

Greenfields IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 6:30 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: President Chase Brady, Vice President Chris Ostberg, Commissioners Tim Brunner, Pat Brosten, and Tony Clark, along with previous Precinct #1 Commissioner, Dave Gulick. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present, along with GID Employees Eric Mayer, Tony May and Cory Copenhaver. Tracy Wendt with SRWG and Ron Wilson, GID's Range Rider. Jason Hahn with the BOR is not present.

The meeting was called to order by President Brady at 6:37 P.M. President Brady 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 from April 21st, 2026, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Ostberg seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Next the Executive Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Brunner moved to approve the minutes with Commissioner Brosten seconding. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. The April warrants were then reviewed with brief discussion regarding the bond council warrant and the warrant to MVI for HDPE stock pipe. Manager Juel also explained that the warrant for DSG is for the substation at Jackson's Corner. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and VP Ostberg seconded. All were in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: Parties Presented during the Executive Session Meetings that Preceded this Regular Meeting.

Contacts to Execute: None.

Manager's Report:

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Gibson is 99.9% full, which is about 150% of normal for this time of year. Snowpack is hovering around 30% of normal, but the upper snowpack level is holding steady. We had to shut down the PSC as a result of issues at A-Drop, but the repairs were minor. Manager Juel anticipates that the irrigation season will last through the beginning to middle of August. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting well-above normal temps and slightly below normal precipitation for June through August with September to November predicted to be above normal temps and slightly below normal precipitation.

Water Rights: Nothing new.

GID Staff Updates: We hired our final ditch rider to ride on Division 5. Office Manager Gulick hired 2 office assistants to both work 2 days a week during the water season and we have hired a full weed crew.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Board Policy changes have been provided for review and consideration, but not to be decided on at tonight's meeting.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: The majority of the water users have completed certification.

Monthly Financials & 2025 Budget: See the M.R. for further details regarding accounts receivable and payable for April.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: We have bought and received the new cleaning bucket for our new excavator but have not heard when the delivery of our new excavator is expected. Manager Juel will check in with the salesman.

Spencer Pearson Lawsuit: We had previously discussed this topic in the Executive Session Meeting that occurred before this meeting.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Improvements: Reclamation expects to submit a proposed plan of action soon for GID's review and input and hopes to meet on June 2nd during the Willow Creek Spillway site visit. Lewis and Clark Conservation District has canceled our grant because of lack of work being done on the Willow Creek Feeder Canal, so none of the funds were used except for what money had to be paid for quarterly grant administration fees.

Hydro Updates: General: See the M.R for details. Arnold Coulee- Power Purchase Agreement: The issues with GID's attempt to establish a PPA were previously discussed in the Executive Session Meeting held previously. Transmission Design & Construction: No construction has taken place, as the crew has been busy preparing for and beginning the 2026 water season. We advertised for concrete assistance and received two interested contractors who put in bids. Manager Juel provided a handout with the results and a strategy for the work schedule. A brief discussion was held on the qualifications of the two crews. Manager Juel plans to meet with the low bidder, along with Eric, Travis and Cory, to discuss the work to be completed. Commissioner Brosten made a motion for Manager Juel to proceed with hiring Aquarius and Vice President Ostberg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Pishkun Inlet Hydro: LOPP Agreement for review and approval was given to the Board last month and will be approved during the Agenda portion of the meeting. Funding- We closed on the \$1.5M loan from the State DNRC and invested \$1M into a 3-month CD at RCFCU. Manager Juel ordered 120 poles and materials for the breaker substation west of Jackson's Corner. Gibson Hydro: There was an on-site transmission route reconnaissance meeting with SREC, WWC, and Russ on May 8th. The group decided it would be best to follow the existing distribution routes for many reasons. On the 1st of June there are plans to fly the routes to provide drone aerial footage. Mary Taylor: We received an acknowledgment letter from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the \$4M CDS grant award from Rep. Downing's office. The DNRC PER and grant application was submitted last week. This will be used to secure a \$125k RRGL grant and a low-interest DNRC loan if needed for the non-Federal match agreement. We were not awarded the BIL loan. Our easement we have for Mary Taylor, as well as all the other easements secured, have been approved for hydropower, but the landowner claims that there is no underground easement and that our easement would cause him to lose 5 acres of his grazing rights. Pishkun Outlet: There are new planning grants coming out in July, and Manager Juel is hoping to secure a grant for this project and A-Drop. Our funding application for \$19,054,209 was awarded by BOR and a brief discussion of the potential work scope was briefly discussed.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Willow Creek Spillway Repair: The corrective action team will be meeting on site June 2nd, see the attached Agenda. Sun River Bridge Replacement: The bridge opening and dedication is now set for September 2026 and then removal of the old bridge will begin. Tunnel #3: The ARPA grant is closed out, and we received the remaining \$50,000. A preconstruction meeting was held on May 5th in Helena and material procurement and fabrication have begun. J-Wasteway: The DNRC now believes that GID must obtain water storage rights for canal reregulation. A brief discussion followed. Manager Juel informed the Board he made a presentation at the May meeting of the Water Policy Interim Committee (WPIC) regarding this injustice, see handout provided. He went on to

