

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minutes from a regular Greenfields Irrigation District Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance were: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Pat Brosten and Dave Gulick. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also in attendance via teleconference: Commissioner Chase Brady, Al Rollo, Tracy Wendt SRWG Coordinator, Employee Cory Copenhaver and Water User Spencer Pearson.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 7:02 P.M.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the February 9th Regular Meeting. No discrepancies were found, and Commissioner Gulick moved to approve the minutes with Commissioner Brosten seconding the motion. All in favor and the minutes were approved. The next item of business was to approve the Executive Session Minutes from February 9th. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the minutes were approved. Next the Board needed to approve the February warrants. Question was asked regarding the warrant to T&E for \$1,246.93. It was determined to be for a new windshield and repairs to the 326F Excavator. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Norris seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: None.

Contracts to Execute: None.

The next item of business was the Manager's Report:

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Snowpack is around 98% of normal. Climatic Prediction for June through August is above normal temperatures with below normal precipitation.

Water Rights: Nothing new to report.

GID Staff Updates: The Teamsters Trust conducted another audit of GID's payroll and claimed that in both July and December of 2019 we have over reported approximately \$26,640 for Dale Sand, Jenny Gulick, Shad Beck and Ryan Peace. We will wait to see what the penalty will be, if any. Richard Schmidt is planning on retiring after 37 years on May 28th. An Open House will be planned.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Still working on applying for a Grant from Reclamation to cover GIS mapping efforts. Jenny and Nancy are working with Database developer to finish making minor changes to prepare for the upcoming certification process that will begin shortly. Sent out letters to producers with 960-acre limitation possible issues.

Farm Unit Operations: See the new pivot installation attachments provided for FYI. See attachments for various requests to split, create or adjust boundary lines for several farm units. These requests will be addressed during the Agenda portion of the meeting. Also to be discussed during the Agenda portion of the meeting is the request by Landowner to reconsider his final payment due on the WSC Conversion Agreement he made in 2014 with GID, see handout.

DNRC State Land WSCs: State DNRC was granted another extension and must file brief by March 24th to the Montana Supreme Court. Manager Juel sent a letter to the Governor's office asking for a review of the case and was informed that the Lieutenant Governor has agreed to conduct an internal review of the case.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Lawsuit: GID has chosen Hydro Solutions as its expert witness. We have still not received word from the judge regarding the oral arguments held on November 19th addressing whether MT FW&P will be named a plaintiff.

GID Vehicles & Equipment: We will look at replacing 2 ditch rider pick-ups this Spring. Manager Juel is working with Dirkes to determine if fleet vehicles are available. GID purchased 2 high-capacity dewatering pumps that were previously used by the government, all we paid was freight. See M.R. for additional long and short-term needs.

Office & Admin: New carpet to be installed before the end of the month. Mark Bigler's trial has been set for August 16th. Any financial relief awarded must be forwarded on to MACO.

Hydro Updates: Sun River Electric is still working on obtaining easements. Manager Juel testified regarding legislation that would detrimentally affect Turnbull Hydro and other tax-paying hydro sites. A meeting is being planned in April or May for Ted Sorrenson to come visit with the Board. Nothing new heard back on the \$2 million WaterSmart grant from the USBR for Arnold Coulee Hydro submitted. G-2 Route Transmission upgrade in progress, see picture in M.R.

Monthly Financials & 2021 Budget: See the Warrants list, Accounts Payable and Receivables List, attached. A producer is having some cash flow issues and has asked for an extension on making his final WSC payment, but interest is still be accrued. Manager Juel sent a follow-up letter to Lee Carter regarding his last WSC payment to be made in two equal payments before the water season begins.

GID Infrastructure: See the M.R. for current and planned infrastructure projects. GID received a check from the MDT for \$165,489 to close a drain on Highway 408. The crew will use material from Spring Valley Headworks a couple of miles from the site. Manager Juel provided an updated Budget, attached. GID is working on a grant application for the Sun River Bridge Replacement which is due April 1st. We were not successful in getting the Drought Resiliency WaterSmart grant for replacement and reregulation of the SRS 71 Check but will likely receive the \$125,000 DNRC grant requested next Fall.

Title Transfer: GID received an update from Dennis with USBR. He and Ryan Newman plan on coming up March 25th to introduce themselves and further discuss the Board's concerns with the Title Transfer process. Manager Juel also has his monthly SRWG meeting planned for later that day.

GID O&M Projects: See O&M Foreman's List for the month, as well as maintenance items in progress or planning which are detailed in the M.R. also.

Grazing Lease Issues: The Board needs to approve the lease agreement between Brad Schaefer and Larry Johnston for the 2021/2022 season.

Miscellaneous: GID's Annual Meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Community Hall, with desserts and coffee provided. SRWG's Spring Management Conference will be held on March 25th at the Fairfield Ambulance Barn from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Office Manager Gulick has coordinated the applications received for the 2 Ag Scholarships to be awarded this Spring. Discussion will be had during the Agenda portion of the meeting. We are still trying to get our \$75K SCDA grant awarded to repair the lower GSC with the application being due March 18th.

The Board needs to sign the Resolution at tonight's meeting. The footing bases for the Muddy Creek Crossing are done, see pictures provided in M.R. GID will be reimbursed from the SRWG grant. Lewis & Clark County is upgrading 5 miles of gravel road from NFS pavement back towards Willow Creek Reservoir and has asked to pump water from PSC for dust control. Manager Juel will ask for leftover road mix in return for them pumping water. Our efforts were ignored objecting to the next NFS Management Plan. GID submitted a proposal to improve canal safety to Reclamation. \$50K will be awarded to develop a prototype of the chosen proposal.

