

Greenfields

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

On Tuesday June 13th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. the Greenfields Irrigation District (GID) held its Monthly Board meeting. The following are the minutes taken from that meeting. Those in attendance were: Board President Tim Brunner, Vice President Bill Norris, Commissioners Chase Brady, Dave Gulick and Pat Brosten. District Manager Erling Juel and Board Secretary Jenny Gulick were also present. Also, in attendance were: GID employees: O&M Foreman Eric Mayer, Water Master Steve Lettengarver and Operator Cory Copenhaver. GID Range Rider Ron Wilson was in attendance, as was Tracy Wendt and Emily Kemp with SRWG. Water Users Spencer and Bill Pearson were also present, along with John Wipf from FSID and Al Gagne with the County Road Dept. GID's Auditor, Melissa Soldano with Douglas Wilson was available to give a brief overview of the 2021 Fiscal Year's Audit findings and to answer any questions that the Board might have.

The meeting was called to order by President Brunner at 6 P.M.

Approve Meeting Minutes and Monthly Warrants: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the May 9th Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes. No discrepancies were found in the minutes, and Vice President Norris made a motion to approve the minutes, with Commissioner Brady seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. No discrepancies were found in the Executive Session Minutes and Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the minutes, with Commissioner Brady seconding. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Warrants List was then reviewed. A brief clarification was given on the warrant for personalized thank you cards. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the warrants and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the warrants were approved.

Agenda Item #1: Melissa Soldano then gave a brief overview of the Audit Findings. An Opinion Summary was provided, along with the Supplemental Schedules that are required for the PERS reporting. She pointed out that Auditors have to take note of charges incurred in the previous fiscal year that are not paid until the next fiscal year. A new accounting standard for long-term leases, that requires booking on the financial statement as an asset and recorded as a liability and amortized over the year. Melissa will prepare a proposal for next year's audit. Commissioner Brosten moved to approve the Audit Report for the 2021 Fiscal Year and Commissioner Brady seconded. All in favor and the motion carried.

Parties Presenting Issues: Water User Spencer Pearson addressed the Board to ask for clarification on what was required by the Board for him to certify as an independent producer apart from his spouse and would be operating as Greenhill Farms. The Board asked for specifics on how Greenhill Farms is structured and operated. Spencer asked the Board for clarification in its policy as to how a married individual could successfully be certified as an individual farm operation. The Board will go into Executive Session after the meeting to address these requests. Marty Klinker was not present to address the Board.

Contacts to Execute: None.

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

Reservoir and River Operations: See M.R. for full details. Gibson Reservoir is full, and it is currently spilling, so GID is allowing for half price water currently. Pishkun Reservoir is almost full, and Willow Creek is getting close, but may not reach its full capacity. Manager Juel predicts that the water season

will end around mid-August with the current conditions being realized. See the M.R. for current inflows. In summary: ½ price water will probably continue until 6/18. The PSC was shut down for a few days to work on the bypass weir. Manager Juel suggested that the Board continue the season with the reduced 1.5 allotment.

Water Rights: The State has granted preliminary approval of our water right request subject to public comment and has until June 12th to hear objections. Adjudication is in the next round and Nancy is working on corrections to the discrepancies found in the District Boundaries.

GID Staff Updates: Nothing new to report.

GIS Mapping, Plats, Database & Certification Updates: The database has been causing some issues, but Jenny and Nancy are working with Dustin to work out the bugs. Nancy has reported that 89% of the certification process is done and she is now working on a delinquent taxes list.

Farm Unit Operations: New pivot installation FYI provided for the Board.

Monthly Financials & 2023 Budget: See M.R. for details. Accounts Receivables for May totaled \$75,226. We will need to exercise our line of credit and do a draw later this week.

Office Improvements & General Administration: Manager Juel and Office Manager Gulick are still working with many providers to try to secure property and liability insurance by July 1st.

GID Vehicles & Heavy Equipment: See the M.R. for details. We are still looking for a job trailer and renting a large soil compactor for Phase II of Arnold Coulee. We made the last payment on the mower tractor. We will need to start budgeting for new dump trucks and semi-tractors for our transport trailers.

Pearson Lawsuit: See M.R. for an update.

Willow Creek Feeder Canal Maintenance & Lawsuit: November 4, 2024 is the trial date. The next step is to get ready for depositions. See the M.R. for further details.

Hydro Updates: General: Manager Juel gave a tour of our existing, on-going and future hydropower projects to our Public Service Commissioner, Annie Bukacek and another tour is scheduled for the 22nd with Public Service Commissioner Pinocci, local business leaders and local State legislators. Arnold Coulee LOPP: The executed LOPP Agreement has been finalized. To date, about 4 miles of poles have been planted, and another 4.6 to go for this segment. We have settled on a transformer, which will cost about \$240,000. Transmission Easements: Nothing new since our April 19th meeting with SREC staff regarding the status. See the M.R. for further details on the items required to secure the remaining easements. SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements: There was a video teleconference held on May 26th with NEW, WAPA, SREC and GID regarding energy generation. Turbine Generator Purchase: The next payment was due today, but we have not received an invoice for it yet. Wire, Widgets, etc.: The last reel of conductor was picked up and we squared up with the person who had done all of the loading. Construction: The 1st phase of the bypass weir structure has been completed. Pishkun Inlet: Funding options look good. A-Drop: See the M.R. The preliminary permitting process is in the works.

GID Infrastructure Projects: For Current and Planned, see the M.R. Sun River Bridge Replacement: A public scoping meeting was held by FHWA on May 16th. Completion still is set for the Summer of 2026. SRS 71 Check: See the M.R. GID was awarded the \$15K DNRC RRGL planning grant submitted for Phase II, relocate and replace SRS main check. Phase III J-Wasteway: GID was awarded \$15K DNRC RRGL planning grant to complete Phase III. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse: GID was

awarded a \$11.6M loan guarantee for the AIA funding program. Video kick-off meeting scheduled for June 20th.

Title Transfer: Received the draft MOU and agreement from USBR to move forward. We haven't had time to review it yet.

GID Grazing Lease Program: Nothing has been inspected yet. The Board gave GID's Range Rider the official go-ahead to start inspecting pastures and instructed him to start with the ones not inspected last year and the problem ones.

