

Minutes from a regular Greenfields Irrigation District Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance: President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Dave Gulick and Pat Brosten. Commissioner Chase Brady was present via the telephone. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present, along with GID Employee Eric Mayer, Tracy Wendt with Sun River Watershed Group, and Al Rollo were in attendance, as well as water users Michael Konen and Larry Johnston.

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 August 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and the August 17<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes. There were no discrepancies. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting with Commissioner Gulick seconding the motion. All in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Gulick then motioned to approve the August 17<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Brosten seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. Next the Board needed to approve the August warrants. Manager Juel gave a brief overview of what the larger expenses were for. A brief discussion followed on what insurance needs MACO and Victory both cover. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Parties Presenting Issues: Water User Michael Konen then addressed the Board regarding the use of drain water past the Board determined shut off date. He expressed how the decision to end the drain water season on September 1st, directly impacted his Fall planting and asked that the Board reconsider its decision. Commissioner Gulick explained that he felt like if Konen can pull out of the ditch with his own pump, then the Board should allow it, but not if it requires GID's pump that would generate electricity expenses for us. President Brunner explained that the main purpose for ending the drain season early, was to dry up and clean the ditches and canals this Fall. Vice President Norris expressed his concern that our ultimate goal is to accommodate the water users, so maybe we should consider allowing Konen to use the drain water. Manager Juel asked if the Board felt it cost effective to pump the water out of the drain for a very few water users. He then went on to explain that with more drain use, there is less ground water restoration available to occur. Water User Johnston expressed his belief that the users on the drains would be willing to pay expenses associated with electricity generation by pumps or that maybe GID should consider putting in a spare a pump in the drain that users on the drain and GID would cost share. Commissioner Brosten and Norris both concurred that they felt like this year the Board should make an exception and allow water users to use what water is available in the drains. Commissioner Gulick agreed. Norris then made a motion to allow the use of drain water until users are finished irrigating or the drain dries up. Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the motion carried. Ditch Rider Lettengarver will call Michael tomorrow to make arrangements.

Contracts to Execute: No contracts to execute:

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

**Reservoir and River Operations**: See M.R. for full details and for inflows and outflows of the reservoirs. National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting normal temps and slightly to well above normal precipitation Dec-Feb. FSID will be shutting off September 17<sup>th</sup>. Manager Juel then gave a brief recap to the season wind down.

Water Rights: Nothing new to report.

**GID Staff Updates:** See M.R. for details. Weed Foreman, Stan Fry, is back to work as of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and he still has two weed sprayers working the sides of ditches and spraying Roundup on laterals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> new ditch rider, Tony May, started work on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well. We will wait to hire another new ditch rider to prepare for O&M Foreman Clements departure after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The Annual Employee Appreciation BBQ will be this Thursday evening at the Golf Course after the afternoon Adopt-a-Highway clean up north of Fairfield.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: Nothing new to report regarding the GID landowner who filed a marital status discrimination complaint against GID regarding the 960-acre limitation policies. We turned over the complaint to the MACO legal staff to respond. Nancy is working on the County tax assessment reports.

Farm Unit Operations: Nothing new to report for any major farm unit operations.

**Monthly Financials & 2021 Budget:** See the M.R. and warrants list for further details. We received \$58,000 for power generation at Turnbull for July, including the \$50K for our share of the incentive credit, that's \$170K year to date, with August revenue still pending.

**DNRC State Land WSCs:** Negotiations continue with the State regarding the language settlement agreement addressing the conversion of WCSs acquired by private water users for use on State Trust Lands. The State was granted an extension until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Willow Creek Feeder Canal Lawsuit:** See M.R. for full details. Still no official word from the judge regarding the oral arguments held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. See M.R. for further details.

**GID Vehicles & Equipment:** GID has placed an order for 2 new ditch rider trucks with Dirkes, but the orders have yet to be scheduled, as they are fleet vehicles. We got a quote from CAT to replace the CAT 307 with a 313 excavator with a digging bucket, \$182,200 which includes a thumb and an additional cleaning bucket. We are planning on selling the 307, as well as the D-4 and D-6 dozers. We are still looking to replace the over-sized bucket on the JD excavator with a smaller version having a thumb. See the M.R. for further details regarding the long-term equipment list.

Office & Admin: Mark Bigler's trial has been rescheduled for December 6th. State is looking for someone from GID to provide testimony.

Hydro Updates: Still working with SREC to secure transmission easements. We joined a petition protesting MTPSC's decision to allow NEW to charge CFs for perceived upgrades necessary to support energy purchase from a QF. Sorenson Engineering has started working on the construction drawings for Arnold Coulee LOPP. On-going discussions with BOR's grant manager regarding our \$2M grant. Submitted supporting documents to DNRC and expecting the State's grant agreement soon. We need to finalize shipping options on the penstock. We will start shipping the surplus transmission poles We purchased the 82-ton, lattice boom crane for \$25,000.

**Monthly Financials & 2021 Budget:** See the Warrants list, Accounts Payable and Receivables List, attached. \$62,000 collected for May and June for Turnbull Hydro electricity generation.