Short-Term and Long-Term To-Do-Lists: See the M.R. for details. Manager Juel's major current priority is getting in the FLAP grant application for the SR Bridge that is due on April 1st. President Brunner asked that Al Rollo look into possible grant opportunities for Gibson Hydro projects.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Ag Scholarship Candidate Consideration is the first item on the Agenda. Received 3 applications, 2 of which were included in the Board packets. The remainder was received a few days late and was not included so the Board had no time to review it. It was also determined that it needed to be confirmed that the 3rd applicant did qualify, as no one present knew how the individual was related to any of GID's water users.
- 2) Brad Schaefer/Larry Johnston co-leasing agreement for the 2021/2022 year needs to be approved and signed by the Board. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Norris seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 3) Water User Blair Gjesvold is asking for consideration in forfeiting his last WSC payment due, because he feels that he isn't able to irrigate the entire number of acres that we would have paid for. Manager Juel has provided documentation on the history of said WSC. Board feels that if he wants to remove a certain amount of acres from his conversion, then he must also give up that much assessment, but no refunds will be given. Manager Juel will call him to discuss his options. The WaterSmart Grant Resolution was passed around for all the Board members to sign. Chase Brady will stop into the office tomorrow to sign the Resolution.
- 4) Landowner Merle Foreman request to split FU 378 and create a new Farm Unit with adjusted assessment is put on hold until more information can be obtained.
- 5) FYI provided to the Board that Mike Bogden is enlarging a pivot on FUs 287 & 288, see attachment. There are no problems with doing so.
- 6) Request by Water User Spencer Pearson to split FU 378 and create new FU 378.2 and move assessment, see attachment. The new FU will cover the area of ground not covered by the pivot. Said FU is sold to Sieler. How the new FU receives water will be left to be determined between the two landowners. FU 378.1 historically received water via the tail water remaining when Foreman irrigated. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 7) Part Two of the Split would be that Wayne Grasdock is requested to adjust the boundary lines on FUs 379 & 379.1 with no change to assessment. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 8) Part Three is an FYI to the Board that Spencer Pearson has proposed to put up a new pivot that would cover portions of FUs 377, 378 and 379.1 No problems exist.
- 9) Water User Ray Scott has requested to split FU 480 and create new FU 480.1 using physical acres and assessment from FU 480. Commissioner Brosten moved to accept the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

- 10) Request from Water User Craig Swartzentruber to split FU 479 and allow the sale of a portion of the acres to be sold to Spencer Pearson and assessment added to his neighboring FU 480. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the request and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.
- 11) Request from Spencer Pearson to adjust the boundary line of FU 389.3 to remove SW corner, 5.22 physical acres leaving 0 assessment to the homesite with all assessment going to the farm ground. Tabled request because no signature had been obtained.

Public Comment:

- 1) Al Rollo briefly informed the Board that both FSID and GID expressed their disapproval of the new proposed Forest Service Plan. Both sent letters thanking them for the evaluation but disappointment that nothing was approved for irrigation districts. Both letters cc'd congressional members for their knowledge, as well.
- 2) Tracy Wendt with SRWG then addressed the Board on the updates to the Muddy Creek newly mastered plan with its coordinators. The bridge for the crossing was delivered April 7th, with the deadline to finish all work being the end of April The Muddy Creek stream gauge relocation was requested to Reclamation. Marc Lee is working with Tracy and Charlie Clement to complete his project soon.

The next Board meeting is planned to be in-person with option for teleconference attendance still available for those interested.

Commissioner Norris moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:48 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary

Recap of Board Action During the Meeting:

- 1) Board voted to approve the 2021/2022 co-lease agreement between Larry Johnston and Brad Schaefer.
- 2) Board signed the WaterSmart Grant Resolution for the Lower GSC Water Management project.
- 3) Board approved Spencer Pearson's request to split FU 378 and create new FU 378.2 with assessment moved.
- 4) Board approved the request by Wayne Grasdock to adjust the boundary lines on FUs 379 & 379.1 with no change to assessment.
- 5) Board approved Spencer Pearson's proposal to put up a new pivot that would cover portions of FUs 377, 378 and 379.1.
- 6) Board approved the request from Craig Swartzentruber to adjust the boundary line of FU 479 to allow neighboring FU 480 to share the use of a new pivot.



AGENDA FOR: Regular meeting Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Board President, Tim Brunner. Meeting is closed to the public due to the current pandemic.

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 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes & Executive Session Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES: None

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Ag Scholarship Candidate Consideration
- 2) Brad Schaefer/Larry Johnston Co-Leasing Agreement for 2021/2022
- 3) Reconsider Blair Gjesvold's WSC Final Payment Request after Review of Further Information
- 4) Sign the WaterSmart Grant Resolution for the Lower GSC Water Management Project
- 5) FYI to the Board that Water User Mike Bogden is enlarging an existing pivot on FUs 287 & 288
- 6) Request by Water User Spencer Pearson to split FU 378 and create new FU 378.2 and move assessment
- 7) Request by Wayne Grasdock to adjust the boundary lines on FUs 379 & 379.1 with no change to assessment
- 8) FYI to the Board that Spencer Pearson has proposed to put up a new pivot that would cover portions of FUs 377, 378 and 379.1
- 9) Ray Scott request to split FU 480 and create new FU 480.1 using physical acres and assessment split from FU 480
- 10) Request from Craig Swartzentruber to adjust the boundary line of FU 479 to allow neighboring FU 480 share the use of a new pivot, with physical acres and assessment transferred.
- 11) Request by Spencer Pearson to adjust the boundary line of FU 389.3 to remove SW corner, 5.22 physical acres.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Alan Rollo
- SRWG, Tracy Wendt

