



AGENDA
HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Main Office

March 04, 2026

5:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Approval of Warrants
- III. Treasurers Report
- IV. Manager Report
- V. Bill Hein – Headgate
- VI. Tim Broadbent – Encroachment permit/Culvert



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March 4, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Huntley Project Irrigation District held its regular board meeting at its main office on March 04, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting was, President, Cody Kuntz. Commissioners, Mark Fox, Marc Vogel and John Mahan. Manager, Travis Kamp, Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Rush. Landowners, Tim Broadbent & Bill Hein. County Commissioner, Mark Morse & Andrew Bolerjack with Yellowstone County News.

Minutes

Cody called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from February 11, 2026, were reviewed. John Mahan asked what we are doing with the hole seen in Tunnel 2, Travis said we are going to put a tarp over it for now. With no other questions or comments being brought forward Mark Fox motioned to accept the minutes as they were read. John Mahan 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Warrants & Stockman Bank debit card purchases

Sandra presented warrant #'s 79031038 – 79031073 and the Stockman Bank debit card purchases. Travis said the Tacoma Screw invoice was from replacing bolts on the pumps. Sandra said the invoices for tools are from replacing employee-owned items needed for operations. With no other questions or comments being brought forward, Justin Hein motioned to accept the warrants and the Stockman bank debit card purchases. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Sandra presented the budget variance and reported the income received & all account balances. The latest Trial Balance received from the County is dated 1/31/26. Deposits made this month were from collected encroachment permit fees from Charter & 1 landowner & \$9,812.58 was paid by BLM for their surplus water contract for 2026. Deposits made this month total \$24,446.58.



Manager's Report

Travis reported furlough has ended as of February 23rd. The crew is back working full time.

- A fuel contract has been locked in at \$2.72 a gallon with Town & Country
- A permit was submitted by Ty Thompson for an approach. Cody reminded the Commissioners of the rule that only allows 1 approach per 40 acres. The permit was denied due to this rule.
- Charter has submitted a permit for a drop to a house on Rd 7. They will need to cross a drain & a lateral. Justin Hein made a motion to approve the permit, Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried
- Dillon McCloy, whose permit had previously been approved for a bridge, has now said the bridge won't work for his operations. He wants to place a 4' culvert around 30' long instead. The Commissioners have no issue with this and said Dillon does not need to fill out a new permit for that, as this was previously approved.
- We will turn water in the canal April 19th
- There are a couple of ditch riders requesting the Commissioners to reconsider their previous rule of not allowing anyone to ride along in HPID owned vehicles and allowing them to have a passenger in their work truck while they ride ditches on the weekends. Discussion incurred amongst the Commissioners. This issue was tabled until further discussion can be had.
- Charter is requesting to change the build again for the 3rd time on the Highline Canal. They are requesting to enter an easement and run line down it for 1,070 ft. After discussion and looking at the area, Marc Vogel made a motion to approve the changes. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- Ditches will be sprayed for weeds & grass by Harold Wilson again this season. He will begin as soon as we see grass popping up.
- Property owned by Cameron Jones is now being split up and sold. This property is the same property that Lyle Peterson was hired as contractor to install pivots on and came before the Board seeking approval for. The pivots are not being sold with the property and have been removed. Travis went and viewed the property after speaking with the Realtor and discovered that structure of ours has been removed by Cameron Jones contractor and now will require reconstruction for irrigation water to be delivered to that parcel. The Commissioners instructed Travis to try and gain contact with Cameron Jones to discuss the matter. The cost to reconstruct what was torn out will be close to 15k. The Commissioners said this is not a cost that HPID should have to absorb. They were not given permission to remove any of our structures. Travis said he will do what he can to get ahold of him and will report back to the Commissioners with any information that is gained.



- Call came in from Charter with a request to permit 100-300 drops at a time. Travis explained this would be difficult to track on our side of things. Our permit states that paid fees are non-refundable. Justin Hein said further discussion of this needs to be had but would like Travis to reach out to Scott Aspenlieder regarding the matter 1st to see if he has any recommendations.
- Currently waiting for a call from Slim on the valves for the pumps. He said previously they should be ready by Monday the 9th.
- Big Sky (Nemont contractors) lost a bit on the main canal during a bore. Travis said he will not allow them to retrieve this due to its location.

Bill Hein/Headgate

Bill approached the Board seeking approval to place a headgate on F16 so he can irrigate a piece of ground that has not been irrigated in over 12 years. As it stands today, he is unable to irrigate this piece. The original headgate had an approach placed over it and the culvert isn't very big, so the ditch has filled in. When it was irrigated before, water was pumped out of the drain. The Commissioners had no issue with this headgate placement to enable him to irrigate his ground. Mark Fox made a motion to approve his permit for headgate placement using an 18" flipper headgate & pip pipe. John Mahan 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Tim Broadbent/Culvert

Tim approached the Board regarding an approach that he put in at his place on E I Rd. Tim was not aware of the new permitting in place when he did this. Travis explained that the lateral where the approach was installed has not been used for years. Although the Commissioners had no disagreements with approving the approach, the permit fee of \$500.00 must be paid. Justin explained that even though this is an unused lateral, we still must charge you the permit fee. Tim had no problem with paying for that and thanked the Commissioners for their time. Justin Hein made a motion to approve the permit for the approach already installed. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.



Other Issues

Justin Hein brought Commissioners up to date that did not attend a couple zoom meetings that occurred between HPID, BOR, WBYC, Great West Engineering, Performance Engineering and USDA to share conversations had regarding the construction in Worden being done by WBYC project. A zoom meeting was scheduled approx. a week after the meeting we had at the WBYC office to discuss further the requirements of the permits issued to them by HPID & BOR. WBYC did not think they should be held responsible for our underground drains that we cannot locate. They also believed we were classed as a utility which we are not. Amy Blakenship and David Trimpe with the BOR were very clear with everyone when explaining to them during this zoom meeting that this federal infrastructure was constructed over 120 years ago and it will be protected. WBYC at the end of the 1st zoom meeting said that they did not agree that the permits signed included the underground drains and that according to the MCA (MT Code Annotated), they were not responsible for lines HPID could not locate. David Trimpe told them he was familiar with the MCA and explained that the BOR does not adhere to state guidelines. The BOR adheres to federal guidelines. WBYC also expressed their opposition on having Performance Engineer on site to do inspections when they have their own inspectors present. Amy Blakenship reiterated to them that it is very clear in HPID's permits that our inspectors can and will be on site to ensure your construction is not interfering with our structures. That meeting ended with the BOR continuing the suspension of their permits until a resolution could be reached. WBYC called an emergency meeting that Saturday with their Board members and get back with the BOR with any decision made. WBYC then called for another zoom meeting that was held this morning. They basically took the MOU we presented to them previously and revised it to their liking and wanted us to sign it. Both Amy & David said that the MOU was completely off the table. The permits already signed with WBYC completely state that they are responsible for any damage they cause to our infrastructure. At the end of these meetings, WBYC & their Engineers finally agreed to recognize the 2 permits they have already signed with no MOU needed. Justin stated that all HPID ever expected or wanted was for them to adhere to the permits and as of right now, nothing has changed from BOR's nor HPID's permits. They are hoping to resume construction on Monday. The BOR will be emailing them a letter tomorrow morning of reinstatement while stating they are standing firm with their original permit requirements.



With no other issues being brought forward, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes are transcribed and respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Rush - Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By/Title: Cody Kuntz – President

Date: 4/08/2026