District Modernization Effort with FCA: WWC is going to assist with the WBM and SIP to do field data collection.

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

Agenda:

- 1) Melissa with Douglas Wilson had already addressed the Board.
- 2) Pivot Installation Board FYI for Riley Higgins required no action, but a brief discussion was had about the details.

Public Comment: Tracy Wendt with SRWG gave a brief update, handout provided. The Muddy Creek Grant was approved through House Bill 7. Construction to begin next year. Tracy will be working with GID's Dam Tender to remove willows from the PSC to relocate in August. Upcoming Events: Raise-A-Pint and Voyagers Game, as well as the Weed Whacker Rodeo coming up July 8th and Sun Canyon Spray Day on June 21st. July 20th is the next SRWG Board Meeting. Emily then introduced herself to the Board and about her involvement with SRWG that will continue through October. She will be helping with gauge monitoring. John Wipf with FSID gave a brief overview of their water season start-up.

Commissioner Brosten moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gulick seconded. All in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 7:13 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary

Board Action Recap:

- 1) Approved Annual Audit for 2021 completed by Douglas Wilson.



AGENDA FOR: Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at 6 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: May 9th Regular Board Meeting Minutes and May 9th Executive Session Minutes

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

PARTIES PRESENTING ISSUES: Water User Marty Klinker to address the Board regarding flooding issues and Water User Spencer Pearson to address the Board with a request.

CONTRACTS TO EXECUTE: None

MANAGER's REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) Melissa Soldano with Douglas Wilson to give the Board a brief overview of the completed 2021 Fiscal Year Audit and answer any questions.
- 2) Pivot Installation FYI for Riley Higgins

PUBLIC COMMENT

- SRWG, Tracy Wendt, handout provided.

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Accrual Basis

GREENFIELDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Monthly Warrant List

May 2023

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
May 23				
05/02/2023	34993	Liberty County Weed Control	WEED SPRAYING SCHOOL	-75.00
05/01/2023	35036	National Laundry	rugs/supply	-48.79
05/03/2023	35049	TB - MPERA	retirement	-5,825.67
05/31/2023	35050	Employee Michelle Lauver	cleaning supplies	-46.44
05/03/2023	35051	TB - 941	81-6001490	-7,462.04
05/03/2023	35052	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-1,492.00
05/04/2023	35053	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	accounting-MARCH & APRIL	-2,400.00
05/04/2023	35054	Allegra Print & Imaging	THANK YOU CARDS	-272.28
05/04/2023	35055	Augusta Gas Station, Inc.	fuel	-275.90
05/04/2023	35056	Mountain View Co-Op	REPAIRS & WEED SPRAY	-9,461.72
05/04/2023	35057	Choteau Acantha	ad	-47.00
05/04/2023	35058	True Value	SHOP REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES	-116.67
05/08/2023	35059	National Laundry	rugs and towels	-199.92
05/08/2023	35060	MRTE, Inc.	inv#49920	-28,973.19
05/08/2023	35061	Visa	phone, repairs & supplies, computer	-1,265.97
05/08/2023	35062	Pacific Steel	LF Ranch, shop, employee reimb.	-9,635.10
05/08/2023	35063	3 Rivers Communication	phone	-603.60
05/08/2023	35064	Republic Services	utilities	-7.28
05/08/2023	35065	Western Water Consultants, Inc.	Lower GSC and SRS Re-Reg.	-3,785.75
05/08/2023	35066	Lewistown Raceway	Richard Schmidt Memorial	-200.00
05/08/2023	35067	Blossoms & Blooms	Richard Schmidt memorial	-75.00
05/17/2023	35092	Quencer II, Andrew P	BOOT REIMB.	-100.00
05/17/2023	35093	CNH Industrial Retail Accounts	Case IH F75C annual payment	-8,111.17
05/17/2023	35094	Ostberg, Levi	POWER CONSUMPTION	-276.00
05/22/2023	35095	TB - 941	81-6001490	-10,986.24
05/22/2023	35096	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-2,162.00
05/22/2023	35097	TB - MPERA	retirement	-7,544.75
05/23/2023	35099	Buster Stuber	wire reels loading for hydro	-550.00
05/23/2023	35100	Jenny Gulick	petty cash reimbursement	-200.00
05/31/2023	35129	TB - 941	81-6001490	-11,896.56
05/31/2023	35130	TB - SWT	4052635002wth	-2,398.00
05/31/2023	35131	TB - MPERA	retirement	-7,810.63
05/31/2023	35134	Western Conference of Teamsters Pe...	pension	-3,897.00
05/31/2023	35135	Teamster's Local #2	union dues	-998.00
05/31/2023	35136	MT Teamsters Employers Trust	health insurance	-20,272.00
05/31/2023	35137	Aflac	insurance	-241.08
05/31/2023	35138	3 Rivers Communication	phone and internet	-603.60
05/31/2023	35139	7 Electric	contract services	-864.00

