



AGENDA
HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Main Office

March 05, 2024

1:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Approval of Warrants
- III. Treasurers Report
- IV. Manager's Report
- V. Seth Katolas – Vantage Point (Nemont)
- VI. Phillip Botch – New pivot
- VII. Travis Grice – Bridge & Possible pivot/wheel line



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1:30 p.m.

The Huntley Project Irrigation District held its regular board meeting at its main office on March 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting was, President, Cody Kuntz, Vice President, Justin Hein. Commissioners, Mark Fox, and John Mahan & Marc Vogel. Manager, Travis Kamp, Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Rush. Also present were landowners, Phillip Botch, Travis Grice, Dillon & Kae McCloy. Seth Katolas with Vantage Point-Nemont, Andrew Bolerjack with the Yellowstone County News & Yellowstone County Commissioner, Mark Morse.

Minutes

Cody called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from February 12, 2025, were reviewed. With no questions or comments being brought forward, Jhon Mahan motioned to accept the minutes as they were read. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Warrants & Stockman Bank debit card purchases

Warrant numbers 79030257 – 79030291 were presented. Sandra said that she has voided warrant #79030285 to S&S Machine and issued warrant #79030291 in its place due to the original amount on the 1st warrant being incorrect. Cody Kuntz asked what the warrant to Kelsey Industrial for \$24,653.25 was all for. Travis replied and said \$13,743.00 is to vulcanize 4 rollers for the screens. This is what Brad Kembel went to Denver to do for the screen repairs he is working on. The other part is for the take-up bearings, sprockets & the top bearings. We will have one more invoice come in for the bottom bearings soon. With no other questions or comments being brought forward, Justin Hein motioned to accept the warrants & the Stockman Bank debit card purchases. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.



Treasures Report

Sandra reported the latest trial balance received from the County was dated 01/01/2025. Balances in all accounts were reported. Assessments received in January totaled \$26,797.62. \$6,902.45 was earned in interest in all accounts combined. \$28,526.13 was made in deposits to the O&M Main cash account. Sandra stated all payments have been received toward the invoices that have gone out for construction inspections done by Performance Engineering. There is only 1 outstanding invoice that was sent to Spectrum/Jeremy Lind, but it is not due until the end of the month. Surplus water contracts will be mailed out this month.

Managers' Report

Travis said the lay-off period has ended and the crew is back full-time now as of the 3rd. Water will be brought into the canal on April 13th. Travis told the Commissioners we will run the date in the paper and on the signs after the annual meeting, so everyone has an opportunity to get their ditches ready. He said we have not been able to get as much maintenance done as we wanted too with the weather that we had. It has put us behind on drain repairs, check repairs and burning.

- Screens – Chains & belting should arrive on schedule and no later than the 24th.
- Fuel contract is done. We contracted 6k gallons @ \$2.86 per gallon.
- Employee hire – We are going to need to hire a CDL Operator. We are 1 down.
- Spraying – Travis has been in contact with Harold Wilson out of Hardin who does spraying with his drone. The discussion of how to charge for this service was had. Hourly rate, or by foot was entertained. Travis said he does not want the easements sprayed, only inside the ditches. Harold said his charge is typically \$150 per hour + his chemical. Commissioners asked Travis to get back in touch with him and get a baseline for charges.
- Rob Luster wants to permit a pipe in one of our pits to drain his wastewater. He has 2 twenty-acre pieces and when he irrigates them, all of his wastewater goes to one corner and sits. He wants to come to the well pit where we have a pumphouse for Lateral D, with a pipe and make a headgate with a screen on it and be able to open it up when he needs to drain the wastewater. He would turn the pump on, and it would pump the water back into lateral D. The Commissioners did not like that he would be using our pump at leisure. That is an 18k pump and more usage of it for his draining will put more wear and tear on this pump. Sandra reported that the electric cost on this pump yearly for us run is around \$900.00. They said they understood this may help his situation, but we cannot allow him use of that pump. Travis said he also wants a culvert placement in Lateral D. He needs an access point. There is only 1 access to get on his property. He would like to have another to get into his fields. Mark Fox stated that 1 culvert per 40-acre lot is all that is allowed according to our Rules & Regulations and said the Commissioners had decided a while back when they had visited about this in meetings past to not change that rule. The other Commissioners agreed that this was their decision last year and they were not going to make any exceptions. We cannot have culverts all over the place. They are the cause of too many backups as



