

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, 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: 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, along with GID Employees Eric Mayer and Cory Copenhagen, as well as Tracy Wendt and Bayley Sbardellati with the SRWG. Jason Hahn with BOR was present via Zoom. Water Users in attendance included: Travis and Shelly Barker, Ryan McInerney, Tony Clark and Cordell Ostberg.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 8:33 A.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 February 17th, 2026, Regular Meeting. There were two minor adjustments needed in wording and VP Brady moved to approve the minutes with the changes made. Commissioner Gulick seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Next the Executive Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. There were no discrepancies and Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes with Commissioner Gulick seconding. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. The February warrants were then reviewed with brief discussion of the T&E Electric warrant that was for 3 replacement windows in equipment up at Arnold Coulee, as well as the Loenbro warrant being for most of the work they will perform. One smaller invoice will follow for the remainder. VP Brady moved to sign and approved the warrants and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: None.

Contacts to Execute: Board to review and sign the Notice to Proceed to Phase II Contract between GID and awarded contractor, AFFCO, to be signed during the Agenda portion of the meeting. Board to sign the DNRC Revenue Bond Resolution presented to them last month. President Brunner signed the Resolution and Board Secretary Gulick attested the signature.

Manager's Report:

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Gibson is a little over half full, which is 204% of normal. Snowpack is holding steady around 85% of normal. The National Climate Prediction is calling for February to be cold and snowy, then normal temps and normal precipitation for March through May and June to August to be above-normal temps and well-below normal precipitation. We will be shutting down the WCFC for the week and weekend due to the very cold temps expected. Willow Creek Reservoir has made a pretty healthy jump to 25% full over the last few weeks.

Water Rights: Nothing new.

GID Staff Updates: We are still conducting employee evaluations. Also, we still need to hire one more ditch rider this Spring. We will start union negotiation discussion in June in order to have it completed in time to adjust assessment fees, if necessary. Only 1 person filed for the Precinct 1 seat that will be vacated by Commissioner Gulick and that was Tony Clark. He will be assigned by acclamation at May's Regular Board meeting.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Brief discussion then took place regarding GID's Annual Meeting that is generally held in March every year at the Fairfield Community Hall. It was decided that we will hold off to have the meeting until this Fall once the community hall is completed and use the opportunity to give a wrap-up of the season. Jenny will put together a newsletter to send out this Spring with details, as well as important information about the upcoming water season.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Nancy, Collin and Jenny are preparing for the upcoming Certification for 2026, as well as working to update the database alongside our database administrator.

Farm Unit Operations: Travis Barker is requesting a portion of his delivery off of SRS 56-O-C be piped to is turnout which serves his existing pivot. Off of this pipeline he will also service a new pivot to be situated on State ground, see handout. He is asking for the Board to consider a cost share for the work involving GID's portion of the ditch.

Monthly Financials & 2025 Budget: See the M.R. for further details regarding accounts receivable and payable for January. Our 2024 Annual Audit is still being finalized. Manager Juel provided the Board with an updated Budget that goes through the end of January. The Board will review it and discuss it at next month's meeting.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: 2 new ditch rider trucks have arrived, and the 2 old ones are for sale, bids to be opened this Thursday.

Spencer Pearson Lawsuit: Expert's Reports/Disclosures closes March 31st and Discovery closes June 1st. Depositions will be taken from late February through April. There will be a court-mandated mediation conference on March 27th at Steph's office at 10 A.M. Commissioner Gulick and President Brunner assured that they would be present, along with Erling and Jenny. Manager Juel will call Steph after the meeting during the Executive Session meeting to discuss the lawsuit further.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Improvements: An on-site meeting is being proposed starting at 9 A.M. on February 27th to discuss access, maintenance, and the future operation of the WCFC. In 2018 GID received a grant to do maintenance on the WCFC, but that is what triggered the lawsuit. Commissioner Gulick stated that a list of improvements that could be made would be helpful for discussion. Tomorrow there is a strategy meeting via ZOOM with BOR, along with Neal's attorney, if there are any commissioners interested.

Hydro Updates: General: See the M.R for details. Transmission Design & Construction: Today is the State Land Board's meeting and we are finally on the agenda for easement approval. We are looking to sell our extra poles, conductor and 69-kV parts to SREC for their transmission line upgrade between Jackson's corner and their substation north of Fairfield. See handout with SREC's proposal, as well as Manager Juel's edits. The Board will vote to sell the materials or not during the Agenda portion of the meeting. The crew has been busy with concrete pours, backfilling, penstock welding and more.