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
05/31/2023	35140	A & I Distributors	oil	-436.35
05/31/2023	35141	Apgar Engineering, PLLC	Arnold Coulee	-13,050.00
05/31/2023	35142	Augusta Gas Station, Inc.	fuel/oil	-728.55
05/31/2023	35143	Carquest Auto Parts	repairs	-73.11
05/31/2023	35144	Choteau Acantha	ad	-12.50
05/31/2023	35145	Choteau Ace	shop supplies	-13.98
05/31/2023	35146	Cintas First Aid & Safety	first aid	-130.05
05/31/2023	35147	City Motor Company	repairs	-311.59
05/31/2023	35148	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	Arnold Coulee	-396.00
05/31/2023	35149	Darryl's Tire & Service Center	tires	-179.90
05/31/2023	35150	Diesel Fever	repairs	-1,263.59
05/31/2023	35151	Douglas Wilson	financial statement audit 10/31/21	-12,000.00
05/31/2023	35152	Edge Marketing + Design, LLC	monthly web hosting	-75.00
05/31/2023	35153	Ethnoscience, Inc	Arnold Coulee	-14,192.42
05/31/2023	35154	Fairfield Drug, Inc	office supply	-13.15
05/31/2023	35155	Fairfield Sun Times	ads/subscription	-153.00
05/31/2023	35156	Fastenal Company	Arnold Coulee	-526.88
05/31/2023	35157	Gary Kasper & Company, Inc.	Accounting - May	-1,200.00
05/31/2023	35158	Heartland Ag Systems	weed control	-53.38
05/31/2023	35159	Home Depot Credit Services	supplies/Spring Coulee	-648.71
05/31/2023	35160	Houston Engineering, Inc	Contract Work - GIS update	-2,809.25
05/31/2023	35161	Jon's Automotive	repairs	-200.11
05/31/2023	35162	K's Auto Parts	shop supplies	-24.98
05/31/2023	35163	K's Auto Parts - Choteau	repairs	-521.99
05/31/2023	35164	MDS Supply	repairs	-82.00
05/31/2023	35165	Mountain View Co-Op	repairs/tires/weed/Arnold Coulee	-3,502.80
05/31/2023	35166	MRTE, Inc.	Mill Coulee/Pishkun/concrete	-4,110.66
05/31/2023	35167	National Laundry	shop supply	-137.84
05/31/2023	35168	Northwest Equipment Mfg, Inc	lift inspection	-280.50
05/31/2023	35169	Northwest Media	website domain	-147.00
05/31/2023	35170	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	-757.92
05/31/2023	35171	Pacific Steel	Arnold Coulee	-1,602.94
05/31/2023	35172	R&L Eagle Grocery	office/shop supply	-92.27
05/31/2023	35173	Republic Services	garbage	-136.96
05/31/2023	35174	RSI Concrete & Crushing	Arnold Coulee	-25,775.00
05/31/2023	35175	Rubicon Systems America, Inc	repairs	-6,530.43
05/31/2023	35176	Severinsen Irrigation, LLC	pipe	-400.00
05/31/2023	35177	Steve's Sports Center	repairs	-82.46
05/31/2023	35178	Sun River Electric, Co-Op	Arnold Coulee	-257,557.80

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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
05/31/2023	35179	Sun River Watershed Group	donation and weed wacker	-5,100.00
05/31/2023	35180	Swains Spring Service, Inc	repairs	-277.60
05/31/2023	35181	Teton County 4-H	award sponsorship	-75.00
05/31/2023	35182	Torgersons	equipment rentals	-709.59
05/31/2023	35183	Town of Fairfield	utilities	-233.00
05/31/2023	35184	Uda Law Firm	legal counsel	-50.00
05/31/2023	35185	Victory Insurance Company	WC100-0010152-2022A	-5,786.00
05/31/2023	35186	Visa	phone/misc/office/tires/computer/repairs	-2,455.15
May 23				<u>-516,077.76</u>

Recap of May 2023 warrants:
Regular warrants
May 2023 payroll
Total

\$516,077.76
\$ 95,157.09
\$611,234.85

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 06/13/23

1) RESERVOIR & RIVER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTIONS AS OF 06/13/23