GID Infrastructure: See the M.R. for current and planned infrastructure projects. We began work for the MDT to complete drain closure on SRS D-21. Update on the Sun River Bridge Replacement: our contact at BOR said that

there were 33 FLAP applications received, and that we should hear final word this November on the requested \$9.2M.

**Title Transfer:** Manager Juel sent a request to our congressional staff to ask that the Sun River Project be amended to include hydropower generation. Daine's office has reached out to coordinate an effort.

**GID O&M Projects:** We need to generate some more crushed base course road mix and drainage aggregate. Eric and Charlie are working with contractors to develop a new pit. We are now looking for Reclamation funding for a long-term fix on the Tunnel #3 roof collapse.

**Grazing Lease Issues:** Nothing new on any grazing pastures, but the Board will need to look at 5-year adjustments this Fall.

**Miscellaneous:** We received word that GID was awarded a \$75K WaterSmart grant to fix the lower GSC lining issue. See M.R. for more details.

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

#### Agenda Items:

1) Board to decide on the sale of the 307 excavator to Keith Giles, as well as the purchase of the 313 excavator for \$182,000 from Seattle. A motion was made by Commissioner Gulick to approve the sale of the 307 to Giles for \$30,000 and to approve the purchase of the 313 for \$182,000 delivered, with Commissioner Norris seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Al Rollo expressed that he continues to work with Manager Juel on grant requests.
- 2) Tracy Wendt with SRWG then addressed the Board to give an update. She participated in a river clean up on over 140 miles of the Missouri River with over 120 volunteers. The Fall Water Management Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on October 20<sup>th</sup>. On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Muddy Creek Master Plan consultants are meeting to gather topography information and plan to apply for a grant to fund the project.
- Lee Signalness was not present.

Commissioner Brosten then moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice President Norris seconded. All were in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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**Board President** 

Board Secretary

Recap of Board Action During the Meeting:

1) Board voted to sell the 307 excavator to Keith Giles for \$30,000 and approved buying the new CAT 313 excavator for \$182,000 delivered.



AGENDA FOR: Regular meeting Tuesday, September 8thth, 2021 at 7:00 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 MINUTES: August 10th Regular Meeting Minutes and August 17th Special Meeting Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES: Michael Konen to address the Board regarding 2021 Water Season Issues

**CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None** 

MANAGER's REPORT

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1) Board to decide on whether or not to buy the 313 Excavator GID staff has been looking at and to discuss the sale of the Excavator and the Dozers GID has positioned out front.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Alan Rollo
- SRWG, Tracy Wendt
- Lee Signalness