say that it is extremely important that we clarify the fact that reregulation is an irrigation conservation practice and not just a storage potential.

O&M Projects and Update: O&M Foreman Mayer informed the Board that repairs to A-Drop began today and a brief discussion followed regarding the findings and strategy for repair. Water should be back down to the project on Sunday for deliveries to most locations possible by Monday. Once the water is diverted back down to the District, River flows will go back down to the minimum. It is stated that a better emergency shutdown strategy should be implemented and that there is potential that some DNRC emergency funds should be available for such fixes. There were mechanical examinations completed on Pishkun and Willow Creek Reservoirs last month and we passed.

Title Transfer: Nothing new to report.

GID Grazing Lease Program: GID Range Rider Wilson is ready to begin inspections. The leases are up for renewal this Fall so we need to start thinking about what that process looks like.

District Modernization Effort with FCA: The Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) was presented to the GID Board at the April Board meeting. The next item is to develop a Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) which will begin the process of high-level funding opportunities.

Groundwater Study with MBMG: The MBMG is still collecting data, so Collin informed them of our emergency shutdown.

Miscellaneous: The District is working with SRWG on a planning study for the Floweree Feeder Canal involving BOR's diversion dam and headworks. There is a Gibson Dam tour for State Legislators planned for June 10th, see Agenda provided.

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

Agenda:

- 1) The Board after it was reorganized, needed to move to add/delete members from the GID accounts for the First Bank of Montana. All Board members, District Manager and Secretary signed resolution.
- 2) The Board to approve and sign the LOPP for hydroelectric power at the Pishkun Inlet Drop, provided for review at last month's meeting. Manager Juel noted one change that had been made and explained that he was given clarification from BOR on a concern he questioned. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve and sign the LOPP and VP Ostberg seconded. All in favor and the Board approved and it was signed by the President.
- 3) The Board to approve the policy revisions provided at last month's meeting for review. VP Ostberg made a motion to table the revisions for further review and public comment, and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the matter is tabled.

Public Comment: Tracy Wendt with the SRWG gave the Board a brief update. She let them know that the Give Great Falls Fundraiser was a big success and that WGM has started on the preliminary engineering report for the Floweree Canal. She also mentioned that Madison and Bayley are training to be drone pilots, if GID is ever in need of drone footage.

Jason Hahn was not present.

Commissioner Brosten moved to adjourn the meeting and VP Ostberg seconded. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.


Board President


Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- Board reorganized and signed a resolution to add new and remove past Board members.
- Board approved and President signed the LOPP for hydroelectric power at the Pishkun Inlet Drop.
- Board tabled to approval of Policy revisions.



AGENDA FOR: Greenfields Irrigation District's Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, at 6:00 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 THE MINUTES: May 19th Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes to be approved by the Board.

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

PARTIES PRESENTING: Water User Mike Killorn to address the Board on Water Shortage on his ditch. Holly Chiotti to address the Board to request subleasing of her grazing pasture/s, see handout.

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: Board to sign new signature cards for The First Bank of Montana and sign Resolution adopting a policy concerning compliance with IRS requirements for Tax-exempt bonds issued. President Brady to sign Vendor Invoice and Compliance Certificate for System Wide H2O Mgt. PER and Mary Taylor PER.