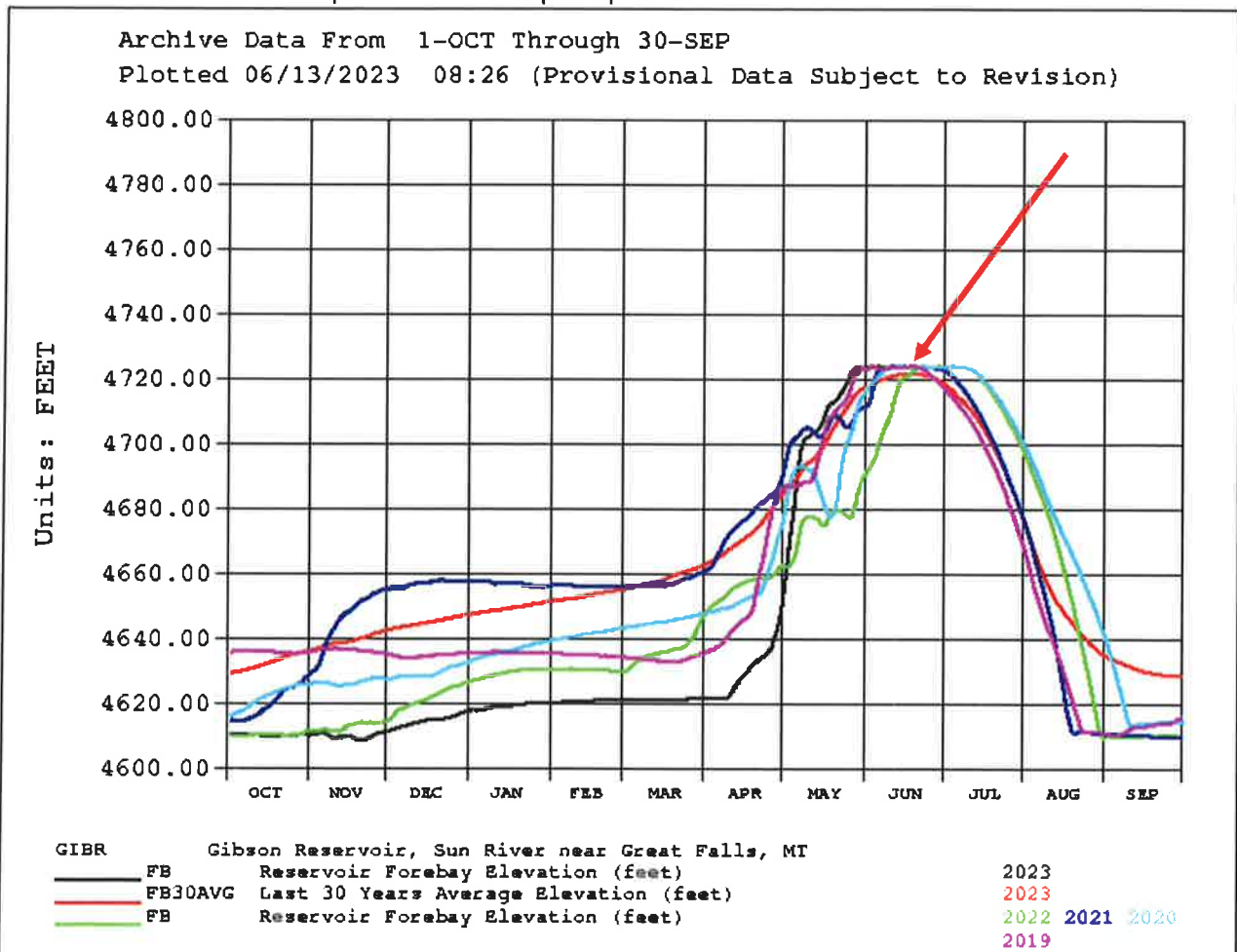
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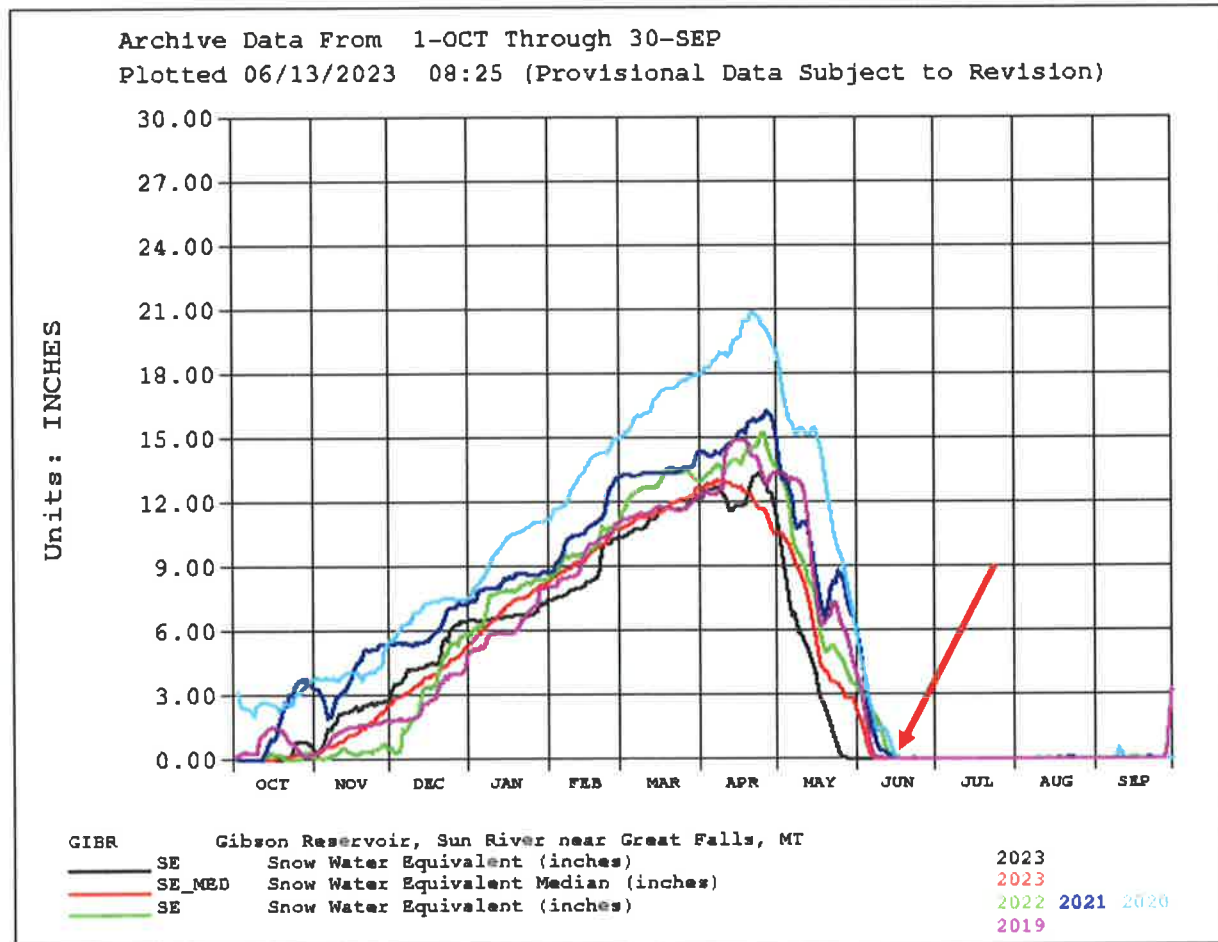
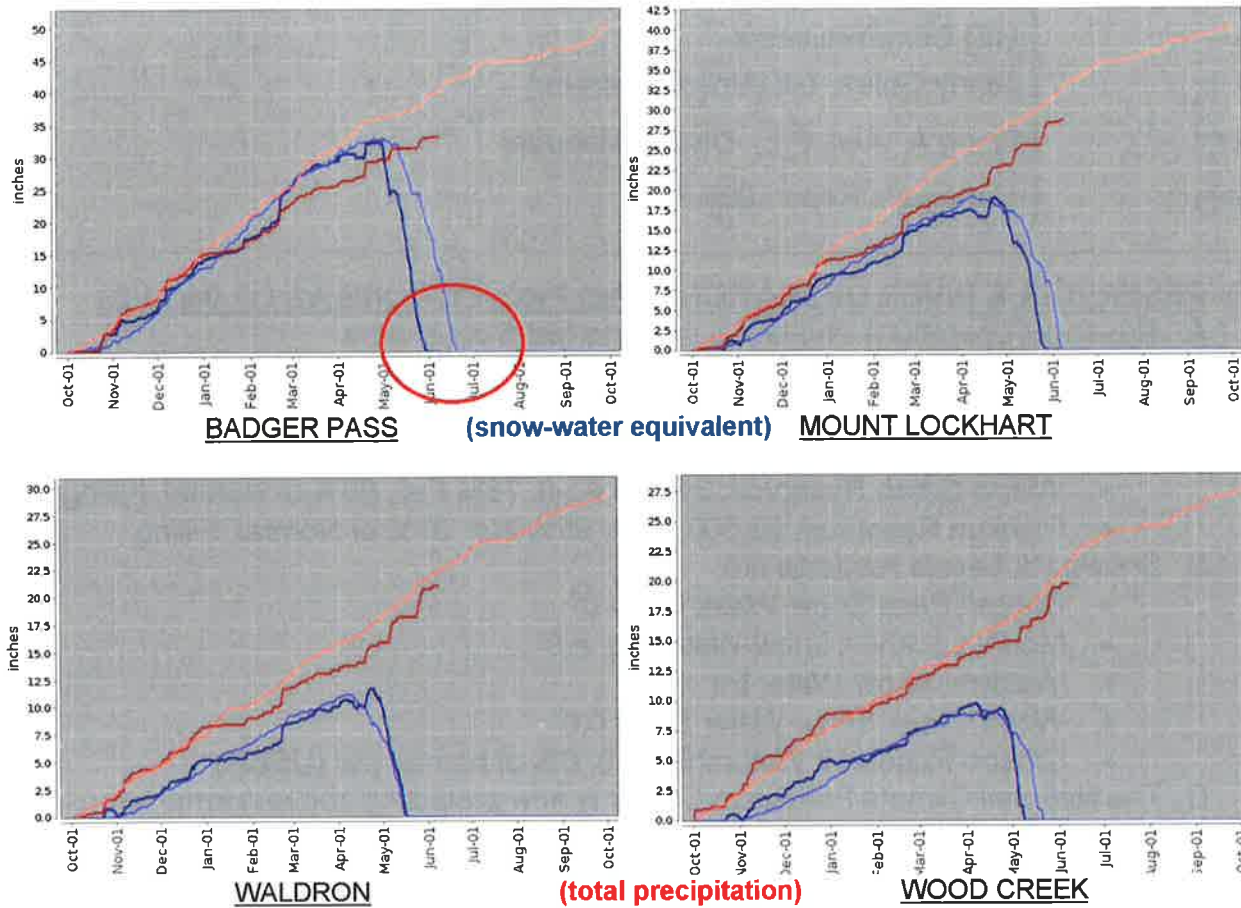
- Gibson Res: 98,700 Ac-ft, 100% Full & 105% of Normal, Holding
- Gibson Inflows: varying from 1,550 to 2,000 cfs, 40% to 60% of Normal.
- Gibson Outflows: +/-3000 cfs,
- Willow Creek Reservoir: 24,900 Ac-ft, 78% Full, 85% of Normal, Filling
- Pishkun Reservoir: 28,500 Ac-ft, 95% Full, 97% of Normal, Filling

