, with no opposition and Bill Norris chose not to refile for Precinct #5, but Chris Ostberg did file for the position with no others filing.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Manager Juel, several Commissioners and water users attended a committee hearing in Helena to defend, protect or otherwise support current State law defining Commissioner elections. A proposed Senate bill sought to fundamentally change the District Commissioner election laws in favor of a single, large landowner thus suppressing the vote of smaller producers. GID's Annual Water User's Meeting is scheduled for March 19th.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Nancy is working on the individual maps for irrigation plans and getting prepared for the certification process. We will be including an informational sheet in the certification packets explaining the changes made to the 960-acre limitation policy.

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

Monthly Financials & 2025 Budget: See the M.R. for further details regarding accounts receivable and payable for February. Manager Juel still needs to finalize the 2025 Budget for Board review and approval.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: O&M Foreman gave a brief overview of the repairs done to the Volvo and let the Board know that we should be getting it back shortly. Karl Briscoe inspected the long boom and determined it was just a sensor out.

Spencer Pearson Lawsuit: Nothing new from the Human Rights Bureau, but GID submitted its response to the complaint last month. Spencer has filed another lawsuit in District court, as well. Our insurance provider is still denying defense coverage. Spencer is requesting instructions on how to certify now that he has acquired more land.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: See the M.R. for further details. We still have pending motions in District Court. We found out that our insurance provider is liable for dec action.

Hydro Updates: General: See the M.R for details. We are still awaiting a decision from the PSC. Arnold Coulee LOPP. Transmission Design & Construction: Little has occurred regarding the construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg since last September. The contractor is expected to resume work soon after April 1st, however, then we will have to wait until after the bird nesting season. Power Purchase Agreement: Negotiations with NWE and WAPA are getting nowhere. NWE is claiming that power can't be simply delivered through the Bole site but has to be transported to the Great Falls site which would require another \$8-\$9/MW-hr. to transport and would take away a big portion of the funds generated. There is potential to sell power to Basin for a smaller dollar figure, but it would also eliminate the wheeling fees. Construction: The last concrete pour of the foundation block was yesterday. The turbines have been delivered, and they are staged on-site. We will then resume backfilling and start building the powerhouse walls. Pishkun Inlet: Ethnoscience is going to update the cultural resources study. The grant funding has been unfrozen. The LOPP process will begin once the NEPA process is finalized. Manager Juel has a meeting with the Bureau today to discuss.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: We are submitting a \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) through Senator Sheehy's office for projects that provide public benefit. This work will include a new GSC headworks structure, new headworks for GS-59, new measuring devices and hydropower generation. Sun River Bridge Replacement: We have been notified that money has been secured for the removal and disposal of the existing bridge to be completed under the construction project. Tunnel #3 Rehab: The contractor is behind schedule but is wrapping up. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of what the 2nd phase consisted of. There is a status meeting today at 1 P.M. Pishkun Outlet Replacement: There will be a design charette for the week of April 7th.

Title Transfer: Nothing new to report.

GID Grazing Lease Program: GID Range Rider Wilson had nothing new to report as no inspections have taken place yet this Spring.

FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure: There is a meeting tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. with MBMG staff regarding the Greenfields Bench groundwater study.

Miscellaneous: Jason Hahn with the Bureau informed the Board that he was working with Manager Juel to wrap up the Willow Creek riprap hauling project and the funding not spent would need to be returned. They are still trying to agree on what that repayment figure is.

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

Agenda:

- 3) Brian Colesworthy, Teton County Planner, regarding updating GID's sign on Hwy 89 adjacent to Main Street, tabled from last month. There was brief discussion, but ultimately the Board determined that it had no real beneficial impact for GID, and we are trying to control our discretionary spending. Commissioner Brady moved to deny the request and Commissioner Brosten seconded the motion. All in favor to oppose the request.
- 4) There were a few new pivot installation handouts for the Board to review with no concerns.

Public Comment: Tracy Wendt with SRWG gave a brief overview and began by introducing her new co-worker, Madison Coyer, who will be taking over as the water quality coordinator. She informed the Board that SRWG's Federal grants funding had also been unfrozen. She also told the Board of the Irrigation Efficiency Study meeting that had recently taken place and how it had turned out. Next month she will be requesting an annual Spring contribution from GID. There will be a Water Management Meeting on April 16th at 10 A.M. in Fairfield.

Commissioner Brady moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:28 A.M.


Board President


Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- The board voted to deny the request to update GID's sign on Hwy 89 by Brian Colesworthy with CCC.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 8:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Board President, Tim Brunner.