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Accrual Basis

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Warrant List

March 2021

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Mar 21				
03/02/2021	31865	Verizon Wireless	Long Distance #08693387295	-139.63
03/03/2021	31866	Christopher Ostberg or Steve Ostberg	power consumption agreement	-140.00
03/09/2021	31901	National Laundry	mats & shop rags	-144.86
03/09/2021	31902	O Reilly Auto Parts	repair	-235.83
03/09/2021	31903	Pacific Steel	steel	-3,072.28
03/09/2021	31904	BREEN OIL & TIRE	propane & service work on Dam House	-522.86
03/09/2021	31905	R&L Eagle Grocery	office/shop supplies	-16.77
03/09/2021	31906	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	sand/gravel	-1,069.70
03/09/2021	31907	3 Rivers Communication	phone	-606.50
03/09/2021	31908	Mountain View Co-Op	bulk gas, repairs	-13,092.06
03/09/2021	31909	Visa	office, repairs, shop supplies	-574.73
03/10/2021	31930	Employee Michelle Lauver	Emp reimb \$22.92	-22.92
03/10/2021	31931	Jack Knight	intern - 36 hours	-315.00
03/10/2021	31932	TB - MPERA	retirement	-5,843.80
03/10/2021	31933	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,012.30
03/10/2021	31934	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,589.00
03/10/2021	31935	IPEX USA LLC	stock- Teton County Coop	-1,611.90
03/11/2021	31936	Republic Services	utilities	-115.50
03/11/2021	31937	The Eagle/Fairfield Schools	annual ad	-30.00
03/11/2021	31938	Dale Sand	reimb cell phone \$65	-65.00
03/11/2021	31939	Clement, Charlie	phone reimb - \$81.19	-81.19
03/16/2021	31940	Department of Agriculture	annual pesticide applications	-185.00
03/18/2021	31941	Fairfield Fire Department Inc.	2 pumps	-1,235.00
03/24/2021	31966	TB - 941	81-6001490	-8,096.02
03/24/2021	31967	TB - MPERA	retirement	-5,836.56
03/24/2021	31968	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,597.00
03/24/2021	31969	Employee Mark Dale	emp reim \$18.22	-18.22
03/24/2021	31970	Jack Knight	intern - 25.5 hours	-223.13
03/24/2021	31971	Jenny Gulick	reimb office \$111.26	-111.26
03/31/2021	31972	US Postal Service	certification	-110.00
03/31/2021	31973	Jenny Gulick	petty cash reconciliation	-186.34
03/31/2021	31999	Aflac	insurance	-218.04
03/31/2021	32000	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-19,110.00
03/31/2021	32001	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-831.00
03/31/2021	32002	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-608.99
03/31/2021	32003	Advanced Drainage System -	MDT Drain Closing	-7,176.51
03/31/2021	32004	Allegra - Missoula	warrants	-165.29
03/31/2021	32005	At Home Flooring	carpet and install	-7,492.52

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
03/31/2021	32006	Battery Warehouse	repairs	-559.80
03/31/2021	32007	Breen Oil and Tire Company	propane	-1,405.15
03/31/2021	32008	Choteau Acantha	ad	-252.00
03/31/2021	32009	Cintas First Aid & Safety	first aid	-142.58
03/31/2021	32010	City Motor Company	repairs	-348.91
03/31/2021	32011	Cozy Corner	pie and ice cream	-569.25
03/31/2021	32012	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	monthly website hosting/maintenance	-2,575.00
03/31/2021	32013	Employee Charles Clement	emp cell reimb - \$81.95	-81.95
03/31/2021	32014	Employee Dale Sand	empl cell reimb \$65.00	-65.00
03/31/2021	32015	Enviro Tech Watershed Consultant	contract work	-675.00
03/31/2021	32016	Fairfield Sun Times	ad	-102.00
03/31/2021	32017	General Distributing Co	welding supply	-718.58
03/31/2021	32018	GERBERS OF MONTANA, INC	shop supply	-25.00
03/31/2021	32019	Home Depot	repairs	-967.11
03/31/2021	32020	IPEX USA LLC	misc stores	-1,155.99
03/31/2021	32021	K's Auto Parts	repairs	-199.80
03/31/2021	32022	Macon Supply, Inc	Muddy Creek	-252.00
03/31/2021	32023	MDS Supply	shop supplies/misc stores	-3,945.66
03/31/2021	32024	Mills Motor, Co.	repairs/supplies	-319.41
03/31/2021	32025	Motor Power - Great Falls	repairs	-120.87
03/31/2021	32026	Mountain View Co-Op	repairs	-1,237.96
03/31/2021	32027	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-49.71
03/31/2021	32028	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-1,886.16
03/31/2021	32029	O Reilly Auto Parts	repairs	-106.49
03/31/2021	32030	Pacific Steel	misc stores	-10,404.70
03/31/2021	32031	Republic Services	garbage	-115.50
03/31/2021	32032	RPH Irrigation Services Limited	pipe	-206.20
03/31/2021	32033	Staples Credit Plan	office	-256.07
03/31/2021	32034	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	utilities/Arnold Coulee	-20,582.04
03/31/2021	32035	TD&H Engineering	cement	-50.00
03/31/2021	32036	Tire Rama Service Center	emp reimb \$331.90	-331.90
03/31/2021	32037	TNT Truck Parts	repair	-18.50
03/31/2021	32038	Torgersons	repairs	-115.52
03/31/2021	32039	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
03/31/2021	32040	True Value	office/shop supplies	-66.29
03/31/2021	32041	United Materials of Great Falls, Inc	Muddy Creek	-1,191.38
03/31/2021	32042	Victory Insurance Company	Installment 9	-1,800.00
03/31/2021	32043	Visa	repairs/office/emp reimb \$48.87	-2,423.08