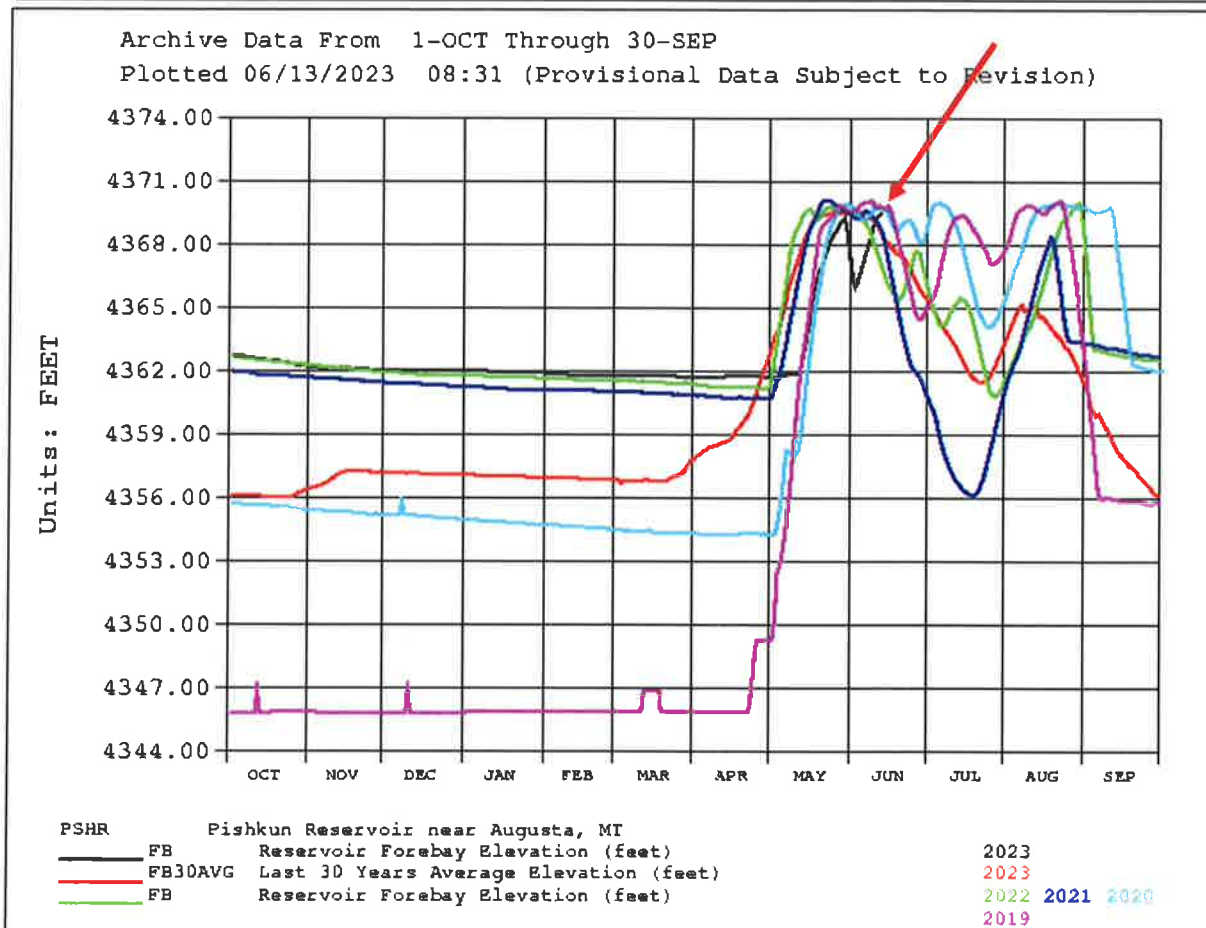
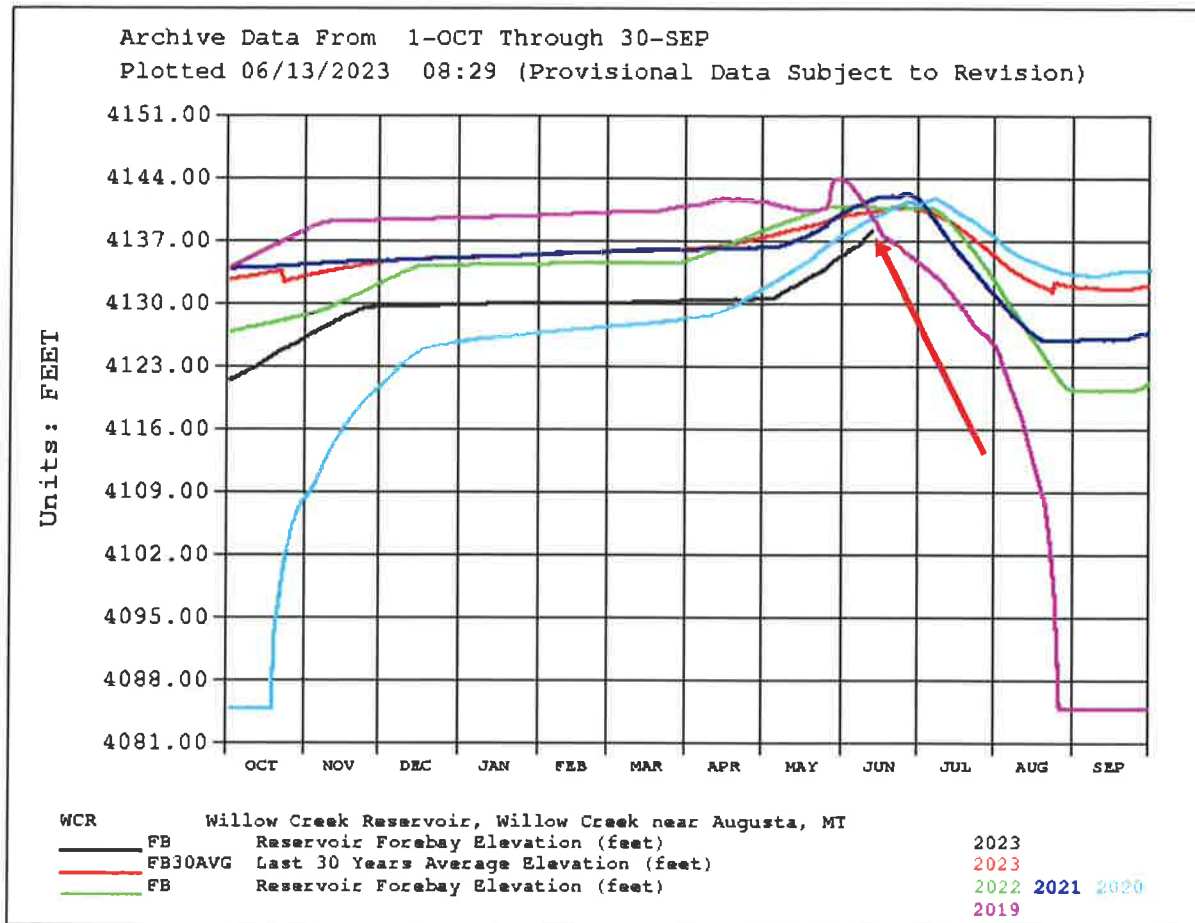
B. Snowpack Levels readings are:

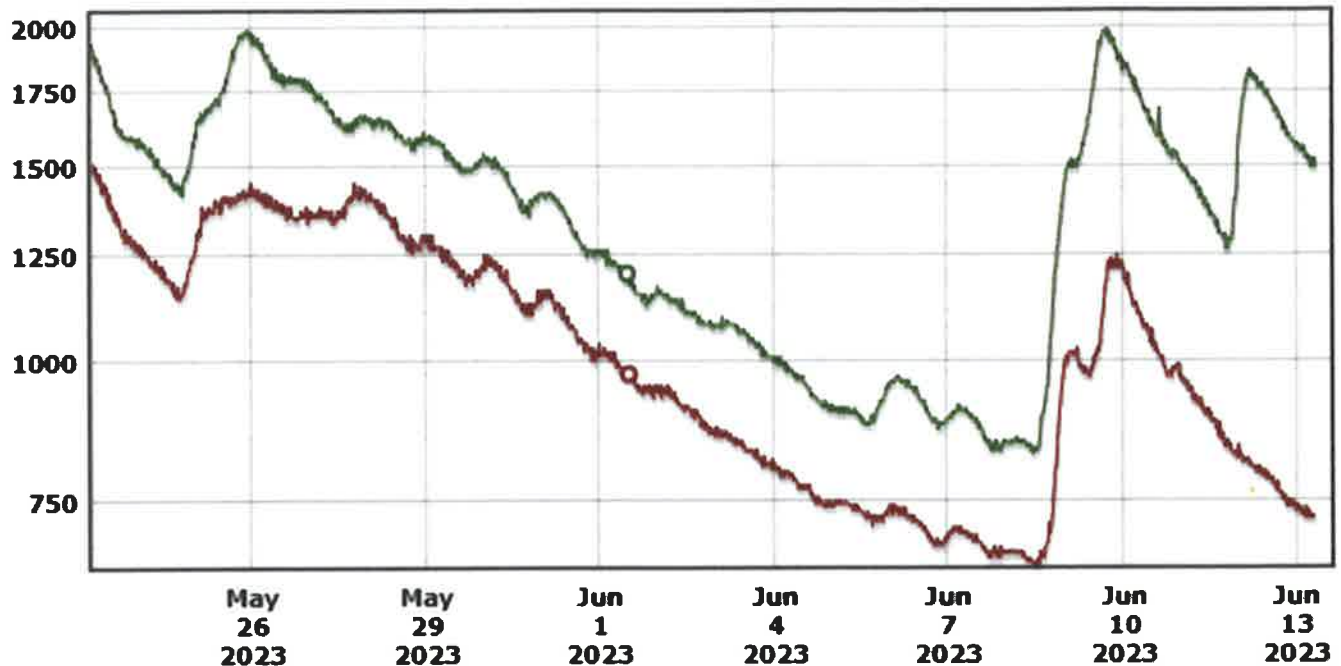
- Badger Pass Snow-Water Eq. = 0"
- Mount Lockhart Snow-Water Eq. = 0"
- Waldron Snow-Water Eq. = 0"
- Wood Creek Snow-Water Eq. = 0.0"
- Gibson Reservoir Watershed = 0, 0% of normal per (USBR)

C. The National Climate Prediction Center is now predicting above normal temps and normal precipitation for June through August. September to November is predicted to be normal temps and normal precipitation.