Public Comment: Prior to each agenda item...limited to 5 minutes...any Board action necessary will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES: February 13th Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING:

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Board to discuss proposed Board Policy amendments made by Water User, Spencer Pearson
- 2) Spencer Pearson to address the Board regarding land purchased and he is asking for Board direction as to how to certify.
- 3) Brian Colesworthy, Teton County Planner, regarding updating GID's sign on Hwy 89 adjacent to Main Street, tabled from last month.
- 4) New Pivot Installation FYIs for the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Monthly Warrant List
 GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 February 2025



DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
02/04/2025	37424	Hudson Rohrer	-\$750.00
02/05/2025	37425	US Postal Service	-\$14.60
02/05/2025	37446	TB - MPERA	-\$7,098.90
02/05/2025	37447	TB - 941	-\$9,065.40
02/05/2025	37448	TB - SWT	-\$861.00
02/11/2025	37485	Jenny Gulick	-\$310.00
02/12/2025	37486	Republic Services	-\$139.70
02/12/2025	37487	Mountain View Co-Op	-\$11,588.20
02/12/2025	37488	R&L Eagle Grocery	-\$16.90
02/12/2025	37489	A&I Distributors	-\$188.20
02/12/2025	37490	Mills Motor, Co.	-\$182.00
02/13/2025	37491	Town of Fairfield	-\$152.90
02/13/2025	37492	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	-\$1,300.20
02/13/2025	37493	Jon's Automotive	-\$1,068.10
02/18/2025	37494	Smith Oblander & Meade & Mitcham, P.C.	-\$2,208.30
02/19/2025	37518	TB - SWT	-\$890.00
02/19/2025	37519	TB - 941	-\$8,389.00
02/19/2025	37520	TB - MPERA	-\$6,570.70
02/19/2025	37521	Michelle Lauver-	-\$6.00
02/20/2025	37522	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-\$141.00
02/20/2025	37523	Levi Ostberg	-\$552.00
02/27/2025	37525	The Log Cabin Cafe	-\$2,000.00
02/28/2025	37546	Advanced Drainage System	-\$7,923.80
02/28/2025	37547	Choteau Acantha	-\$29.00
02/28/2025	37548	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	-\$893.60
02/28/2025	37549	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	-\$75.00
02/28/2025	37550	FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY HALL	-\$10.00
02/28/2025	37551	FAIRFIELD JUNIOR WOMEN	-\$40.00
02/28/2025	37552	Fisher's Technology	-\$388.50
02/28/2025	37553	General Distributing Co	-\$537.30
02/28/2025	37554	Geokon	-\$395.10
02/28/2025	37555	Great Falls Redi-Mix Inc	-\$3,219.00
02/28/2025	37556	Home Depot Credit Services	-\$327.90
02/28/2025	37557	International Pipe & Supply	-\$50,000.00
02/28/2025	37558	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-\$363.50
02/28/2025	37559	KS Statebank- Govt. Finance Dept.	-\$54,387.00
02/28/2025	37560	Marv's Motor Shop	-\$958.00
02/28/2025	37561	MCI	-\$0.40
02/28/2025	37562	MDS Supply	-\$956.10
02/28/2025	37563	Napa Auto Parts	-\$30.90
02/28/2025	37564	National Laundry	-\$67.00
02/28/2025	37565	North 40	-\$157.90
02/28/2025	37566	NorthWestern Energy	-\$3,087.50

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DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
2/28/2025	37567	Old West Lumber, Inc	-\$70.98
2/28/2025	37568	Pacific Steel	-\$12,641.17
2/28/2025	37569	R&L Eagle Grocery	-\$21.40
2/28/2025	37570	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-\$181.12
2/28/2025	37571	Teamster's Local #2	-\$2,835.00
2/28/2025	37572	Tractor & Equipment, Co	-\$157.94
2/28/2025	37573	True Value	-\$83.94
2/28/2025	37574	US Postmaster	-\$350.00
2/28/2025	37575	Victory Insurance Company	-\$2,571.00
2/28/2025	37576	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-\$2,379.00
TOTAL			-\$198,633.40