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03/31/2021	32044	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	contract svs	-2,075.00
Mar 21				<u>-148,133.27</u>

Recap of March 2021 warrants:

Regular warrants

\$148,133.27

March 2021 payroll

\$ 50,420.90

Total

\$198,554.17

Less employee reimbursable

\$ 526.31

TOTAL

\$198,027.86

Approved by

President

Date

Submitted by

Bookkeeper

Date

To: GID Commissioners
Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary
From: Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager
Subject: Manager's Report 03/09/21

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 03/09/21

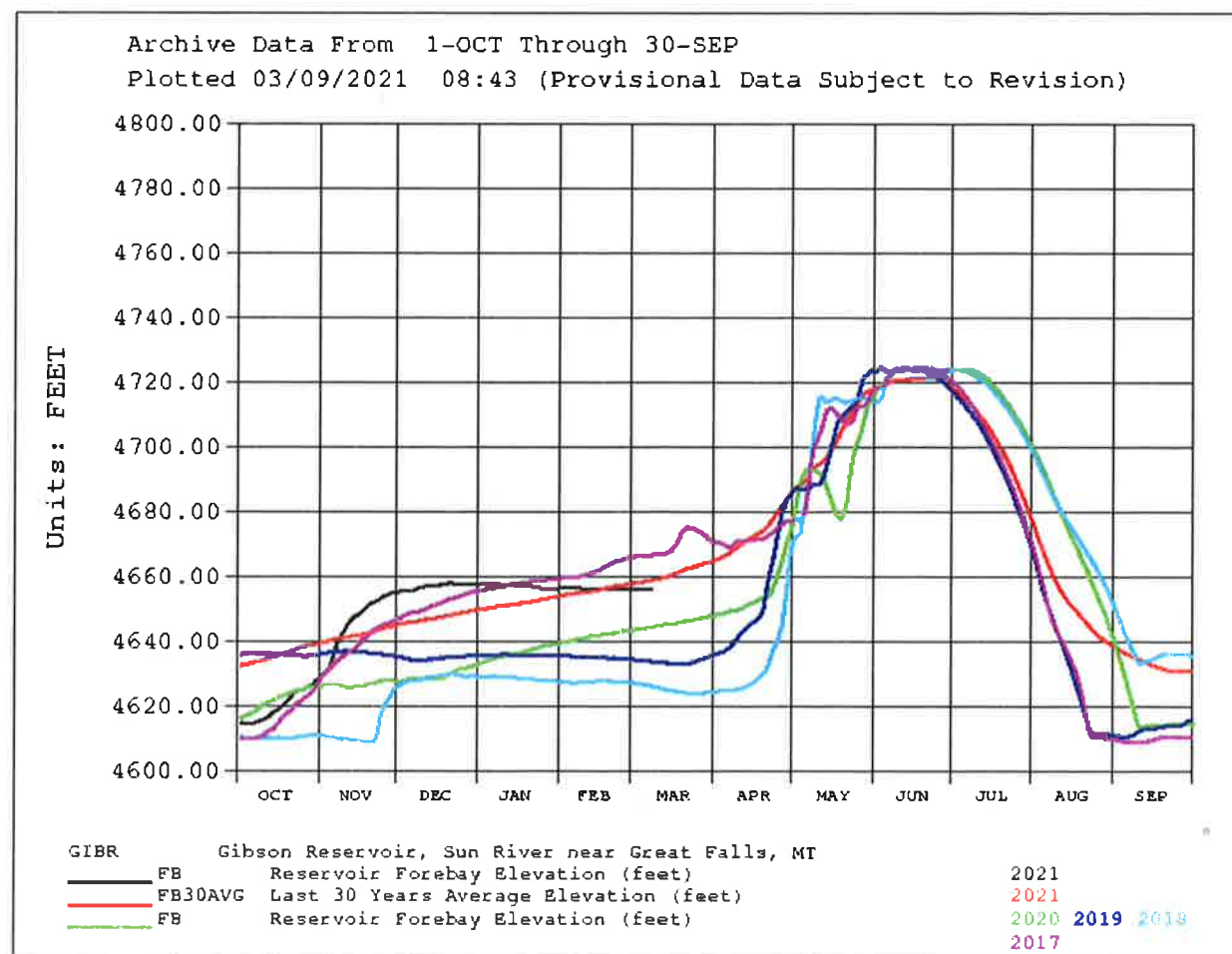
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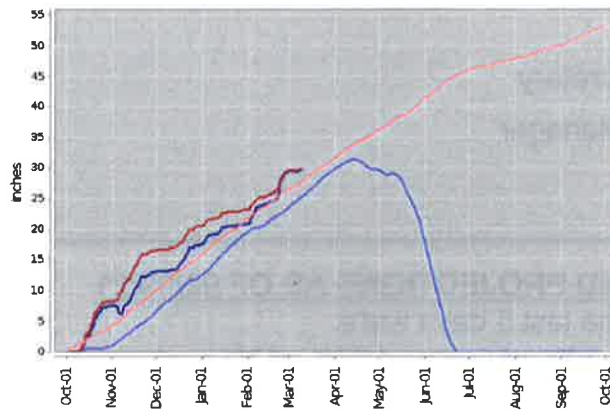
- Gibson Reservoir: 29,550 Ac-ft, 30% of Full and 96% of Normal
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 150 to 170 cfs, 85 to 95% of Normal
- Gibson Outflows: steady at 160 cfs
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 23,300 Ac-ft, 73% Full, 98% of Normal
- Willow Creek Inflows: averaging +/-10 cfs