## **GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT** Monthly Warrant List August 2021

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Aug 21				
08/05/2021	32459	Mayer, Eric M	boot reimbursement	-100.00
08/10/2021	32503	Builders FirstSource	coffee station	-70.13
08/10/2021	32504	RPH Irrigation	Greg McInerney cost share	-152.50
08/10/2021	32505	Pacific Steel	rebar	-8,551.00
08/10/2021	32506	Republic Services	utilities	-115.50
08/10/2021	32507	FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY HALL	annual dinner hall rental	-300.00
08/10/2021	32508	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	accounting	-985.00
08/10/2021	32509	Choteau Acantha	ad	-49.00
08/10/2021	32510	National Laundry	rugs and towels	-162.44
08/10/2021	32511	City Motor Company	#5 d.r. truck	-795.28
08/10/2021	32512	Mountain View Co-Op	bulk diesel, repairs, Muddy Ck and Water Eff.	-4,916.11
08/10/2021	32513	Visa .	office, repairs, shop supplies	-1,295.21
08/11/2021	32539	Employee Michelle Lauver	Emp reimb \$18.96	-18.96
08/11/2021	32540	Jenny Gulick	reimb office \$27.99	-27.99
08/11/2021	32541	TB - 941	81-6001490	-9,728.10
08/11/2021	32542	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,902.00
08/11/2021	32543	TB - MPERA	retirement	-6,561.56
08/13/2021	32544	MACo PCT	Insurance	-70,305.40
08/16/2021	32545	SUN RIVER ELECTRIC CO-OP	utilities- Pishkun House	-790.20
08/20/2021	32546	Victory Insurance Company	balance due for the 21-22 contract	-16,783.00
08/20/2021	32547	Computers by Sue	computer services	-150.00
08/25/2021	32548	TB - MPERA	VOID:	0.00
08/25/2021	32577	TB - 941	81-6001490	-10,184.74
08/25/2021	32578	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,984.00
08/25/2021	32579	TB - MPERA	Retirement	-6,986.64
08/30/2021	32580	DC Innovation	contract services	-165.00
08/31/2021	32608	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-601.97
08/31/2021	32609	A & I Distributors	repairs	-407.88
08/31/2021	32610	Augusta Gas Station, Inc.	fuel/oil	-402.41
08/31/2021	32611	B & B Industrial Machine	repairs	-120.00
08/31/2021	32612	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana	health insurance	-6,331.05
08/31/2021	32613	Breen Oil and Tire Company	propane	-590.69
08/31/2021	32614	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	monthly website hosting/maintenance	-575.00
08/31/2021	32615	Fairfield Drug, Inc	cards	-3.79
08/31/2021	32616 33617	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	August accounting	-985.00
08/31/2021 08/31/2021	32617 32618	General Distributing Co	welding	-293.87
08/31/2021	32618 32619	Heartland Ag Systems	repairs	-175.56
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08/31/2021	32620	K's Auto Parts	repairs	-55.08
08/31/2021	32621	Keneco- Great Falls	inspection	-678.90
08/31/2021	32622	MCI	long distance	-69.60
08/31/2021	32623	Motor Power - Great Falls	repairs	-1,096.10
08/31/2021	32624	Mountain View Co-Op	repairs/tires/fuel/weed control	-4,560.52
08/31/2021	32625	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-186.20
08/31/2021	32626	North 40	repairs/shop supplies	-492.92
08/31/2021	32627	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-1,369.46
08/31/2021	32628	O Reilly Auto Parts	repairs	-1,025.50
08/31/2021	32629	R&L Eagle Grocery	office/shop	-27.85
08/31/2021	32630	RB Jacobson Inc	Arnold Coulee	-11,500.00
08/31/2021	32631	Republic Services	garbage	-125.03
08/31/2021	32632	Rubicon Systems America, Inc	Water Efficiency Project	-59,900.00
08/31/2021	32633	Severinsen Irrigation, LLC	pipe	-289.10
08/31/2021	32634	Staples Credit Plan	office/computer	-994.81
08/31/2021	32635	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	utilities	-5,869.93
08/31/2021	32636	Tire Rama Service Center	tires	-3,320.00
08/31/2021	32637	TNT Truck Parts	repair	-1,129.50
08/31/2021	32638	Tool Box, Inc	repairs	-139.50
08/31/2021	32639	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
08/31/2021	32640	Tractor & Equipment, Co	repairs	-39.30
08/31/2021	32641	True Value	shop supplies	-27.20
08/31/2021	32642	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	Tunnel #3/Arnold Coulee	-6,200.00
08/31/2021	32643	Aflac	insurance	-218.04
08/31/2021	32644	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-20,880.00
08/31/2021	32645	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-700.86
Aug 21				<u>-274,882.18</u>

Recap of August 2021 warrants:		
Regular warrants	\$274,882.18	Approved by
August 2021 payroll	\$ <u>61,537.36</u>	President
Total	\$336,419.54	
Less employee reimbursable	\$ <u>46.95</u>	Submitted by
TOTAL	\$336,372.59	Bookkeeper

To:

**GID** Commissioners

Jenny Gulick, GID Board Secretary

From:

Erling A. Juel, P.E., District Manager

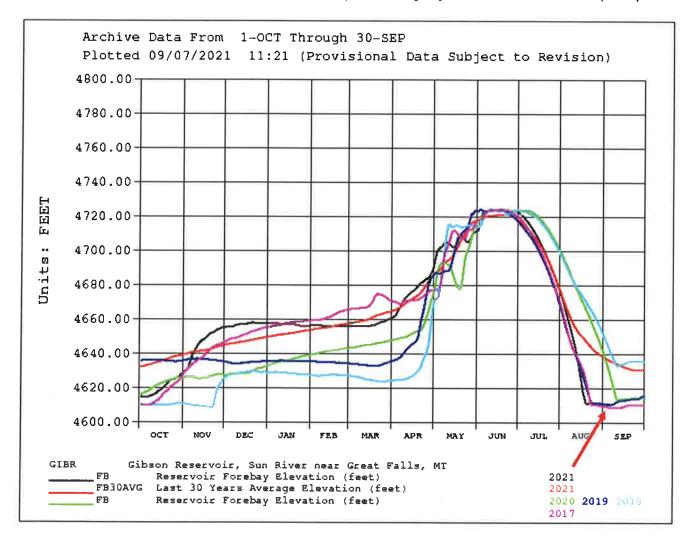
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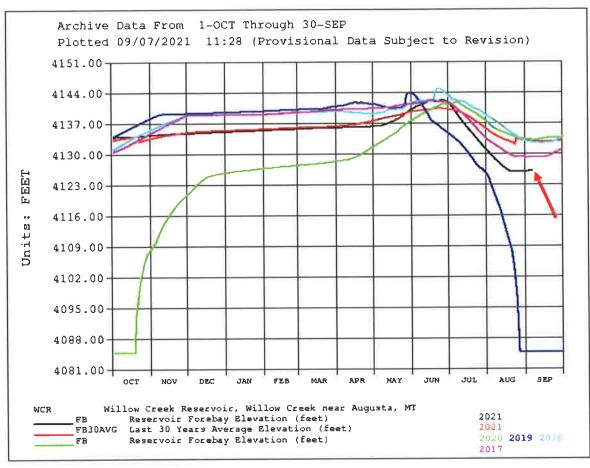
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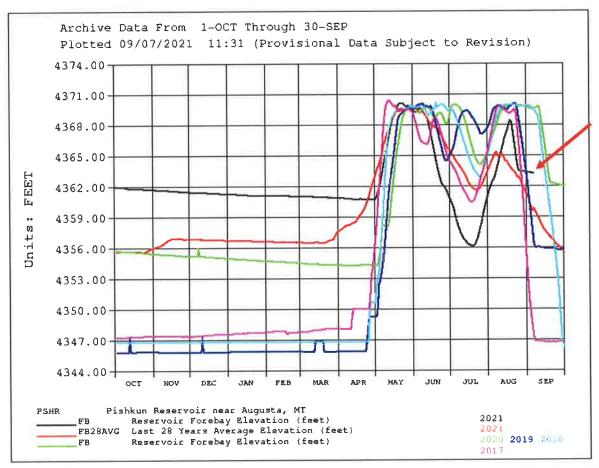
#### 1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 09/07/21