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

\$198,633.40
 \$ 58,337.74
 \$256,971.14

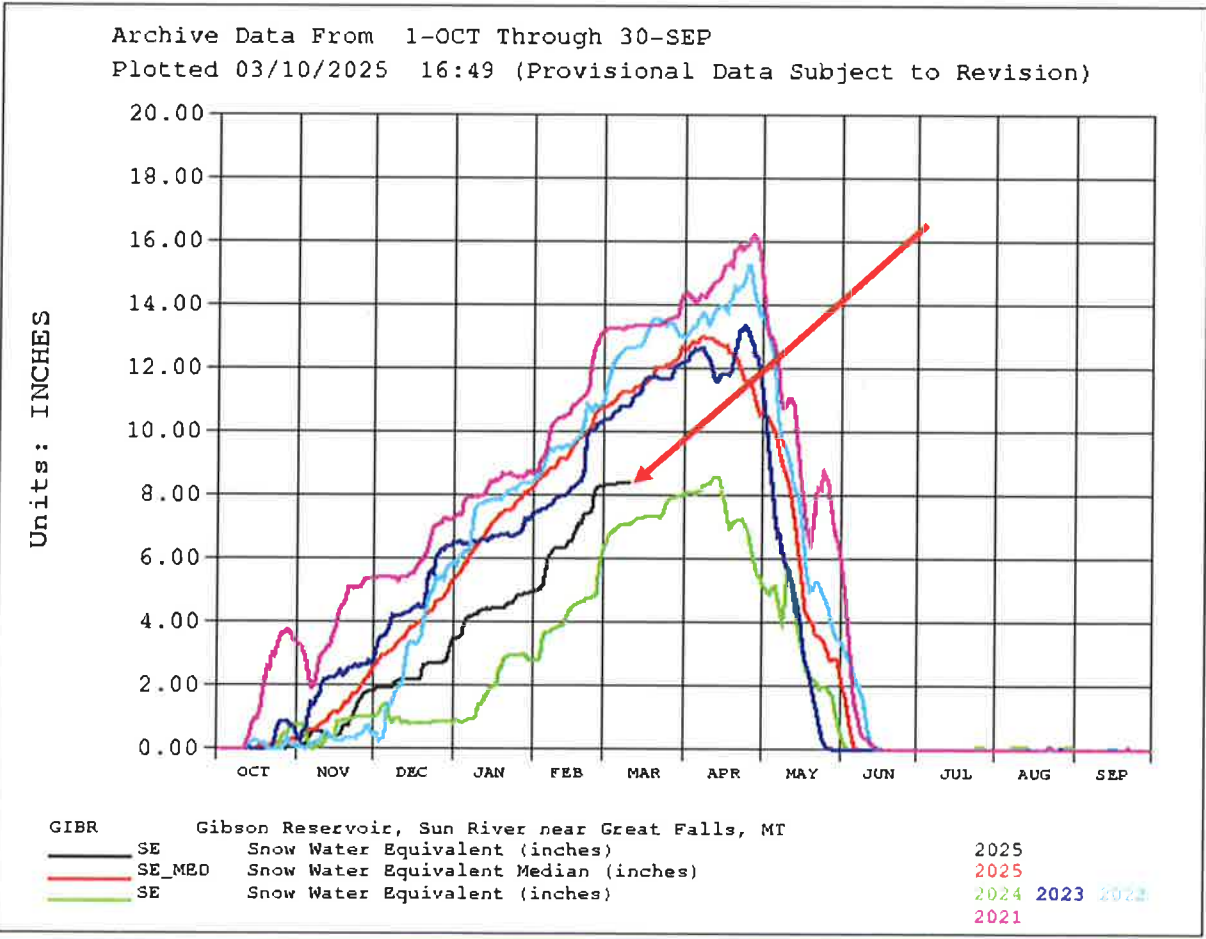
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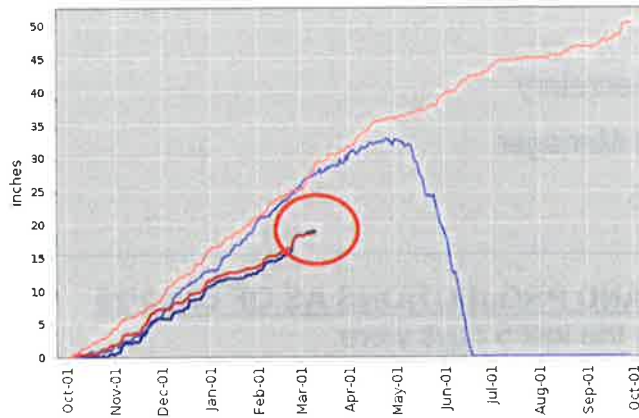
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Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary
From: Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager
Subject: Manager's Report 03/11/25