B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 29.6"
- Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 17.1"
- Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 8.2"
- Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 7.1"
- Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 13.3", 98% of normal per (USBR)

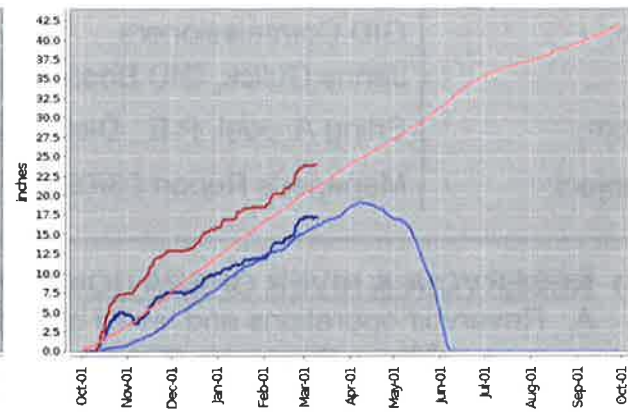
C. National Climate Prediction Center still predicting normal temperatures and normal precipitation for March through May. While June to August is predicted to have above-normal temps and below-normal precipitation.



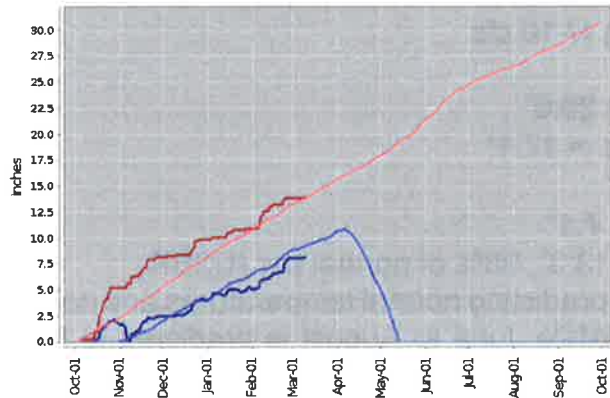


BADGER PASS

(snow-water equivalent)

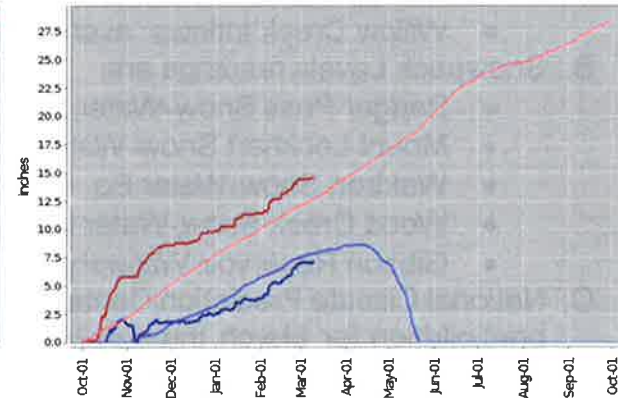


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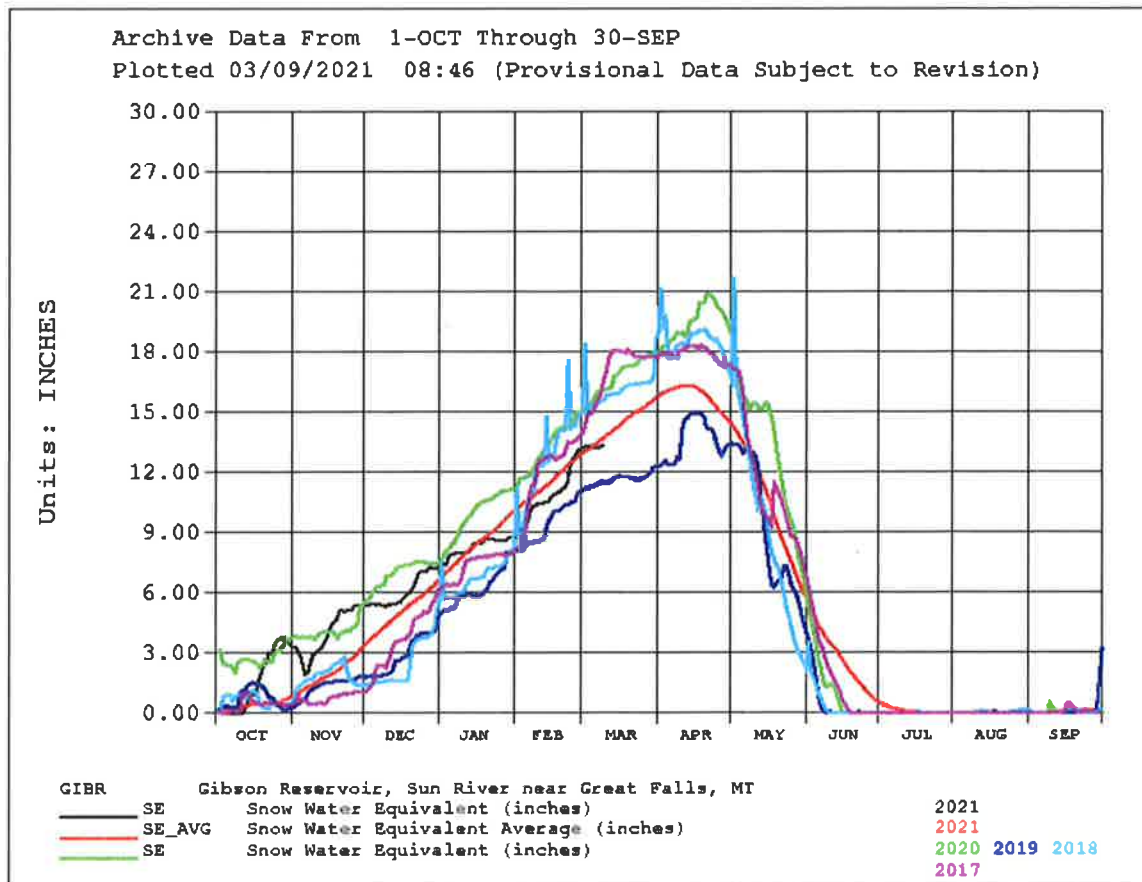