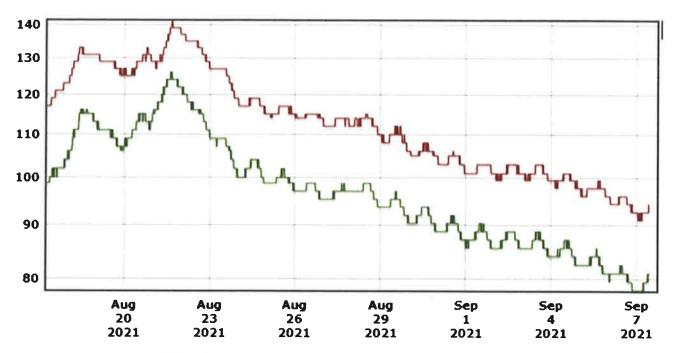
A. Reservoir operations and levels over the last 5 days were:

- Gibson Reservoir: 5,700 Ac-ft, 5.8% Full & 33% of Normal, Winter Mode
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 185 to 200 cfs, 69 to 76% of Normal,
- Gibson Outflows: from 192 cfs, steady & matching inflows
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 12,400 Ac-ft, 39% Full, 63% of Normal
- Willow Creek Outflows: 0 cfs,
- Pishkun Supply Canal: 0 cfs, Off
- Pishkun Reservoir: 36,985 Ac-ft, 79% of Full, 114% of Normal
- Pishkun Releases: 0 cfs, Off
- B. National Climate Prediction Center is predicting above slightly above normal temps and normal precipitation for September through November. While December to February is predicted to be normal temps and slightly to well above normal precip.

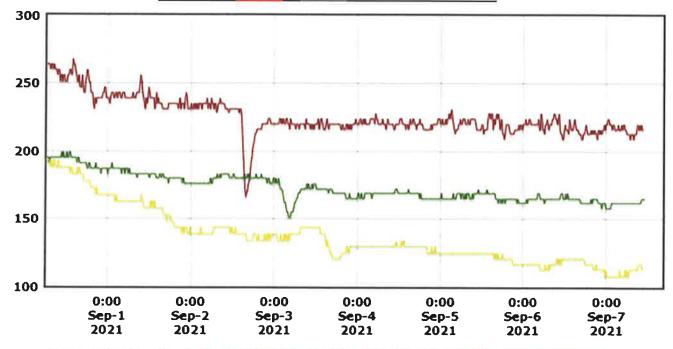








INFLOWS - NORTH & SOUTH FORKS OF SUN RIVER



#### SUN RIVER FLOWS - BELOW DIVERSION, BELOW WILLOW CREEK & SIMMS BRIDGE

- C. In Summary.....
  - 1. Started shutting down the PSC on August 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Pishkun Reservoir ran until August 25th.
  - 3. The Drain Season ran until Sept 3rd.

#### 2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

A. Nothing new to report on the on-going Preliminary Decree for Basin 41K (Sun River).

#### 3) STAFF UPDATES

- A. The Weed Spray Foreman is back as of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Still have 2 weed sprayers working the off sides of ditches and helping by spraying Roundup on laterals.
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> new ditch rider Tony May started on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. Will not hire another ditch rider for the Clement departure until after Christmas.
- D. Nothing new to report regarding employee who filed a Union hiring grievance against GID regarding my selection for the Heavy Equipment Operator. **Need to go into Closed Executive Session if there is anything to discuss.**
- E. Employee appreciation BBQ this Thursday night at the Golf Course club house after GID spends afternoon picking up trash along our "Adopt-A-Highway" north of Fairfield.

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

- A. Nothing new to report regarding the GID landowner who filed a marital status discrimination complaint against GID regarding the 960-acre limitation policies. Turned it over to MACO legal staff to respond. MACO worked with our attorney and has sent a response to the MT Dept of Labor & Industry.
- B. Nancy is working on the County tax assessment reports.