We are considering hiring Loenbro to help with the concrete placement of the intake structure but will have to see what their proposed quote would be. There is still a lot to do before the water season to seal the project up. We will lose a big portion of the crew in April to prepare for the upcoming water season. PPA: Manager Juel wrote a letter to WAPA and he feels that we are very close to making an informed decision whether to sell our power to Basin or NWE. Pishkun Inlet: LOPP: 90% of the drawings are expected this week. The Bond Resolution has been signed. We opened the bids for the culvert materials on January 29th and Contech was the lowest bidder. Gibson Hydro: GID was selected for a DEQ Grant from the DOE for a +/- \$130,000 to kickstart the preliminary engineering on Gibson Dam Hydro, but no agreement has been provided yet.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Mary Taylor Facility: We received notice of a \$4 Million CDS award from Rep. Downing's office. It would be a 75%-25% cost share, meaning that to use the full \$4M, we would have to put down \$1.33M in non-Federal cost share. President Brunner expressed his desire to see our PPA in place before moving forward with Mary Taylor. Tunnel #3 Rehabilitation: The ARPA grant is being closed out, and we should get \$50,000 retainage. The Tunnel #3 loan was for \$11,700,000 and we have only committed to doing about \$2M for Phase I and II construction to the inlet. 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. The cultural resources study has been initiated and will be done in March.

O&M Projects and Update: Previously discussed during Hydro Updates and Infrastructure Projects.

Title Transfer: Nothing new to report.

GID Grazing Lease Program: Manager Juel reached out to Marty Klinker to discuss Eric Harris' proposal to put in fencing. He was aware of his intentions and was supposed to meet with Manager Juel on Thursday of last week, but he never made it.

FCA Efforts to Modernize GID Infrastructure: Manager Juel gave the Board a quick summary of the help that the FCA has provided GID for 2025, handout provided.

Groundwater Study with MBMG: An update will be provided at the Irrigation Efficiency Workshop at the end of February in Choteau. Regardless of their findings, we will likely be starting up the water season early this year, potentially the first week of May.

Miscellaneous: The District is working with the SRWG on a planning study for the Floweree Feeder Canal involving BO's diversion dam and headworks.

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

Agenda:

- 1) Board to review and approve the request from Travis Barker to put in a pipeline to service his existing pivot, as well the new pivot he is putting in on the State land he farms. He is asking for a cost-share from the Board, see handout. Manager Juel gave the Board a brief overview of his request and explained that we would be giving up our ditch if the pipeline was put in, but it would reduce maintenance. He then asked the Board to decide if it is beneficial to GID and if we allow him to put in the pipeline. O&M Foreman Mayer stated that GID could rip out the

concrete, haul it away and fill in the ditch as our contribution and we would give him permission to bury the pipeline at the proposed location. Commissioner Brosten made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. Manager Juel explained that Travis that he would need to get Broken O's easement approval first.

- 2) Board had previously discussed the proposal from SRE to purchase the excess poles and wire, now it will need to decide whether to proceed with Manager Juel counterproposal. Commissioner Ostberg made a motion to approve the selling of the materials and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.
- 3) Board already discussed and decided on the Annual Meeting during the M.R portion of the meeting.

Public Comment: Tracy Wendt with the SRWG gave the Board a brief update. She first introduced the Board to Bayley Sbardellati, who is a Big Sky Watershed Corps member that will be working with SRWG for the year. She gave an overview of the Floweree Canal Project overview. Their newest Board Member is Charla Merja with FSID. This Friday there is an Open House at their new office in Great Falls.

Jason Hahn had nothing to add.

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


Board President
Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- Board approved the request for Travis Barker to put in a pipeline to service his existing pivot and new pivot and for GID to abandon the maintenance of the ditch.
- Board approved the selling of the excess materials to SRE at the counter-proposed amount that Manager Juel presented.
- Board decided to hold off on having its annual meeting until Fall once the Community Hall is completed.



AGENDA FOR: Greenfields Irrigation District's Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, 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: January 20th Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes to be approved by the Board.

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

PARTIES PRESENTING:

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: Notice to Proceed to Phase II Contract to be signed by GID and the awarded contractor, AFFCO. Board to approve and sign the DNRC Revenue Bond Resolution, info received last month.

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Water User Travis Barker is requesting a canal to pipeline change for existing pivot and a new pivot and is also requesting a cost share, see handout.
2. Board to review proposed offer from Sun River Electric to buy our excess power poles and materials, see handout.
3. Board to discuss and decide on what to do for the Annual Meeting/Dinner this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt to give the Board a brief update.
- Jason Hahn with the USBR to give the Board a brief update via telephone.