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 03/10/25

- A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:
- Gibson Res: 5,400 Ac-ft, 5.5% Full & 19.5% of Normal,
 - Gibson Inflows: varying from 105 to 125 cfs, 65% to 75% of Normal,
 - Gibson Outflows: +/-100 cfs,
 - Willow Creek Reservoir: 13,550 Ac-ft, 42.5% Full, 58.8% of Normal
 - Willow Creek Inflows: <10 cfs
- B. Snowpack Levels readings are:
- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 19.0"
 - Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 13.2"
 - Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 6.7"
 - Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 5.3"
 - Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 11.3", 74.5% of normal per (USBR)

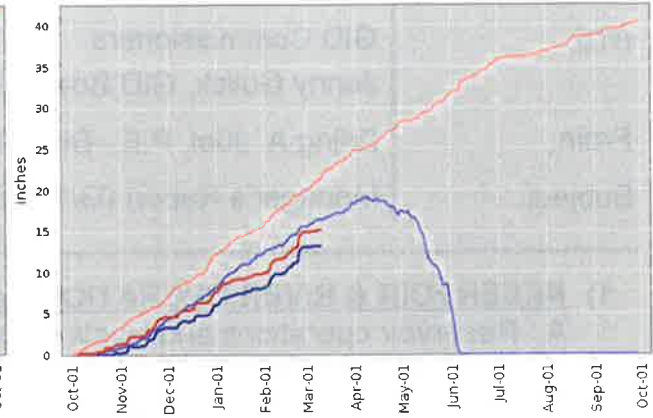
C. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting well-below normal temps and normal precipitation for March through May. June to August is predicted to be above normal temps and well below normal precipitation.



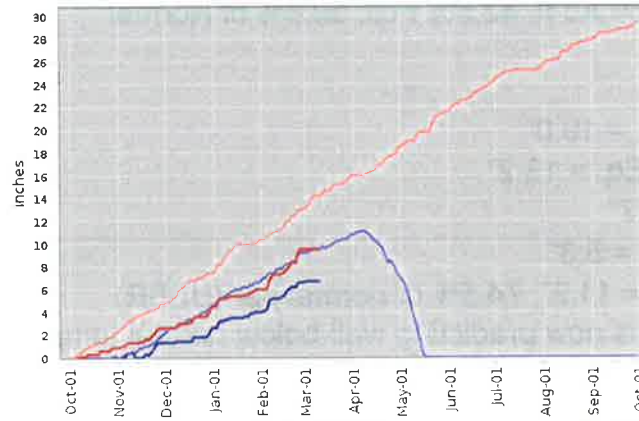


BADGER PASS

(snow-water equivalent)