#### 5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

A. No Changes to Farm Unit Operations this Month

#### 6) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2021 BUDGET

- A. Total of the account receivables for August was \$1,892.
- B. Accounts payable (warrants) for August totaled \$274,882 and \$61,538 for two payroll periods. Over \$150,000 was related to one-time costs or once-a-year costs.
- C. We received \$58,000 for power generation at Turnbull for July. Including the \$50K for our share of the incentive credit, that's \$170K year to date with August revenue still pending.

## 7) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Mark Biegler's trial has been rescheduled for December 6th of this year.

## 8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. Short-Term list 2021-2022
  - 1. Replacing 2 ditch rider pick-ups. The orders have been placed but have yet to be scheduled as a Fleet Program order.
  - 2. Got a quote from CAT to replace the CAT 307 with a CAT 313 excavator with a digging bucket. The price tag is \$182,200 which includes a thumb and an additional cleaning bucket. Plan on selling the 307 excavator as well as the D-4 and the D-6 dozers. Hoping to get about \$70K for this used iron.
  - 3. Will hold off on getting the larger replacement excavotor for now.
  - 4. Still looking to replace over-sized bucket on JD excavator with smaller version having a thumb
  - 5. Still got our eye out for a goose neck trailer.
- B. Long-Term List 2022 and beyond
  - 1. Need to replace 2 dump trucks; 1997 has 139,500 miles & 1998 has 135,000 miles and mounting (within 5 years)
  - 2. Another, large excavator (within 3 years)
  - 3. New Dozer buy new D-7 (within 4 years)

#### 9) DNRC STATE LAND WSCs

- A. Negotiations continue with the State of Montana regarding language of the settlement agreement addressing the conversion of WSCs acquired by private water users for use on State Trust Lands.
- B. As such, the State asked for and was granted another extension until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sent the latest email update.

#### 10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL MAINTENANCE & LAWSUIT

- A. Still no official word from the judge regarding the oral arguments held on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, addressing whether MT FW&P can be compelled to be a plaintiff and whether the BOR needs to be part of the lawsuit as a defendant. Both sides submitted summary briefs providing wording should the Judge decide in their respective favor.
- B. Sent support documentation to the US Army COE rep in Helena to get a jurisdictional waiver of their need to be involved with the permitting of any maintenance to the WCFC.
- C. Sent drawings to the Reclamation for their review. They are deciding whether or not to be involved.
- D. No substantial progress updates from our legal Team.
- E. Remember, a closed executive session should be called if the Board wishes to discuss strategy or specific details of the case.

#### 11) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. Hydro Power Development Strategy -
  - 1. Still working with SREC to secure transmission easements.
  - 2. Joined a petition protesting MTPSC's decision to allow NWE to charge QFs for perceived upgrades necessary to support energy purchase from a QF.

#### B. Arnold Coulee LOPP -

- 1. Sorenson Engineering has finally started working on the construction drawings. Today, just received the first few drawings showing Preliminary grade, alignment, and layout. Need to review.
- 2. Energy output potential is 3.4MW but QF regulations cap output at 3.0MW when using NWE's published avoided cost rates. Greater than 3 MW kicks us into a rate negotiation phase. Sent our request to NWE to calculate an "Avoided Rate Schedule" for GID at the 3.4 MW capacity output. They are working on it.
- 3. On-going discussions with BOR's grant manager regarding our \$2M grant. Expected a Grant Agreement by end of August by it is being held up waiting for Sorenson Engineering to finalize the cost estimate.
- 4. Submitted supporting documents to DNRC and am expecting the State's Grant Agreement soon.
- 5. Nothing new with the MT Dept. of Commerce, Board of Investments regarding whether or not GID is eligible to receive InterCap loans. After GID's lawyer addressed her initial claims and concerns, she is now asking for additional financial and tax information from the Teton County Treasurer.
- 6. GID, nor any other irrigation district, was successful in obtaining ARPA funds which we submitted for on July 15<sup>th</sup>. There may be another opportunity for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARPA funding, or the State could be leading us on again.

- 7. Still negotiating with BOR to determine what level of environmental and historical cultural documentation is necessary. Awaiting preliminary drawings.
- 8. Nothing new on the penstock. Need to finalize shipping options. We either pay to ship (+/-\$13k/load) or buy an extendable trailer and do it ourselves. Had a pair of shipping bunks fabricated to help with penstock transportation.
- 9. Still coordinating the delivery of the surplus transmission poles and conductor secured from the cancelled Keystone pipeline project. GID is getting the poles for \$1,000 each and they normally cost \$4,400 apiece. Will cost about a \$100/pole to transport. Big Flat Electric is willing to sell us up to 360 poles. That's a \$1,224,000 savings. The wire is stock piled in Opheim and GID's price is \$1.00/LF. This wire is bigger but less expensive than we budgeted. Assume GID can do the hauling but need to coordinate someone to load reels for us in Opheim. Will use a GID pasture out west as a laydown area. Need to build pole bunks. **Update: will start shipping poles tomorrow.**
- 10. Purchased the 82-ton, lattice boom crane for \$25,000. The crane comes with a total 160 feet of boom sections and a 45-ft jib section. Also, the purchase comes with a 40-ft, 3 axle, specialty trailer for hauling the boom sections. The crane and carrier need a little TCL and maintenance but should save us a lot of money. Had a little issue with an osprey nest in the crown section.