WALDRON

(total precipitation)



WOOD CREEK



2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

- A. The Preliminary Decree for Basin 41K (Sun River) is on-going. No news or issues.

3) GID STAFF UPDATES

- A. Finalized Union negotiations. Union members will receive a 1.5% wage increase for one year. Non-union staff raises varied.
- B. Still need to review and finalize the written portion of the contract.
- C. The Teamster Trust conducted another audit of our payroll and claim we "over-reported" 4 employees July 2019 and December 2109 for an amount of \$26,640. They claim these employees were ineligible to receive health insurance although two of the employees were hired as Union members. The other two were being transitioned into Union employees.
- D. Richard Schimdt has announced his retirement after 37 years effective May 28th. Collecting donations for a nice parting gift.

4) GIS MAPPING, PLATS, DATA BASE & CERTIFICATION UPDATES

- A. Still nothing new on \$25K grant with USBR to cover GIS mapping efforts.
- B. Jenny and Nancy continually work the Data Base Developer to coordinate tweaks and changes prior to certification.
- C. Getting ready for 2021 Certification. Sent letters to several producers who have apparent issues with the 960-acre limitation.

5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

A. Request to Subdivide FU 378 Create a New Farm Unit 378.2

1. Existing landowner wishes to split 12.81 physical acres off from FU 378. This farmstead split was sold and will include 5.0 acres of assessment and will be FU 378.2. The remainder of FU 378 and remaining assessment was sold to another producer.
2. No net change in assessment.
3. With the new pivot and new landowner, the small homestead split FU 378.2 and existing FU 378.1 may not get water. GID lateral ends on the remainder of FU 378 at a turnout and a private ditch took it from there.
4. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

B. Request to Adjust Farm Unit Boundary Line, FUs 379 & 379.1

1. Landowner wishes to adjust the boundary between two adjoining Farm Units 379 and 379.1 that he owns but leases to two different producers.
2. The number of assessed acres on each Farm Unit would not change. New farm unit boundary would match existing drain and correlate to coverages of two pivots.
3. No net change in assessment. No water delivery issues.
4. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

C. Request to Split a Portion of FU 479 & Join onto FU 480

1. Landowner wishes to split FU 479 and sell eastern portion to new owner of adjoining FU 480. The physical land was split legally as a boundary line adjustment at the County. We will basically adjust the FU boundary between FUs 479 & 480 to match the new legal ownership boundaries.
2. The split involves 20.13 of physical acres and 20.13 acres of assessment. The overall change in assessment is zero. No water delivery issues.
3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

D. Request to Subdivide FU 480 Create a New Farm Unit 480.1

1. Existing landowner wishes to split 18.71 physical acres off from FU 480. This farmstead split (FU 480.1) will retain 7.0 acres of assessment. The remainder of the assessment will stay with FU 480.
2. No net change in assessment. No water delivery issues.
3. **Review handout and address during Agenda portion.**

E. Landowner Wants GID Board to Reconsider his WSC Conversion Agreement

1. Landowner says he cannot irrigate ground addressed under his WSC because of physical constraints and canal seepage.
2. WSC #50 is for 10.55 acres with a priority date of 05/10/1988. The landowner initiated the original WSC.
3. He agreed to WCS conversion in September 2014: 10.55 acres for \$5,275.
4. He has made 6 of 7 payments so far with one remaining for \$753.57.
5. **Review handout and reconsider is request during Agenda portion.**

F. Several New Pivot FYIs

1. **No Board Action Required as no change in assessment or change in Farm Units.**

6) DNRC STATE LAND WSCs

- A. State DNRC granted another extension and must file their brief with MT St. Supreme Court by March 24th.
- B. I sent a letter off to the Governor's office asking for a review of the case. Got a call from Lt. Governor indicating the State will conduct an internal review of the case.

7) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL LAWSUIT

- A. Finalize selection of our expert (Hydro Solutions) to rebut Plaintiff's "expert".
- B. Still no official word from the judge regarding the oral arguments held on November 19th addressing whether MT FW&P can be compelled to be a plaintiff. Also, being argued was whether the USBR should be named a defendant.
- C. Status of the GID-FSID JDA is still unfinalized??
- D. Preparing a complaint against Reclamation if necessary. Need to do this as a placeholder by this summer. Our attorney would like to set-up a special session to discuss the case and the path forward. Sometime late March or early April.
- E. An executive closed session is advisable should strategic discussions regarding the lawsuit be necessary.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Short-Term list 2021-2022
 1. Replace 2 ditch rider pick-ups, look at spares and reserve pick-ups, sell the worst two. Updated from pickup vendor – fleet vehicles for 2021 may not be available anymore. May have to wait until July and order 2022s. Working to get by this summer.
 2. Replace over-sized bucket on JD excavator with smaller version & a thumb
 3. Buy goose neck trailer & sell skid steer trailer
 4. Replace small CAT excavator with new one having a thumb
 5. Update shop equipment, e.g. air-assit, mobile floor jack, tire changer and balancer
 6. Gas-powered, portable concrete demo saw

7. UTV for dam tender to cruise PSC and WCFC, may pay for it self in gas and tire maintenace

B. Long-Term List 2022 and beyond

1. Need to replace 2 dump trucks; 1997 has 139,500 miles & 1998 has 135,000 miles (within 5 years)
2. Large excavator (within 3 years)
3. New Dozer, sell D-4 & D-6 and buy new D-7 (within 4 years)
4. High Capacity dewatering pump; **DONE!! Picked up two**



9) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. New carpeting will be installed in a few weeks. Estimated to be just over \$7,000.
- B. Mark Biegler's trial is set for August 16th of this year. Any financial relief awarded to GID must to passed back to MACO.

10) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. Hydro Power Development Strategy –
 1. Still working with SREC to secure transmission easements.
 2. Tracking some legislation that may detrimentally impact Turnbull Hydro and other tax-paying hydro sites. Trying to reduce subsidies on wind and solar but also hurting hydro. Testified against SB 389 that would require small QFs to submit a bond or other financial assurance regarding end-of-life remediation of the facility and site,
 3. Still following the on-line Public Service Commission meetings.
 4. Ted wants to plan a visit with GID Board. I will set something up for April or May.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –
 1. **Nothing new.** Still no word yet on the \$2 million WaterSmart grant to USBR for Arnold Coulee Hydro submitted on September 17th. USBR is now saying they plan to make an announcement in March.

2. Making good progress on the 4 miles of the G-2 Route Transmission Upgrade. If we hear something positive about the grant before the transmission line is done, we need to pull the trigger on installing the conductor.



- C. Gibson Hydro –
 1. **Nothing new.** Nothing from our partner Tollhouse.
- D. Johnson Drop –
 1. **Nothing new.**

11) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2021 BUDGET

- A. Total of the account receivables for February was \$4,300.
- B. Accounts payable (warrants) for February totaled \$98,876 and \$51,008 for two payroll periods.
- C. A producer is having some cash flow issues and asked for additional time to make the final payment of his WSC. We continue to charge interest until payment is made.
- D. Sent the follow-up letter to Mr. Carter on the Birkenbuel property regarding that last payment.

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Closing of SRS D-21 Drain for MDT Road Improvements
 1. Received a check from MDT for \$165,489 to complete the drain closure. Work to be performed over the summer.
- B. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
 1. **Nothing new.** Still no word on the proposal I wrote to MDT regarding some options of with their proposed road improvements and crossing replacement.

- C. Johnson Drop & Mill Coulee Replacement –
 - 1. **Nothing new.** Reseeding this Spring is last task to be completed.
- D. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
 - 1. **Nothing new.** No word on Reclamation's site visit and recommendations. Hopefully, this will be a SOD issue and GID will not have to pay, but in fact, get paid to do work.
- E. Willow Creek Feeder Canal Rehabilitation –
 - 1. WWC finalizing design recommendations for the next phase of channel maintenance on Troy's and Neal's land this week.
- F. J-Waste Way Facility –
 - 1. Nothing new.
- G. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
 - 1. The FOA for FLAP grant opportunity is out. This grant seeks nearly \$12M to compliment the FLTP award of \$1.77 million already awarded. Application is due April 1st.
- H. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation –
 - 1. We were not successful in getting the Drought Resiliency WaterSmart grant in the amount of \$671,000 we applied for to help with this project. Of the 18 projects awarded, 16 were for municipal water supplies. We participated in a debriefing/exit interview with USBR staff to learn where we fell short.
 - 2. Most likely will still receive the \$125,000 DNRC grant for next Fall. Need to retool the project based on reduced funding.

13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. Draft Memorandum of Agreement still not received.
- B. Received email update from Denis w/USBR on 03/04/21 "we at Reclamation are diligently working on our end with internal discussions and ways to move forward with this transfer."
- C. Denis and the new Montana Area Manager, Ryan Newman, would like to visit with us the morning of March 24th here at GID. **HOLD THE PHONE** now looking at possibly the 25th.

14) GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. See O&M Foreman's list for this month.
- B. Maintenance Items In-Progress or In-Planning.
 - 1. Finish Cold Storage Conversion – on hold till Winter 2021?
 - 2. Tunnel #3 Floor and Outlet Breakers – Scheduled for a Spring 2021 repair.
 - 3. Need to keep chipping away at the hydro projects.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Board needs to review and approve continuation of the Brad Schaefer-Larry Johnston cattle lease on GID Pasture.

16) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 23rd. Will be a scaled-down version. Jenny is coordinating this effort.
- B. Sun River Watershed Spring Water Management Conference will be March 25th from 10am to 1pm at the Fairfield Ambulance Center
- C. Jenny is also coordinating the High School Scholarships.
- D. Still trying to get our \$75K SCDA grant awarded.

- E. Also provided testimony regarding legislation (SB307) impacting liability for irrigation districts.
- F. Pursuing another \$75K WaterSmart grant to fix lower GSC issue due March 18th.
Need to have Board sign resolution.
- G. Botha's Muddy Creek Crossing – Footing bases done. The 310 permit was issued by Cascade Co. CD. Started field work last week. Getting reimbursed from SRWG grant.