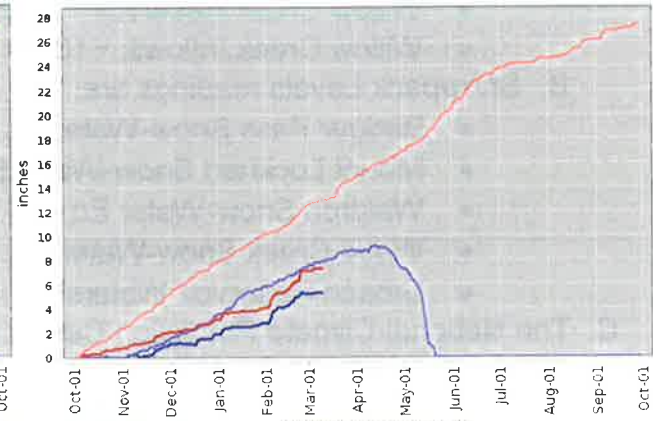


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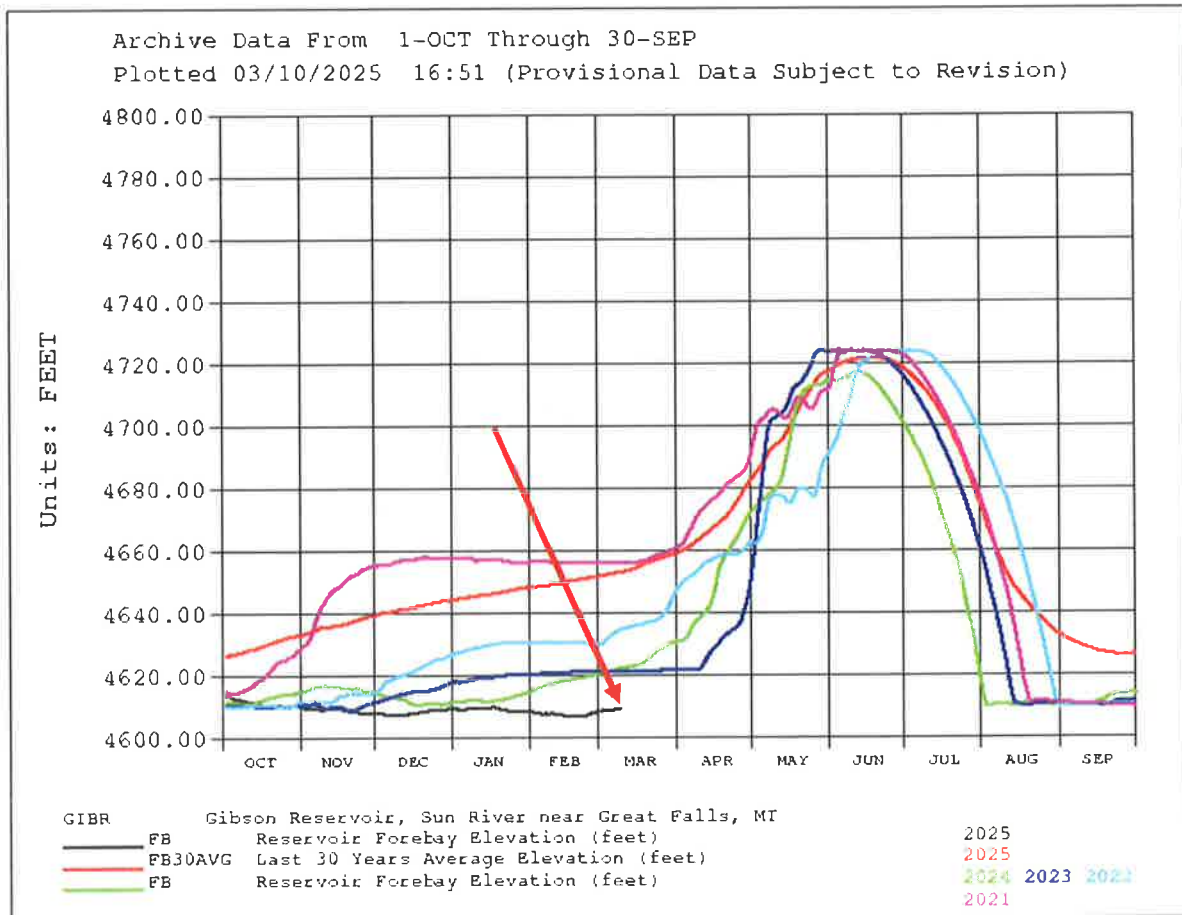