- C. Gibson Hydro -
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Nothing from our partner Tollhouse.
- D. Johnson Drop -
  - 1. Nothing new.
- E. Pishkun Inlet Hydro -
  - 1. Requested and received a Preliminary LOPP agreement from Reclamation for this site.
  - 2. Prepared and submitted an application for another \$2M WEEG WaterSmart grant from Reclamation.

#### 12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Closing of SRS D-21 Drain for MDT Road Improvements
  - 1. Began this work for MDT to complete this drain closure. Will need to process and crush some more gravel to produce more drainage aggregate.
- 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. 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.
- D. J-Waste Way Facility -
  - 1. **Nothing new**. Awaiting the \$125,000 DNRC grant agreement. Need to be completed by Spring of 2022.
- E. Sun River Bridge Replacement -
  - Update Our contact at BOR said that 33 FLAP applications were received, and a couple might be considered worthy competition. Should hear final word this November. Again, we requested approximately \$9.2M to compliment the FLTP award of \$1.77 million already awarded.
- F. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation -
  - 1. **Nothing new.** Awaiting the \$125,000 DNRC grant to start construction for next Fall. Need to retool the project based on reduced funding.

#### 13) TITLE TRANSFER

A. Sent a request to our congressional staff to have the original authorization for the Sun River Project amended to include hydropower generation. A rep from Daines' office has reached out to me to coordinate an effort. Dainis's rep is planning to visit with the new Montana Area Office Manager to get back story and develop a strategy for the best course of action.

#### 14) GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. No O&M Foreman's list for this month as Charlie is on vacation.
- B. Need to generate some more Crushed Base Course (road mix) and drainage aggregate. Eric and Charlie are working with Contractors trying to get prices to develop a new pit and generate some more CBC and drainage aggregate.

- C. Maintenance Items In-Progress or In-Planning.
  - 1. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse
    - i. Again, GID was not successful in its efforts to obtain ARPA funds for the repairs. Now looking a long-term Reclamation funding for the Tunnel.
    - ii. On the plus, side the temporary repair looks very good and do not feel risky about going another year. Need to reinspect after the winter.

#### 15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Nothing new on Pastures.
- B. Need to look at the 5-year adjustments this Fall,

#### 16) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Got word that GID was awarded a \$75K WaterSmart grant the fix the lower GSC lining issue. Reclamation says an agreement will be prepared this November. The rehabilitation will take place either next Spring or Fall of 2022.
- B. Car ran off road out on Division 9 and damaged some GID infrastructure. Need to prepare a cost estimate to fix.
- C. Sent prototype progress report of to the Canal Safety Challenge officials. Once they approve the report, they will send me another check for \$25,000. Started fabricating the prototype using a 3D plastic printer. The competition is scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving in Denver but maybe virtual if they determine COVID is an issue.

#### 17)SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – SEPTEMBER

- Finalize DNRC Lawsuit settlement
- Complete the enviro/cultural resources for Arnold Coulee
- Finalize penstock hauling options, buy trailer if necessary.
- Push Request To Amend Sun River Project Authorization
- Need to get BOR review of WCFC proposed maintenance activities.
- Review preliminary drawings of Arnold Coulee layout from Sorenson Engineering
- Finalize Tunnel # 3 Repair Funding Options
- Work on Hydro Study

## 18)LONG-TERM TO DO LIST - OCTOBER & ON

- Take delivery of penstock, poles and wire
- Obtain grant agreements and long-term financing for Arnold Coulee.
- Prepare application for \$2M WEEG grant due in November.
- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)

## NEXT GID BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 12th @ 7PM

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# GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT A/R - Itemized Sales Report for Board

August 2021

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Name	Amount
Service	Service 2021 EXCESS WATER				
Invoice Invoice	08/23/2021 08/30/2021	cm19103474 cm19103479	2021 WATER OVERAGE STATEMENT	KLINKER, KEVIN CONNOR, WILLIAM	59,66 139,24
Total 20	21 EXCESS WATER	₹			198.90
	IMB (Employee Re	imbursable)			
Sales Receipt Sales Receipt			Employee Reimbursable Employee Reimbursable	Employee Charlie Clement Employee Charlie Clement	69.95 26.97
Total EN	IP REIMB (Employe	e Reimbursable)			96.92
LABOR Invoice	(MAN HOURS) 08/30/2021	cm19103478	MAN HOURS	RATLIFF, JAY	40.00
	BOR (MAN HOURS			10112111, 0711	40.00
MISC	BOIL (MINIT HOUSE	')			40.00
Invoice	08/30/2021	cm19103475	15" BANDS	FELLERS, SONNY	50.74
Total Mi	sc				50.74
Pipe					
Invoice	08/30/2021	cm19103475	15" CMP	FELLERS, SONNY	1,014.80
Total Pi	pe				1,014.80
Rock Invoice	08/30/2021	cm19103476	YARDS OF PIT RUN	ROHRER, KEITH	60.00
Total Ro	ock				60.00
Steel					
Invoice	08/30/2021	cm19103477	2'X5'X3/16 PLATE	SEVERINSEN IRRIGATION	154.00
Total St	eel				154.00
TRK TII Invoice	ME (MILES TRUCK 08/30/2021	AND/OR TRAILEF cm19103478	R) MILES TRUCK AND/OR TRAILER	RATLIFF, JAY	66.00
Total TF	RK TIME (MILES TR	UCK AND/OR TRA	AILER)		66.00
TRUCK	TIME (HOURS TRU	JCK TIME)			
Invoice Invoice	08/30/2021 08/30/2021	cm19103476 cm19103478	HOURS TRUCK TIME HOURS TRUCK TIME- EXCAVATOR	ROHRER, KEITH RATLIFF, JAY	30.00 145.00
Total Ti	RUCK TIME (HOUR	S TRUCK TIME)			175.00
Total Servi	ce				1,856.36
Other Cha	rges				