INFLOWS – NORTH & SOUTH FORKS OF SUN RIVER

D. In summary.....

1. Unprecedented melting and earlier than normal runoff the first part of May will have the effect of shortening our season. The rain has helped a little.
2. Gibson is full, Pishkun is filling, and Willow Creek is 3.5 feet below normal operating level.
3. The Pishkub Supply Canal had to be shutdown for a couple of days in order to make some adjustments.
4. Still prudent to stick with a 1.5-foot allotment.
5. Half rate water will probably last until June 18th.

2) GID WATER RIGHT ISSUES

- A. The State has granted preliminary approval of our water right request subject to public comment. DNRC advertised for public objections against our non-consumptive, water right request. The public had until June 12th to file an objection and none were filed. DNRC will grant our water right request.
- B. Adjudication is in its next round, and we are making corrections to our place of use, i.e., District boundaries. Nancy is working with Rita Frasure to fix discrepancies.

3) STAFF UPDATES

- A. Nothing new regarding staff.

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

- A. Jenny, Steve, and Ditch riders are still having issues working the bugs out of the computers' interaction with the database.
- B. Nancy has indicated that we have received 89% of the certification packets. +/-25 producers still need to be certified. Also, we are reviewing the tax roles for issues.

5) FARM UNIT OPERATIONS

- A. **Nothing new**
- B. One Pivot FYI

6) MONTHLY FINANCIALS & 2023 BUDGET

- A. The account receivables for May were \$75,226.
- B. Accounts payable for May totaled \$516,078 (includes a big payment to SREC) for the warrants as well as \$95,157 in salaries comprising three pay periods.
- C. We have finalized a revolving line of credit with our local bank up to \$1 million with a fixed interest rate of 6.5%. Have yet to exercise a draw on this loan but will need to next week.
- D. Received the 2020-2021 audit completed by Douglas Wilson & Co. A rep from the auditing firm will present the results.

7) OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Still working on getting options for GID's property and liability insurance coverage effective July 1st. One carrier refused to cover use due to recent losses associated with recent lawsuits. Jenny is pursuing multiple options.

8) GID VEHICLES & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- A. See looking/need a job trailer and renting a large soil compactor for Phase II Arnold Coulee construction.
- B. The FMC/Link Belt crane carrier rebuilt motor has been installed but there are still some final linkage and connection issues to work through.
- C. Made the last installment payment for the mower tractor.
- D. Need to start budgeting for new dump trucks and semi-tractors for our transport trailers.

9) PEARSON LAWSUIT

- A. As you know, GID prevailed at the HRB appeal hearing in Helena on May 18th. Pearson has 30 days to file another appeal with the local District court.
- B. Not sure if he has filed with the District Court or when the 30 days period actually starts.
- C. Apparently the HRB attorney has 90 days to issue a final order.

10) WILLOW CREEK FEEDER CANAL MAINTENANCE & LAWSUIT

- A. Scheduling Order Set
 - 1. Discovery Closes – March 29, 2024
 - 2. Trial – November 4, 2024
- B. The next step is to get ready for depositions. I will be the 30(b)(6) witness for GID regarding this lawsuit. This is scheduled within the couple of months.
- C. The status of performing any maintenance is again in question.

11) HYDRO UPDATES

- A. General –
 - 1. Gave a Tour of our existing, on-going, and future hydropower projects to our Public Service Commissioner, Annie Bukacek
 - 2. Another tour is scheduled for the 22nd with PSC Commissioner Randy Pinocci, local business leaders and local State legislators.
- B. Arnold Coulee LOPP –
 - 1. ✓ **LOPP** – The Executed LOPP Agreement has been finalized and is done.
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on meters, breakers, and step-up transformers is still pushing over a year. Settled on a transformer which will cost about \$240,000.

3. **Transmission Easements** – Nothing new since our April 19th meeting with SREC staff regarding the status of the remaining easements to be secured. SREC has asked GID's engineer to do most of the leg work.
 - State Trust Lands will require \$1,000 per acre compensation for the utility crossing State lands. This assumes a 30-ft wide easement for the length.
 - Sent Mr. Morris a letter with a similar compensation offer, and a plea to finalize our discussions regarding crossing his family's land.
 - The switch yard site is still unknown, but it is looking like it will be on State Trust lands.
 - The revised Cultural Resource Study was completed, and the report was sent to BOR and BLM.
 - BLM is now wanting to restart and redo the Environmental approval process. The BOR is not happy with that decision. It will cost GID more money.
4. **BLM Site ROW** – BLM will not finish our ROW application until the cultural resource document and environmental review redo has been approved.
5. **SREC Interconnection & Transmission Agreements** – Had a video conference on the May 26th with representatives of NWE, WAPA, SREC, and GID regarding if and how the generated energy will impact everyone. These impacted questions need to be answered in order to finalize our PPA negotiations. Had to prepare a "one-line" drawing showing the relationships amongst various utilities. The interconnection agreement is still in SREC's court.
6. **Power Purchase Agreement** – Nothing new on the PPA submitted to NWE on March 9th. Northwestern Energy has acknowledged receipt and is conducting their internal review. They are evaluating the impact of GID's generation.
7. **Design Drawings** – Received another version of the drawings from Sorenson Eng. last week. Working on the powerhouse design and internal components.
8. **Turbine-Generator Purchase** – Next two payments to CHC are scheduled for June 13th and July 15th for \$177,250 and \$375,690 (\$354,500+\$21,190). The \$21,190 per site is for adding access hatches to the turbine intake upstream of the turning vanes. Hoping to get the draft tubes installed this summer.
9. **WEEG WaterSmart Grant** – Submitted the last quarterly report in April. We have exhausted the \$2 Million grant allotment as well as satisfied GID's \$2 Million match requirement. Next WEEG reports are due 09/30/23.
10. **INTERCAP Loan** – The GID Board has approved the Bond Resolution for the Loan. However, the Department of Commerce is holding off from processing the loan until the ROWs have been secured.
11. **Wire, Widgets & Windings** – Picked up the last six reels of conductor for which we already paid. Squared up with local that help load them for us.
12. **Construction** – The 1st phase of construction comprising the bypass weir structure has been completed. Experienced some unanticipated hydrologic flow conditions that needed attention. Had to shut down the PSC to make adjustments. Submitted Phase 2 construction drawings to Reclamation for

