

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Minutes of a Special Meeting held by the Board of Commissioners (Board) of Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) called to order at 7:33 A.M. on August 17th, 2021, by President Brunner. The reason for the Special Meeting was to discuss 2022 O&M rate raise to \$25.50, which was decided at this month's regular Board meeting, without Commissioner Brosten being present. Attending were: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Dave Gulick, Pat Brosten and Chase Brady; GID Manager Erling Juel and Secretary Jenny Gulick.

Agenda Items Included:

- 1) Discuss and Decide on the 2022 O&M Rate, numbers provided for budgeting purposes.
- 2) Approve and Sign the Congressional Request to Amend Project Authorization to add Hydropower Generation in order to Help Further Hydro Development at Gibson.
- 3) Resolution to Incur Debt with the Montana Department of Commerce, Board of Investments.

Agenda Item #2: President Brunner moved right onto Agenda Item #2 and asked that Manger Juel amend the project authorization letter to instead send a separate letter to each representative, instead of a group letter. Commissioner Brady moved to approve the amendment and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Agenda Item #3: Resolution to Incur Debt with MT Department of Commerce, Board of Investments. Manager Juel read the Resolution out loud, as the Board had not received the draft yet. Manager Juel informed the Board that there are no ARPA funds available, but we must now look into a low interest loan for \$2 M. Montana DOC-BOI is issuing loans at a 1.65% interest rate. It would be handled like a line of credit, where we would submit invoices as costs are incurred and receive the funds as needed. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

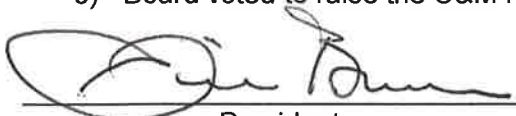
Quick update on the water situation provided by Manger Juel. Pishkun will last through the weekend, with water likely to run out Sunday/Monday project wide. Staff will move to 4 10-hour days starting next week and the drain season will run until September 1st, as previously decided by the Board.

Agenda Item #1: Board then discussed the Budget provided by Manager Juel with a \$3.00 O&M Rate increase figured in and a 2.5% wage rate increase. Brief discussion regarding current payrate of the staff and the different positions. Commissioner Gulick questioned why reserve funds and CD monies are not figured into the budget, as they are in fact funds available. Board then had discussion on the projected versus actual expenses GID is likely to realize for the 2022 year. Commissioner Brosten moved to raise the O&M Rate from \$25.50 to \$26.00. Commissioner Gulick seconded the motion, but Vice President Norris and Commissioner Brady opposed, so President Brunner voted to break the tie and approve the motion to raise the 2022 O&M Rate to \$26.00.

Commissioner Gulick moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All were in favor and the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

Recap of Board Action:

- 1) Board voted to amend the Project Authorization to send to separate representatives, instead of a group letter. President Brunner signed the letter.
- 2) Board voted to Incur Debt with the MT Department of Commerce, Board of Investments for \$2 million.
- 3) Board voted to raise the O&M Rate for 2022 from \$25.50 to \$26.00.



President



Secretary