- H. Lewis & Clark County is upgrading 5 miles of gravel road from NFS pavement back towards Willow Creek Reservoir. Contractor wants to pump water from Pishkun Supply Canal for dust control and to facilitate compaction.
- I. Our efforts objecting and protesting the next NFS Management Plan did not yield satisfactory results.
- J. GID submitted a proposal to improve canal safety to Reclamation. If short-listed will receive \$50K to build a proto-type and compete at Denver TSC in November. Winner gets \$100K. You can watch GID's video at YouTube by searching [XcQilW9Fg20](#) or you can watch the other proposals by searching "Canal Safety Challenge".

17) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – MARCH

- Finalize FLAP grant for new Sun River Bridge Crossing due now for USBR review and needs to be submitted on April 1st.
- Submit \$75k grant app due March 18th.
- Get Ready for Annual Meeting on March 23rd
- SRWG Spring Water Management Meeting on March 25th
- Meeting with new MT Area Office Manager Afternoon of March 25th ???
- Work on Hydro Study

18) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – APRIL & ON

- Need to set meeting with Board and Sorenson Engineering
- See long-term repair list for other items.
- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)
- Finish Muddy Creek Crossing

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING APRIL 13th @ 7PM

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Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 3/1/21 Requested by Craig Swartzentruber

Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit Adjust Boundary Line
☐ Combine Farm Unit
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

Summary of Request

Adjust boundary line of FU 479 to allow
neighboring FU 480 Ownership of all property
under new pivot. FU 479 will be reduced by
20.13 physical acres and 20.13 assessed acres.
FU 480 will increase by 20.13 physical acres and
20.13 assessed acres.

Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# <u>479</u>	Current Assessment <u>32.67</u> Acres +/- <u>20.13</u>	*New Assessment <u>12.54</u> Acres
FU# <u>480</u>	Current Assessment <u>74.55</u> Acres +/- <u>20.13</u>	*New Assessment <u>94.68</u> Acres
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Total <u>107.22</u>	Total _____	Total <u>107.22</u>

Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature Craig Swartzentruber Date 3-3-21
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____



Swartzentruber/Pearson FU 479 & FU 480 Boundary Line Adjustment

FU	Size Before	Size After	Old Assess	New Assess	Current Irr	Proposed Irr
479	42.39	21.50	32.67	12.54	25.45	8.14
480	71.21	92.10	74.55	94.68	52.08	81.22
Total	113.60	113.60	107.22	107.22	77.53	89.36

* excess assessment will moved from FU 480 to FU 517 after actual pivot area is determined by use

Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 3/1/21 Requested by Sharman LeGore

Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit
☐ Combine Farm Unit
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

Summary of Request

Split 120.75 physical acres and 0 assessed
acres from FU 583.
Create NEW 583.1 to allow farming practice
- lease.

Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# <u>583</u>	Current Assessment <u>22.27</u> Acres +/- <u>0</u>	*New Assessment <u>22.27</u> Acres
NEW FU# <u>583.1</u>	Current Assessment <u>0</u> Acres +/- <u>0</u>	*New Assessment <u>0</u> Acres
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Total <u>22.27</u>	Total <u>0</u>	Total <u>22.27</u>

Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature Sharman LeGore Date 3/6/2021
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____



* Bill & Spencer Pearson have a lease with Jeff & Sharman LeGore for NEW FU 583.1. Bill will use 50% of his excess owned or leased assessed acres and Spencer will use 50% of his excess owned or leased assessed acres to irrigate NEW FU 583.1.

LeGore, Jeff & Sharman FU 583 & NEW 583.1 Split				
FU	Physical Size	Current Assessed	New Assessed	Irrigating
583	35.32	22.27	22.27	18.60
583.1	120.75	0.00	0.00	95.00
* New pivot will irrigate an estimated 95.00 acres per Jordan Ratliff, Reinke Irrigation				
Total	156.07	22.27	22.27	113.60

Greenfields Irrigation District – Request for Changes

Date of Request 3/1/21 Requested by Ray Scott

Request Type

- ☒ Split Farm Unit
☐ Combine Farm Unit
☐ Reassign Assessed Acres from Farm Unit to another

Summary of Request

Split 18.71 physical acres and 7.00 acres
assessment from FU 480.
Create New FU 480.1 using 18.71 physical acres
and 7.00 acres of assessment.

Farm Unit(s) involved in Request

FU# <u>480</u>	Current Assessment <u>81.55</u> Acres	+/- <u>0 7.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>74.55</u> Acres
FU# <u>480.1</u>	Current Assessment <u>0</u> Acres	+/- <u>7.00</u>	*New Assessment <u>7.00</u> Acres
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Total <u>81.55</u>		Total <u>0</u>	Total <u>81.55</u>

Signatures of all Owners of record for above listed Farm Units

Signature Raymond Scott Date 3-4-21
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____



Before Split



After Split

Scott, Ray FU 480 & 480.1 NEW split						
FU	Physical Size	New Physical	Assessed	New Assessed	Irrigating	New Irrig
480	89.92	71.21	81.55	74.55	52.24	52.24
480.1	0.00	18.71	0.00	7.00	0.00	0.00
Total	89.92	89.92	81.55	81.55	52.24	52.24



Enlarge Existing Pivot

Bogden, Mike & Johnson, Mitch FU 287 & 288 Enlarge Existing Pivot				
FU	Physical Size	Assessed	Current Irr	Proposed Irr
287 Bogden	67.45	64.91	61.79	59.31
288 Johnson	69.92	71.15	64.34	63.29
Total	137.37	136.06	126.13	122.60