11:38 AM 08/30/21 Accrual Basis

# GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT A/R - Itemized Sales Report for Board

August 2021

Туре	Date	Num	Memo	Name	Amount
Fin Ch	g (Finance Charge	es on Overdue B	alance)		T:
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3425	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	Bender, Kevin	4.58
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3426	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	BOUMA DOUG	3.16
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3427	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	KONEN, MICHAEL	19.95
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3428	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	ROTH, BRUCE	4.21
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3429	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	RPH Irrigation	1.00
Invoice	08/31/2021	FC 3430	Finance Charges on Overdue Balance	Watson, Chuck	2.55
Total F	in Chg (Finance Ch	narges on Overdue	e Balance)		35.45
Total Othe	r Charges				35.45
TOTAL					1,891.81



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#### VIA ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION ONLY

Mr. Erling Juel
Manager
Greenfields Irrigation District
P.O. Box 157
Fairfield, MT 59436
erling@gid-mt.com

Subject: Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) on the Pishkun Inlet, Pishkun Supply Canal, Sun

River Project, Greenfields, Montana.

Dear Mr. Juel:

In response to your August 24, 2021 letter expressing your intent to pursue the subject LOPP, this letter is to inform you of the next steps in the in the process per the Reclamation Manual Directive and Standard, Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) Processes, Responsibilities, Timelines, and Charges, (FAC 04-08)<sup>1</sup>.

Upon the date of this letter, the District will be allotted 150 calendar days to submit a development proposal that provides all information required in FAC 04-08. During the 150 calendar-day time frame, Reclamation will not solicit proposals from other entities and no other entity is eligible to receive the LOPP.

Upon acceptance of your proposal, the District will have a maximum of 15 months to sign the preliminary lease, complete the requirements of the preliminary lease and to sign the LOPP. You will then be provided a maximum of 9 months from the date of execution of the LOPP to complete final designs and specifications, and an additional year 1 year to begin construction.

Should the District fail to submit an acceptable proposal within the 150 calendar-day time frame, Reclamation will solicit proposals through a public process (e.g. a local news publication or Federal Register Notice) to ensure fair and open competition.

Additional information regarding the LOPP process, including a Proposal Checklist intended to aid in the development of a LOPP Proposal, is available at: <a href="https://www.usbr.gov/power/LOPP/">https://www.usbr.gov/power/LOPP/</a>.

<sup>2</sup> See: FAC 4-08 Paragraphs 7.C.(4)(b) through 7.C.(4)(i).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See: https://www.usbr.gov/recman/fac/fac04-08.pdf.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Gomer at (406) 247-7307. For the hearing impaired, please call the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339.

Sincerely,

RYAN NEWMAN Digitally signed by RYAN NEWMAN

Date: 2021.09.07 12:09:30 -06'00'

Ryan Newman Area Manager

cc: MT-2400 Scott Boleman, Regional LOPP Contact, Billings, MT 86-61100 Clark Bishop, Power Resources Office, Denver, CO



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Greenfields Irrigation District Attn: Erling Juel 105 Central Avenue West Fairfield, MT 59436-0121

Subject: Funding Opportunity Announcement No. R21AS00300 – WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficienc Projects for Fiscal Year 2021 – Application Review Status, Your Application Titled, "Lower Piping Project (SWEP-033)"

Dear Mr. Juel:

The Bureau of Reclamation is pleased to inform you that your application for fiscal year (FY) 2021 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects funding was among those receiving the highest ratings and is now being considered for award of a financial assistance agreement. The success of the WaterSMART Program depends on collaboration with partners to improve water management.

Your application included a request for \$75,000 to complete your proposal titled, "Lower Piping Project." Reclamation anticipates awarding Federal funds in the amount of \$75,000 for your proposed project. In working with you to develop your financial assistance agreement, Reclamation will closely review the activities outlined in your proposal to ensure that all activities are eligible for funding and that the proposed costs are allowable under financial assistance regulations. If some costs or activities are determined to be ineligible or unallowable, Reclamation will work with you to refine the scope of work and budget for the project.