approval. Received review comments and already responded to their comments. The 2nd phase includes the foundation block, installing the draft tubes, and constructing the tailrace channel and the underdrain.







C. Pishkun Inlet Hydro –

1. **Funding** – Options look good.

- WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address Pishkun Inlet Hydro.
- Also, GID was awarded a \$5.03 million loan guarantee through USBR's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) program. Developing a scope of work and schedule for the loan. Waiting for final terms of loan before committing.
- Also, through Montana HB 6, GID was awarded a \$125k DNRC grant.
- And, through Montana HB 8, GID was awarded a \$1.5 million State loan at maximum 3% interest.
- And finally, I think we can access another Dept. of Commerce, INTERCAP Revenue Bond loan.

2. **LOPP** – Sent a request to Reclamation to finalize the permitting process for this site. Received notice yesterday Reclamation will issue preliminary LOPP.

3. GID is committed to finding a way to make this 2nd site work since we are already purchasing the turbine and generator.
- D. Johnson Drop –
 1. **Funding** –
 - WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address finishing Johnson Drop.
 2. **LOPP** – Need to send a request to Reclamation to initiate the permitting process for this site. No word back yet.
- E. A-Drop –
 2. **Funding** –
 - WaterSmart WEEG – Part of the \$4.3 million grant would address finishing A-Drop
 3. **LOPP** – Need to send a request to Reclamation to initiate the permitting process for this site. No word back yet.
- F. Gibson Hydro –
 1. FERC's Termination letter effective 1st week of August.

12) GID INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS- Current or Planned

- A. Hwy 89 Ditch Crossings
 1. Nothing new from MDT.
- B. Willow Creek Spillway Repair –
 1. Other than periodic monthly phone meetings, nothing new since I attended a design review meeting in Billings Region office of Reclamation during the week of January 30th.
- C. Sun River Bridge Replacement –
 1. A Public Scoping Meeting was held by FHWA on the afternoon of May 16th in Augusta. Good turnout. Some people asked about Gibson Hydro.
 2. Ribbon cutting ceremony for bridge now planned for Summer of 2026.
- D. SRS 71 Check Replacement and Reregulation, Phase 1–
 1. We have preliminary plans to replace the headworks for SRS-71.
 2. Ordered the Rubicon "smart" turnout gate.
 3. Working off the \$125K DNRC grant received to do this work.
 4. Work is scheduled to start this Fall after the water season.
 5. **UPDATE** – GID was awarded the \$15K DNRC RRGL planning grant that we submitted for Phase II, relocate, and replace SRS main canal check.
- E. Phase III J-Waste Way Facility, Spring Coulee Headworks –
 1. **UPDATE** – GID was awarded a \$15K DNRC RRGL planning grant that we submitted to complete Phase 3. Phase 3 is the confining berms, SCDA, and the controls.
- F. Tunnel #3 Roof Collapse –
 1. GID was awarded a \$11.6 million loan guarantee through Reclamation's Aging Infrastructure Account (AIA) funding program. Putting together a scope of work and schedule for the loan.
 2. Video kick-off meeting scheduled for June 20th.
 3. Already was awarded a \$500k ARPA grant.
- G. Lower GSC Rehabilitation –
 1. Working off the \$75,000 WaterSmart grant received to help pay for this project.
 2. Cultural Resources has already been completed.

3. Design is being completed. Work is scheduled to start this Fall after the water season.
4. Need to order pipe once design is completed.

13) TITLE TRANSFER

- A. Received the draft MOU and agreement from USBR to move forward. Have not had a chance to review.

14) MISC GID O&M PROJECTS

- A. Eric will provide a verbal update if he's here.

15) GID GRAZING LEASE PROGRAM

- A. Nothing new to report.
- B. Ready to turn Range Rider Ron loose again this year.

16) DISTRICT MODERIZATION EFFORT WITH FCA

- A. Now having weekly meetings with FCA. Discussing next steps.
- B. WWC is being sought to assist with the WBM and SIP. Although FCA can't directly reimburse GID for field data collection, WWC could.
- C. I definitely need help with the water balance model and (System Improvements Plan) SIP

17) MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Still no update on the historic Muddy Creek gravel pit closeout. GID received a notification of violation from the MT DEQ. Sent an update to DEQ.
- B. Received another violation notice from DEQ regarding the Kasper Pit just north of Town. Submitted another request for a permit.

18) SHORT-TERM TO DO LIST – JUNE

- Continue to advance efforts to secure Transmission & Wheeling Agreement with SREC.
- Get Merle to finalize an agreement to an alignment on his ground.
- Push SREC to finalize the necessary easements on State and Federal land.
- Address the historic gravel pit issues.
- Continue to find a solution to the insurance predicament. Jenny is working with our agent.

19) LONG-TERM TO DO LIST – JULY & ON

- Order pipe for tailrace channel underpass.
- Solicit for roller gates, transition pipe and entrance collar for intake structure.
- Get BLM approval for site easement and transmission line easement.
- Get State of MT-DNRC approval for transmission line easement.
- Develop a 5yr/10yr Strategic Plan (Conservation & Management Plan)
- Develop a Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) with FCA

NEXT GID BOARD MEETING JULY 11th @ 6PM

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