Monthly Warrant List
GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
January 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
01/09/2026	38720	TB - MPERA	-6,094.68
01/09/2026	38718	TB - 941	-7,205.92
01/09/2026	38717	TB - SWT	-890.00
01/15/2026	38745	Mountain View Co-Op	-8,943.90
01/15/2026	38746	R&L Eagle Grocery	-17.27
01/15/2026	38747	Mr. Rebar	-15,338.64
01/15/2026	38748	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	-1,611.32
01/15/2026	38749	FAGENSTROM	-3,717.00
01/15/2026	38750	Teamster's Local #2	-949.00
01/15/2026	38751	DEQ Open Cut Mining Program	-31.50
01/15/2026	38752	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
01/15/2026	38753	Uda Law Firm	-937.50
01/15/2026	38754	Tractor & Equipment, Co	-771.09
01/15/2026	38755	Teton Accounting, Inc.	-1,300.25
01/15/2026	38756	Breen Oil and Tire Company	-1,467.46
01/15/2026	38757	MWRA	-5,200.00
01/15/2026	38758	Republic Services	-140.84
01/19/2026	38759	Bender, Kamber	-1,500.00
01/20/2026	38760	Jon's Automotive	-700.00
01/20/2026	38761	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-203.21
01/21/2026	38817	TB - MPERA	-6,218.57
01/21/2026	38818	TB - UI Tax	-1,169.31
01/21/2026	38819	TB - 941	-8,052.33
01/21/2026	38820	TB - SWT	-894.00
01/22/2026	38821	USPS.	-15.60
01/26/2026	38822	NorthWestern Energy	-3,054.28
01/28/2026	38805	BELL MOTORS	0.00
01/29/2026	38824	GM Financial	-846.48
01/29/2026	38807	BELL MOTORS	-84,400.00
01/31/2026	38845	Kelley Create	-1,421.24
01/31/2026	38846	Tractor & Equipment, Co	-159.16
01/31/2026	38847	Visa	-2,795.98
01/31/2026	38848	MCI	-70.92
01/31/2026	38849	Macon Supply, Inc	-127.72
01/31/2026	38850	Republic Services	-141.92
01/31/2026	38851	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-2,626.94
01/31/2026	38852	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
01/31/2026	38853	Northwest Parts & Equipment	-798.36

01/31/2026	38854	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	-5,000.00
01/31/2026	38855	Choteau Acantha	-76.00
01/31/2026	38856	J & V Restaurant Supply	-698.00
01/31/2026	38857	Montana Materials & Construction	-17,587.50
01/31/2026	38858	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-813.11
01/31/2026	38859	Uda Law Firm	-750.00
01/31/2026	38860	National Laundry	-68.71
01/31/2026	38861	A&I Distributors	-2,239.07
01/31/2026	38862	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	-1,610.00
01/31/2026	38863	Fairfield Drug, Inc	-2.49
01/31/2026	38864	Loenbro Industrial Construction, LLC	-32,321.81
01/31/2026	38865	Mountain View Co-Op	-15,915.99
01/31/2026	38866	Smith Oblander & Meade & Mitcham, P.C.	-142.50
01/31/2026	38867	Sun Times Printing & Publishing LLC	-124.80
01/31/2026	38868	Rootin' Tootin' Poopers	-260.00
01/31/2026	38869	Fisher's Technology	-439.00
01/31/2026	38870	A Jay Concrete Pumping, LLC	-4,290.35
01/31/2026	38871	Breen Oil and Tire Company	-1,240.62
01/31/2026	38872	Aflac	-86.52
01/31/2026	38873	R&L Eagle Grocery	-16.77
01/31/2026	38874	K's Auto Parts	-30.56
01/31/2026	38875	Ace Hardware	-168.47
01/31/2026	38876	Teton Accounting, Inc.	-1,300.25
01/31/2026	38877	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-23,265.00
01/31/2026	38878	GM Financial	-846.48
01/31/2026	38879	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	-100.71
01/31/2026	38880	Teamster's Local #2	-949.00
01/31/2026	38881	Cintas First Aid & Safety	-151.40
01/31/2026	38882	Town of Fairfield	-141.00
TOTAL			-\$281,695.70

Recap of January 2026 warrants:
Regular warrants
January 2026 payroll
Total

\$281,695.70
\$ 54,161.90
\$335,857.60

Approved by  _____
President Date
Submitted by  _____
Bookkeeper Date