

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners (Board) of Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held on April 11th, 2017 at 7:00 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, Teton County Weed Coordinator Mark Korte, Sun River Watershed Group (SRWG) Coordinator Travis Wilson, Morrison Maierle Engineer Chuck Davis, Teton County Commissioner Jim Hodgskiss, GID Watermaster/O&M Foreman Charlie Clement, GID Ditchrider Cory Copenhaver and GID waterusers Chase Brady, Travis Barker and Phil Schroeder.

President Brunner called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

President Brunner asked for approval of the meeting agenda as presented. Commissioner Brosten made the motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Gulick seconded and approval was by unanimous vote.

Minutes from the regular meeting held March 14th, 2017 had been mailed out and were approved as mailed. Brosten motion, Gulick second, vote carried.

Warrants totaling \$316,582.47 (\$504.94 reimbursables) were presented. After discussion of the Ramaker Swanson and Keneco bills, warrants were approved for payment as presented. Commissioner Ostberg motion, Mr. Gulick second followed by unanimous vote.

Parties Presenting Issues: Mark Korte, Teton Weed Coordinator presented a handout to the Board, attached, regarding the Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable. The Roundtable was formed in 2002... Alan Rollo was very involved in organizing the group. They are a ~~501(c)3~~ non-profit group with an \$80,000 annual budget. They have one paid employee that does all the project work. The salary for that position is funded through grants and contributions and Mr. Korte requested a contribution from GID in the amount of \$2,000 or whatever amount they could consider. The various groups involved in the Roundtable and projects were discussed with most of the discussion centering around the bug program. Korte explained that program in detail. During this portion of the meeting there was discussion of several different crops being planted. Mr. Korte asked that he is notified of any crops/fields that cannot be sprayed. There is a web site, driftwatch.com, that producers can go on and indicate which of their fields that are in a no spray area. He stressed the importance of those producers installing visible signs indicating "No Spray" areas. The Board was in favor of the work done by the Roundtable and approved Korte's request for \$2,000... Mr. Ostberg made that motion, Mr. Brosten seconded and the vote carried.

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There were no contracts to execute.

Manager's Report – The Manager's Report was presented and is attached. Supplemental discussions and topics are listed below.

- 1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 4-7-17, read through attached. GID will start water into Pishkun sometime during the week of April 24th and will start water out of Pishkun May 10th. These are tentative dates all dependent on conditions. The basic allotment will start at 2 acre feet to the acre and after much discussion there will be no excess water available at this time. The Board discussed GID's call list regarding changes to the Sun River.

- 5) CHANGES TO FARM UNIT OPERATIONS, read attached and see Agenda Item #1 for Board action.

- 7) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT
 - A) As an FYI, rent for a tractor for GID to use for mowing has been bid at \$.01/hour up to 250 hours at which time GID either returns the machine or purchases it. It would be very beneficial for GID to own a 2nd tractor for mowing as well as use at Gibson Dam for moving snow during the off season. /hp

 - B) GID is advertising for bids for 3 new vehicles as discussed during the March meeting.

 - C) GID received bids for 2 new ATV's, \$7500.00 each, bids on file. See Agenda Item #2 for Board action.

 - D) GID considering purchase of new compactors as current ones are old, read attached. Manager Juel and O&M Foreman Clement will purchase new ones.

- 10) LOW HEAD HYDRO PROJECTS, attached. The Board wants to monitor the water this season on the Ashuelot Drops before deciding on Justin Ahmann's proposed hydro development.

- 11) FINANCIALS, 2017 BUDGET & FUTURE O&M COSTS, attached
 - E) During the discussion of GID's Certificates of Deposit (CD's) that mature this month, Teton County Commissioner suggested GID talk to Teton County's Treasurer about Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) the County is eligible for. See Agenda Item #3 for Board authorization.

- 13) GID O&M PROJECTS, attached. See O&M Foreman handout, attached.

- 14) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM, attached
 - A) President Brunner and Vice President Norris will help with the Range Rider interviews.

 - B) After reading through a. – j. under this heading, Secretary Whitmore requested direction as to what the Board will require for GID lease holders when they request Board approval to run leased cattle on their pasture. The Board asked that a copy of the lease including names, financial details and brands are available when the lessee makes the request.

- 15) MISCELLANEOUS, attached. During the Title Transfer portion of the recap of Manager Juel's meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Board was told Gibson Reservoir and Willow Creek Reservoir will not be included in Title Transfer.

AGENDA


- 1) DISCUSS ASSESSMENT ON FU's 610 & 610.1 – See and Read Item 5. on the attached Manager's report. The Board approved Pearson's request to split/take the dry corner out of the farm unit and move assessment as requested. Mr. Ostberg motion; VP Norris second and the vote was unanimous.
- 2) PURCHASE TWO ATV'S FOR WEED SPRAYING – See Item 7. C on the Manager's report. The bids of \$7500 each for two Yamaha ATV's were approved after VP Norris made the motion for approval; Mr. Brosten seconded and the vote carried. The Board also authorized Manager Juel to purchase 2 new compactors.
- 3) DECISION ON CD'S – The Board authorized Manager Juel to request rates from 1st Security Banks for the two CD's that are maturing and go with the best that bank can offer. See Item 11. E under the Manager's Report. The Board asked Mr. Juel to look into the State program as suggested by Mr. Hodgskiss. The Board wants the CD's renewed on a short term due to the changes in interest rates. Manager Juel will have renewal information for the Board in time for the May 9th meeting.

SRWG Coordinator thanked the Board for its sponsorship contribution in the amount of \$2000.00 as well as \$50.00 for the upcoming weed pull in the Sun River Canyon. He updated the Board with attached handout.

Teton County Commissioner Jim Hodgskiss told the Board the Boadle/Jones bridge installation is completed but not open to the public. Jones is afraid people will "bail off" the one end of the bridge where the road makes a sharp curve so the County Road Department is installing an arrow sign.

Morrison Maierle's Chuck Davis didn't have any updates

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM following the motion to do so by Mr. Brosten and second by VP Norris. The vote was unanimous in favor of adjournment.



President



Secretary

Recap of Board action taken during this meeting:

- Approved \$2000.00 contribution to the Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable
- Approved request by Bill Pearson on Farm Units 610 & 610.1
- Approved the purchase of two new ATV's for the Spray Crew at \$7500.00 from Steve's sports Center in Great Falls.
- Authorized Manager Juel to renew 2 CD's with 1st Security Banks, short term at best interest rate available.

AGENDA FOR: Regular Meeting April 11th, 2017, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

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 AGENDA

APPROVE MINUTES: March 14th, 2017

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES TO THE BOARD

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE

MANAGER'S REPORT

AGENDA

- 1) DISCUSS ASSESSMENT ON FU's 610 & 610.1 – Spencer Pearson will be here to discuss 4 acres of building site that is being sub-divided off...
- 2) PURCHASE 2 ATV's FOR WEED SPRAYING
- 3) DECISION ON 2 CD's

PUBLIC COMMENT

UPDATES:

- Alan Rollo
- Sun River Watershed Group: Coordinator Travis Wilson
- Teton County: Commissioner Jim Hodgskiss

TABLED ITEMS:

- Jo Hatch WSC on BoR pasture...Jo needs to indicate how many acres she wants to convert, if any. 3-8-2016 meeting
- Arlene Harris request to graze landslide area of Parcel #14...Manager Juel will make a site visit. 12-2016 meeting