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Board to sign updated bank signature forms.
 - 2) Board to review and approve request from Kevin Lytle to split FU 097.2 and create new FU 098.1, see handout.
 - 3) Board to review and approve request from Dustin Eberly to reassign acres of assessment from FU 825.1 to FU 825, see handout.
 - 4) Board to review and approve request from Bill Pearson to move acres of assessment from FU 561 to Fu 560, see handout.
 - 5) Board to review and approve request from Vern McCann to split a farm unit and adjust boundary line on FU 425.1 and 425, see handout.
- Board to review and approve request from Horoho to subdivide FU 684.1, see handout.
- 6) 2 Pivot FYIs for the Board, see handouts.
 - 7) Union Negotiations opened for discussion, handout provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Monthly Warrant List
May 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
05/04/2026	39155	3 Rivers Communication	-623.60
05/04/2026	39157	Visa	-1,435.06
05/07/2026	39158	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	-25,590.00
05/08/2026	39159	Jon's Automotive	-1,277.00
05/12/2026	39192	TB - 941	-13,573.17
05/12/2026	39193	TB - SWT	-1,793.00
05/12/2026	39194	TB - UI Tax	-253.76
05/12/2026	39195	TB - MPERA	-10,391.97
05/12/2026	39196	TB - Direct Deposits	-11,989.06
05/14/2026	39234	General Distributing Co	-446.44
05/15/2026	39235	Town of Fairfield	-321.37
05/18/2026	39236	Jon's Automotive	-907.00
05/23/2026	39237	Jon's Automotive	-267.00
05/25/2026	39238	Home Depot	-6,059.39
05/25/2026	39239	NorthWestern Energy	-1,369.44
05/26/2026	39263	TB - MPERA	-8,654.59
05/26/2026	39264	TB - 941	-11,278.33
05/26/2026	39265	TB - SWT	-1,340.00
05/26/2026	39266	TB - UI Tax	-212.55
05/26/2026	39267	TB - Direct Deposits	-9,053.38
05/20/2026	39268	MT Weed Control Association	0.00
05/31/2026	39304	MCI	-1.66
05/31/2026	39305	Macon Supply, Inc	-400.00
05/31/2026	39306	Republic Services #670	-150.82
05/31/2026	39307	Western Conference of Teamsters Pension	-3,834.08
05/31/2026	39308	3 Rivers Communication	-10.00
05/31/2026	39309	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	-23,628.00
05/31/2026	39310	Choteau Acantha	-189.00
05/31/2026	39311	Great Falls Redi-Mix Inc	-2,733.80
05/31/2026	39312	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	-212.00
05/31/2026	39313	Acuity Insurance	-52,843.00
05/31/2026	39314	Uda Law Firm	-13,050.00
05/31/2026	39315	Fairfield Drug, Inc	-21.24
05/31/2026	39316	Sun River Watershed Group	-100.00
05/31/2026	39317	Mountain View Co-Op	-29,028.67
05/31/2026	39318	R&R Land and Livestock Services	-200.00
05/31/2026	39319	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	-30,720.45
05/31/2026	39320	Fisher's Technology	-210.00

05/31/2026	39321	Victory Insurance Company	-4,234.00
05/31/2026	39322	Breen Oil and Tire Company	-227.07
05/31/2026	39323	Local Government Service Bureau	-130.00
05/31/2026	39324	Aflac	-129.78
05/31/2026	39325	Northwest Equipment Mfg, Inc	-200.30
05/31/2026	39326	R&L Eagle Grocery	-11.67
05/31/2026	39327	K's Auto Parts	-257.72
05/31/2026	39328	Ace Hardware	-699.34
05/31/2026	39329	Rubicon Systems America, Inc	-552.00
05/31/2026	39330	Pacific Steel	-4,412.10
05/31/2026	39331	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	-353.66
05/31/2026	39332	GM Financial	-846.48
05/31/2026	39333	Teamster's Local #2	-1,009.00
05/31/2026	39334	Cintas First Aid & Safety	-138.17
TOTAL			-\$277,370.12

Recap of May 2026 warrants:

Regular warrants

May 2026 payroll

Total

\$277,370.12

\$ 96,082.71

\$373,452.83

Approved by Chase A. Brady 6-16-26
 President Date

Submitted by _____
 Bookkeeper Date