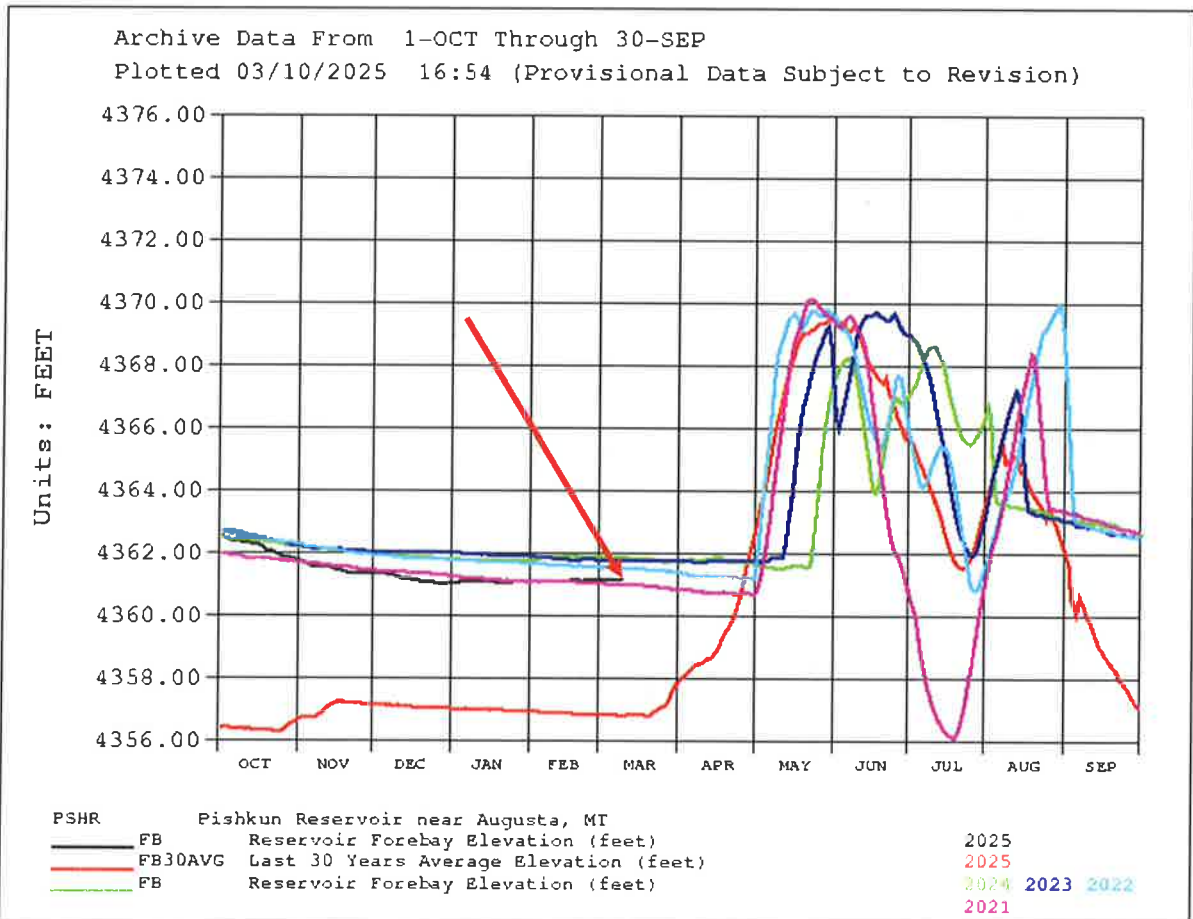
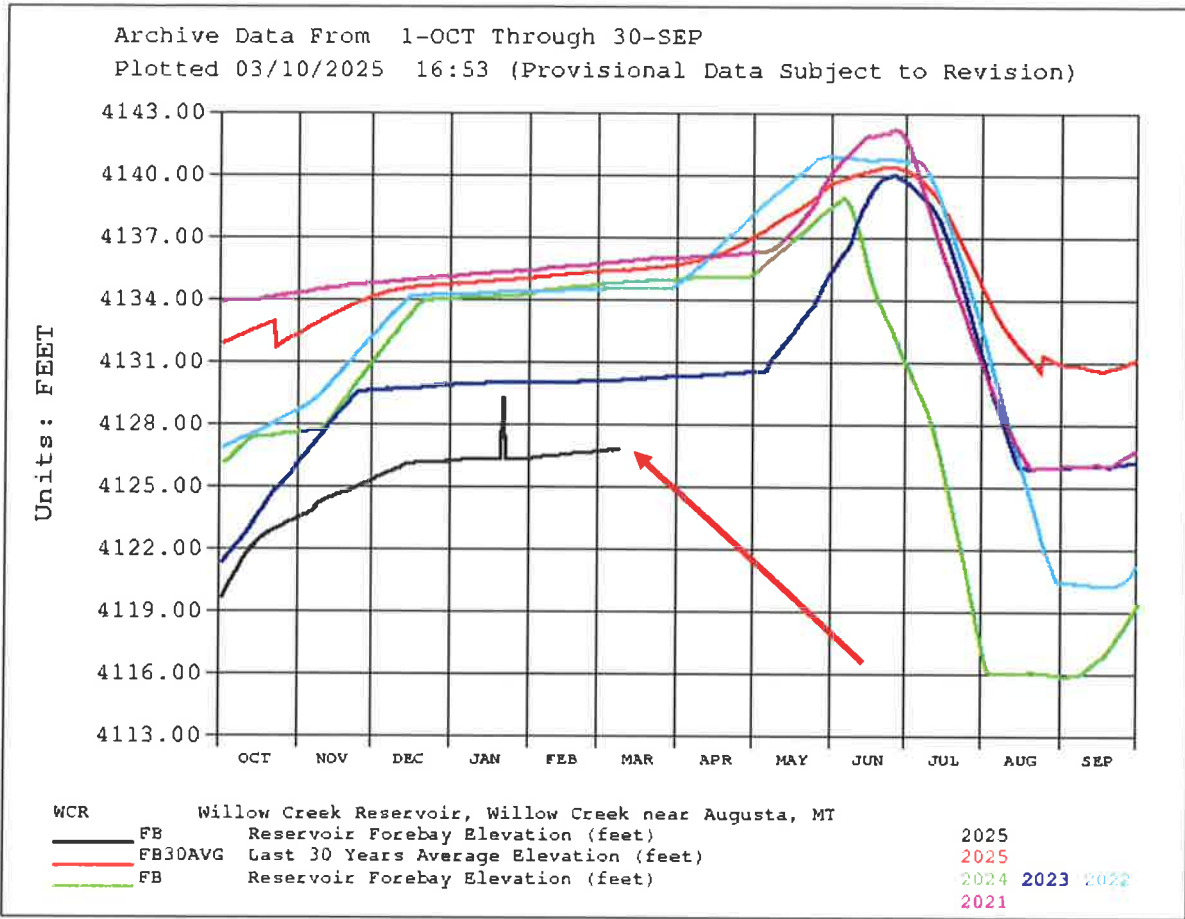
WALDRON

(total precipitation)



WOOD CREEK





In summary.....

1. Gibson inflows continue to be well below normal.
2. Snowpack development is improving, ahead of last year, but still behind the 30-year average.

2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

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

3) STAFF UPDATES

- A. Finally received a draft Labor Contract Agreement from the Union for GID's review. Have yet to complete my review.
- B. Interviewing applicants for both the Water Master and Ditch Rider positions.
- C. No Commissioner election this year. Commissioner Norris did not file for another term, but one other Producer did. Commissioner Brunner did file and no one in his Precinct chose to challenge him.

4) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Need to update a couple of computers and GIS software.
- B. Attend a Committee hearing in Helena to defend, protect, or otherwise support current State law defining Commissioner elections. A proposed Senate Bill sought to fundamentally change the District Commissioner election laws in favor of a single, large landowner thus drowning out, suppressing, or otherwise disenfranchising the vote of smaller producers and younger producers. Excellent turnout from the general District membership to also oppose the proposed changes.
- C. Annual GID Water User's meeting on March 19th.

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

- A. Nancy is working on the individual maps for the irrigation plans, reviewing pivot plans, and the database.
- B. Getting ready to print maps for producer certification. Providing an information sheet in the Certification Packets explaining changes to the 960-acre limitation.

6) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

- A. **No Farm Unit Changes requiring Board Action**
- B. Several new Pivot Installations for the Board's information

7) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2025 BUDGET

- A. The receivables for February totaled \$210.
- B. Accounts payable for February totaled \$198,633 for the warrants as well as \$58,338 in salaries comprising two pay periods.
- C. Need to update the 2025 Budget.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Still looking to replace our 3-axle, lowboy transport trailer, +/- \$100k.
- B. One of our new Volvo tractor-trailer combos is still at the Dealer trying to get repaired. We were given a loaner truck to use. Eric to give a detailed update.
- C. Experiencing problems with the long-reach excavator.

9) **PEARSON LAWSUIT, ROUND II**

- A. Nothing new from the Human Rights Bureau. We submitted GID's response to Pearson's complaint last month.
- B. Spencer filed yet another lawsuit in the local District court. GID was served the complaint. We are preparing a response.
- C. Insurance carriers are still denying defense coverage.
- D. Spencer is demanding instructions on how to certify. Not sure how make it any simpler. Other producers and landowners do not seem to have the same level of difficulty he is having. Will discuss instructions just for him later in Meeting.

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

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

11) **HYDRO UPDATES**

- A. General – Regarding GID's on-going fight with NWE's intent to update the QF-1 Tariffs.
 1. Awaiting a decision from the Public Service Commission.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP – Still hoping to be on-line Spring of 2026.
 1. **Transmission Design & Construction** –
 - Little has occurred regarding the construction of the Arnold Coulee transmission leg since last September. The Contractor is expected to resume soon after April 1st. However, then we will have to wait until after the bird nesting season.
 2. **Transmission Easements** –
 - A switchyard easement on State land west of Jackson's Corner is still pending PPA and wheeling requirements.
 3. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Nothing new regarding this work. Awaiting finalization of the PPA.
 4. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Negotiations with NWE and WAPA are stalling out.
 - Although NWE is obligated to purchase GID's electricity, they are making contractual demands which add costs and reduce GID's potential revenue.
 - Essentially NWE is requiring GID to wheel the energy to Great Falls which will add costs for pseudo transmission services along WAPA's line managed by the SPP. This could reduce our revenue by 25%.
 - If we choose to legally fight, either through the PSC or the FERC, it will add costs and time, and the outcome is uncertain.
 - Still researching other possible buyers.
 5. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Nothing new.
 6. **Construction** – Site construction has resumed from winter shut-down.
 - The last concrete pour of the foundation block (125 CYs) was completed yesterday.
 - After removing the concrete forms, GID will resume backfilling around the perimeter.
 - Then we need to start building the powerhouse walls.
 - Took delivery of the turbine assemblies last Monday to avoid potential tariffs. The turbines are staged on-site.