In the coming months, we will work with you to gather the information needed to enter into a financial assistance agreement. Please note that this letter is not a final commitment of funding and all pre-award clearances and approvals must be obtained as described in Section E.2.5 of the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO). In addition, Reclamation must have sufficient evidence prior to award that non-Federal cost share will be available. The final funding amount may be adjusted if necessary.

Federal statute (42 U.S.C. 10364(a)(3)(B)) requires that before any funds are awarded, you agree not to use any water savings resulting from your proposed project to increase your total irrigated acreage or to otherwise increase the consumptive use of water in your operations. This requirement, which was discussed in Section F.2.3 of the NOFO, will be included in the financial assistance agreement for your project.

Please be advised that your application has been ranked, in part, based on your description of the expected benefits of your project. Revisions to the scope of the project identified in your application can be made only after Reclamation determines that revisions would not impact the overall ranking or the expected benefits of the project.

In order to demonstrate the success of the program and to provide a guide for future applicants, we will post

copies of all successful Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant applications as examples on Reclamation's website. While this generally does not raise any issues, we find it prudent to provide successful grant applicants with an opportunity to redact any sensitive information from their proposals prior to posting them on our website. As a rule, we remove the SF-424s; however, if there are any other items you would like to request be redacted, please let me know by Friday, October 1, 2021. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that there are no objections to posting the full application.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Ms. Robin Graber, Program Analyst, at rgraber@usbr.gov or (303) 445-2764. We will contact you in November 2021, or slightly later if necessary, to set up an initial call to discuss the timeline for the development and award of your financial assistance agreement. Thank you for your interest and participation in the WaterSMART Grants Program. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely, EDMUND WEAKLAND

Digitally signed by EDMUND WEAKLAND Date: 2021.08.26 15:54:52 -06'00'

Ned Weakland Grants Officer

#### **Erling Juel**

From:

Rose Sorenson <rose@tsorenson.net>

Sent:

Monday, August 30, 2021 12:17 PM

To:

Ted S. Sorenson; Gayle Sorenson; 'wade'; Nicholas Josten (gsense@cableone.net);

Erling Juel

Cc:

Miriah Elliott; Dana Peck

Subject:

Turnbull Draw

**Attachments:** 

7 - Turnbull - Financials - July 2021.pdf; 7 - Turnbull Hydro - July 2021 - Power

Generation Statement.pdf

All,

After receiving our latest power check and holding back funds for necessary expenses, we have sufficient funds to issue a draw to be allocated as follows:

Name	Ownership %	Coan %	Total Oraw	tess: Loan Payment	Less: MT Withholding	Cash Distributed
Sorenson Montana LLC	50%	55.56%	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	-\$20,309.16	\$269,690.84
Wade Jacobsen	25%	27.78%	\$145,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145,000.00
Josten Montana LLC	15%	16.67%	\$87,000.00	\$0.00	-56,092.75	\$80,907.25
Greenfields irrigation	10%	0.00%	\$58,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,000.00
Total	100%	100%	\$580,000.00	\$0.00	-\$26,401.91	\$553,598.09

Attached please find the financial statements. We will initiate payment shortly. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Rose M. Sorenson, EIT cell: (208) 821-2879 email: rose@tsorenson.net www.SorensonEngineeringInc.com



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120,000 Subtotal

50,000 DOE ZYZ credit

#170,000 to date

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Effective	Past	Current
CLASSIFICATION	1-1-20	1-1-21
Ditch Rider	\$20.95	\$21.26
Canal Maintenance	\$20.95	\$21.26
Operator	\$22.45	\$22.79
Dam Tender	\$22.45	\$22.79
GIS Specialist	\$18.75	\$19.03
Office Manager	\$22.00	\$22.33

#### LONGEVITY

#### Longevity Pay Rates:

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4 Years Through 5 Years = +$.10 Per Hour
6 Years Through 10 Years = +$.11 Per Hour
11 Years Through 15 Years = +$.16 Per Hour
16 Years Through 20 Years = +$.32 Per Hour
21 Years Through 30 Years = +$.21 Per Hour
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Employees shall be made whole by the (above schedule) on their next anniversary date.

- B) Newly hired employees shall receive \$1.50 per hour less than the regular full pay scale for the first six (6) months or one thousand forty (1040) hours, whichever is greater, of the one (1) year probationary period. After six (6) months or one thousand forty (1040) hours of continuous service new employees shall move to full scale in the applicable classification.
- C) Commercial Driver's License: All employees, except those waived by GID management, shall be required to obtain and maintain a commercial driver's license (CDL) Class A. The Employer will pay for the initial physical or initial renewal physical for current employees and allow time off to take the test. The cost of all subsequent physicals and the cost of the license and endorsements required to keep the license current will be paid for by the employee. All new permanent full-time employees will be required to have a current CDL prior to beginning employment. The Employer will determine the required endorsement for each employee.