it is now not to mention the added work it creates on the ditch riders when they are constantly having to clean them of debris.

- Komatsu is getting a new final drive. BJ Tucker is working on it. Also getting new chains, sprockets, idlers & top rollers.
- International is getting looked at by HCL. Needing new gate latches.
- Mark Strobbe inspected the intake. Cracks in lines going to pump 2 seen.
- Lateral A piping is not completed at this time. Pipe & headwall are not done yet.

Seth Katolas – Vantage Point-Nemont

Seth approached the Commissioners to present a new map for the easement they are requesting to install and run fiber optics to the museum and the MSU experiment station. They discovered since getting their last easement permit approved that the Railroad has ROW to part to the north side of the easement they were going to use. The railroads encroachment fees are extremely expensive and also require they be paid yearly. This is much too high of a cost for our project to get service to only the museum. He is now proposing to bore and run line for 650ft, come back up and tie in, bore down again and go another 650ft and will do these 2 more times and then tie it all in. All construction would be underground. The Commissioners said they were okay with this change, but they would be charged each time they come in out of the easement as well as the per foot fee while running line down the ROW's. Mark Fox motioned to accept the new design of the permit. Justin Hein 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Seth said he would inform Nemont of the additional fees involved and will report back to the Commissioners if anything changes.

Travis Grice

Travis approached the Commissioners and said he is getting closer to pulling the trigger on this bridge since the last time he had spoken to them. He said they are going to mimic the specs of the abutments the Oxendahls are doing with their bridges. Buckley Reynolds will be the contractor. The Commissioners requested a drawing & design pretty quickly so we can get it over to Amy Blakenship with the BOR for approval from them asap. Marc Vogel motioned to approve the bridge permit. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Travis also presented a pivot/wheel line proposal to the Commissioners on a piece of dry land that would require a surplus contract. A sump style pump right off the side of the bank would be used to pump water from. Travis pulled up a view of the parcel he is wanting to irrigate so the



Commissioners could see the area that he is wanting to put a pivot/wheel line on. He requested to get on the waiting list for shares and get this area righted and off of surplus water eventually. The Commissioners discussed the details of what he would need to do to implement this. Cody Kuntz asked Travis if there was plenty of water available there, Travis said there is no shortage of water there. The Commissioners asked Travis Grice to get some drawings with measurements on the pump and box to them asap and to make sure to set that pump back from the canal to keep the debris path clear as discussed. Mark Fox motion to approve the surplus water and the pivot/wheel line. Justin Hein 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Phillip Botch

Phillip approached the Commissioners requesting an encroachment permit for a new pivot and pumping site he is wanting to place on his grandmother's place. Cody asked him how quickly he wanted to put this in place, Phillip said he is working on some grant funding at the time being, so he does not expect to be doing any groundwork this spring, he is hoping by this time next year. There is a total of 6 crossings and a pumping station needed to complete this. The Commissioners said they would take it under advisement for now and table a decision until further discussion can be had a design of the pumping station and pump system can be presented to them.

Dillon & Kae McCloy

Dillon approached the Board to ask when the water would be brought in this year and to ask what the requirements are for a permanent fence along the canal. Dillon was given the easement regulations. He also said they are wanting to fence their pasture off and build a small bridge for his cattle to cross. Justin asked for a drawing of his plans and said an encroachment permit would also be required. Dillon said he would fill it out and get it back to the office.



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: 4/09/2025