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

1. **Funding** – The reauthorized \$1.5 Million low-interest, DNRC-RRG loan which will be available after July 1st, after the NEPA documents have been completed, and the BLM ROW has been secured.
2. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – The WaterSMART funds have been unfrozen.
3. **LOPP** – Reclamation to initiate the Final LOPP for this site soon after the Arnold Coulee site kicks loose. This includes the NEPA & NHPA process.
4. **Transmission Easements** –
 - A follow-up Cultural Resource field visit and an amended report need to be completed to reflect the final transmission alignment. Provided go ahead to consultant.
 - The ROW agreement request from BLM has been submitted to BOR & BLM. This will kick-start finalization of the NEPA process.
 - A wetlands notification has been submitted to the USCOE.
5. **Transmission Design & Construction** – Design mostly done, construction has yet to start.
6. **Power Purchase Agreement** – **Have not started this task.**
7. **Design Drawings** – Received updated preliminary drawings.
8. **Turbine-Generator Fabrication** – Made the final payment on the turbines.

D. Johnson Drop – **Nothing new.**

E. A-Drop – **Nothing new.**

F. Gibson Hydro – **Nothing new.**

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Mary Taylor Facility –
1. Finalizing the PER (preliminary engineering report). Working under a \$30k planning grant.
 2. I need to update the hydropower feasibility analysis. Getting a quote and a proposed layout from CHC for the turbine-generator.
 3. Submitting \$4.4 million CDS request (Congressional Directed Spending) through Senator Sheehy's office. This work will include a new GSC headworks structure, new headworks for GS-59, new measuring devices, and hydropower generation.
- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings – Nothing new.
- C. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
1. The hauling of riprap is done. The remaining items include dressing up the haul road, fixing fences, repairing/replacing cattle guards, and such.
 2. BOR is still working to scope a multimillion-dollar, replacement spillway.
- D. Sun River Bridge Replacement
1. Projected Schedule – Still on schedule
 - Attended the Pre-Construction Meeting on March 5th in Great Falls.
 - Construction will span 2025 and 2026
 2. Status of Old Bridge – BOR and the FHWA will still work on getting the historical designation removed so the old bridge can be demo 'ed.
 3. Been notified that money has been secured for the removal and disposal of the existing bridge to be completed under the construction project.
- E. Tunnel #3 Rehabilitation –
1. The Contractor is grouting behind the steel liner.
 2. The Contractor is behind schedule and may be susceptible to Liquid Damages (LDs), \$1000/day.
 3. Finally received the Categorical Exclusion (CE) designation regarding the NEPA process. This will free up the BIL Loan for finalization Phase II if we choose.
 4. Not sure what to do about a second phase of construction. There is a status meeting today at 1pm. Commissioners are invited.
- F. J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
1. The \$125K DNRC-RRG grant won't be available until July 1st.
- G. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 2– SRS Main Check
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- H. Pishkun Outlet Replacement –
1. Our funding application for \$19,054,209 was awarded was BOR. This represents financial assistance regarding extraordinary maintenance work through the Aging Infrastructure Account via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
 2. There will be a design charette and it is scheduled for the week of April 7th, 2025.

13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. **Nothing new.** Initially I thought that if we enter into a repayment contract for either the Tunnel #3 or Pishkun Inlet LOPP, we could not move forward with Title Transfer. BOR said there is a work-around and now BOR is encouraging GID to assume ownership of everything downstream of the Diversion Dam.

14) MISC GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. Eric will provide a brief verbal update.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Ron can provide an update if he is present.

16) DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA

- A. Continuing with bi-weekly meetings with FCA.
B. Finalizing the Grant paperwork (due March 14th) to received the \$30,000 grant GID received from DNRC to study SCADA/canal measurement needs. This will support overall flow monitoring and control and will eventually support future canal reregulation sites especially when they get networked together.
C. Meeting tomorrow at 10:30 with MBMG staff regarding the Greenfields Bench Groundwater Study.

17) MISCELLANEOUS

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

18) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – MARCH

- Make progress on Arnold Coulee PPA. Set turbines when possible.
- Closeout Willow Creek Spillway IRRM project.
- Hire a water master and or ditch rider.
- Review and edit Labor Contract.
- Submit Congressional Directed Spending request to Senator Sheehy.
- Annual Water Users Meeting.

19) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – APRIL & ON

- Finalize a Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) with FCA
- Complete NEPA for Pishkun Inlet LOPP
- Prepare for the 2025 Water Season

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING APRIL 8th @ 8:30AM

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