

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners (Board) of Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7 PM. Attending the meeting were: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners David Gulick, Chris Ostberg and Pat Brosten, Manager Erling Juel, Secretary Trudy Whitmore, GID O&M Foreman/Watermaster Charlie Clement, Sun River Watershed Coordinator Travis Wilson, GID Mapping Consultant, Alan Rollo, Teton County Commissioner, Jim Hodgskiss, Chuck Davis with Morrison Maierle, Brad Bauman with Sun River Electric Cooperative, Justin Ahmann with Alpine Pacific Utilities Hydro, GID employees Steve Lettengarver and Cory Copenhaver and GID waterusers/landowners Chase Brady, Spencer Pearson and Travis Barker and Matt McCartney, Montana Valley Irrigation (MVI).

President Brunner called the meeting to order at 7:00 and asked Manager Juel to conduct the reorganization portion of this meeting.

Manager Juel called for nominations for president of the Board. Commissioner Brosten nominated Tim Brunner, Commissioner Ostberg seconded the nomination. Manager Juel called for nominations for president twice more; there were none. Mr. Brosten motioned to close nominations for president, VP Norris seconded and nominations were closed. Mr. Brunner was nominated and elected as president by unanimous vote.

President Brunner called for nominations for the office of vice president. Mr. Brosten nominated Bill Norris as Vice President, Commissioner Gulick seconded. President Brunner called for vice president nominations two more times; there were none. Mr. Ostberg moved to close nominations for vice president, Mr. Brosten seconded...Mr. Norris was nominated and elected as vice president by unanimous vote.

VP Norris made a motion to rehire Trudy Whitmore as Board secretary, Mr. Ostberg seconded and the vote was unanimous to rehire Whitmore. She thanked the Board.

The agenda as mailed out and attached was approved...Brosten motion, Ostberg second, vote carried.

Minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular meeting were approved as mailed. VP Norris made the motion, Mr. Brosten seconded and the vote carried.

Warrants totaling \$151,558.45 (\$480.98 reimbursables) were presented, copy attached. Mr. Ostberg made the motion to approve the warrants for payment as presented and Mr. Brosten seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous.

**PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES TO THE BOARD:** Justin Ahmann from Alpine Pacific Utilities Hydro was at the meeting and presented the attached handout, which outlines his verbal presentation, to the Board regarding development of hydropower on the Ashuelot drops. He presented a power point that described his company as well as his proposal for development of hydropower on the three drops. Before Mr. Ahmann left the meeting at 7:44 PM, Manager Juel

and the Board made him aware of the interest in installing a gravity pipeline on the Ashuelot drops and all agreed the gravity flow project needed further discussion before any more research on the hydropower development is conducted. Ahmann thanked the Board and will stay in touch with GID. The Board discussed the gravity pipeline project that has been discussed for many years as well as the interest in the pipeline by many of the waterusers on the Ashuelot Bench.

Manager Juel read through his Manager's Report, attached.

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS, 3-14-2017: The National Climate Prediction changed the forecast temperatures from below normal to normal but still anticipate above normal precipitation.

7) B In regard to a new pickup for GID's Damtender, President Brunner suggested GID look at regular cab at Bison Ford that would work. Teton County Commissioner Jim Hodgskiss suggested GID look into the Short Term Investment Pool (STIP), a program through the State that GID might qualify for. For details on the program, Hodgskiss suggested GID talk to Diane Ameline, Teton County's Treasurer.

12) In regard to progress on J-Waste Way, the Shook Ditch audit and the grazing lease agreement between the BoR and GID, Mr. Juel is going to Billings to meet with BoR staff to express GID's dissatisfaction with the lack of progress on those items. He will ask if the issues with the Shook Ditch grant might impact other grants GID could apply for through the BoR.

15) E. Travis Barker has some new ideas he will present to Manager Juel. Mr. Juel and O&M Foreman Clement will meet with Barker at the proposed project site hopefully this week. No board action is required.

Manager Juel read through the rest of his report and then addressed the Agenda Items as follows:

- 1) 3 RIVERS ANNUAL MEETING – Secretary Whitmore was authorized to represent GID as voting delegate at the 3 Rivers meeting. Brosten motion, Norris second, unanimous vote.
- 2) SUN RIVER ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING – Manager Juel or in case of Mr. Juel's being out of town, Secretary Whitmore were authorized to represent GID as voting delegate to the SREC annual meeting. Brosten motion, Ostberg second, unanimous vote.
- 3) VEHICLE BIDS – Manager Juel requested Board authorization to spend around \$85,000 for 3 new GID vehicles; a ¾ ton extended cab pickup for the Damtender; a ½ ton crew cab, 4x4 pickup for the O&M Foreman/Watermaster and a ½ ton regular cab pickup for Division 5. The Board authorized Manager Juel to solicit bids for the 3 vehicles and then present the bids to them. The Board and Manager Juel discussed future GID equipment needs in relation to the current agriculture economy.

Mr. Rollo reported that the Irrigation Plan certification process he and Nancy Fry are working on is going well with most producers utilizing their full assessment on their land.

Travis Wilson, SRWG coordinator: see his report, attached.

Teton County Commissioner Jim Hodgskiss:

- Work on the Boadle Bridge construction is on-going.
- Teton County's Justice of the Peace resigned and the county is taking applications to fill out the remainder of that term.
- Chuck Davis, Morrison Maierle attending in place of Russ Anderson who has moved away.

President Brunner called for this meeting to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation issues on Farm Unit 260, 8:55 PM.

The Board came back into regular session at 9:15 PM. Mr. Brosten made a motion authorizing Manager Juel to have GID's attorney notify Bill Pearson's attorney stating GID will deliver water to Farm Unit 260 in 2017 as it did in 2016. Mr. Gulick seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM, Mr. Brosten made the motion, VP Norris called the second and the meeting adjourned.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

AGENDA FOR: Regular Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM at the office...

CALL TO ORDER

REORGANIZE: President turn meeting over to Manager...call for nominations for President, three times. Motion, second vote...then turn meeting back over to President. Call for nominations for VP, three times. Motion, second, vote.  
Rehire Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting,

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES TO THE BOARD:

- Justin Ahmann will be here regarding hydropower development on the Ashuelot Drops

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE:

MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) 3 RIVERS ANNUAL MEETING – Board needs approve a voting delegate for the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting
- 2) SUN RIVER ELECTRIC – Board needs to approve a voting delegate for the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- 3) VEHICLE BIDS – Board approval needed to solicit bids for three (3) GID vehicles

Alan Rollo updates...

Jim Hodgskiss updates...

**Tabled items:**

\*Jo Hatch WSC on BoR pasture...Jo, Trudy and Erling are working towards resolution to this issue...from March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting

\*Arlene Harris request to graze landslide area of Parcel #14, December 2016 meeting.

\* FARM UNIT 260 – Continue delivery of water to disputed acres, 2017 season. Tabled from February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting...