



AGENDA
HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Main Office
May 14, 2025
7:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Approval of Warrants
- III. Treasures Report
- IV. Manager's Report



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May 14, 2025
7:30 p.m.

The Huntley Project Irrigation District held its regular board meeting at its main office on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Minutes

Cody called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from April 9, 2025, were reviewed. Mark F commended Travis and the crew on getting the screens back together so quickly. With no other questions or comments being brought forward, John Mahan motioned to accept the minutes as they were read. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Warrants & Stockman Bank debit card purchases

Sandra presented warrant #'s 79030415 – 79030464 and the debit card purchases made on the Stockman Bank account. With no questions or comments being brought forward. Mark Fox motioned to accept the warrants and debit card purchases. Marc Vogel 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Sandra presented the budget variance report. All account balances reflect the 3/31/25 Trial Balance. Surplus water sales are being collected. To date we have received \$14,027.13. Deposits made into the O&M Main Cash acct totaled \$18,697.25. We received the 2025-2026 insurance policy with Glatfelter. Total for the policy this year is \$41,648.77. We removed some vehicles & equipment from the policy that are no longer in service which brought the policy cost down by \$600 from the previous year. Total interest earned in all accounts combined totaled \$13,064.93. The 2024 audit has been scheduled to begin July 28th.



Manager's Report

Travis said they need to purchase a ½ ton to a ¾ ton truck fairly soon. Marc Vogel said he will reach out to his contact at the auto auction and have him start looking.

Mark Strobbe is willing to sell the Kubota mini excavator to us and the Titan trailer for 35k. 10k for the trailer & 25k for the mini. The Commissioners agreed to purchase both pieces of equipment and move 35k from the Infrastructure account to the O&M Main Cash account to cover the expense.

John Mahan motioned to purchase the mini excavator & trailer for 35k and to transfer the funds to cover this purchase from the Infrastructure acct into the O&M Main Cash acct. Marc Vogel 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

CDL schooling is around \$4800.00. We are currently looking around for any grant programs that may help us cover some of this expense. We need more CDL licenses. We have a couple of employees interested in gaining them. The Commissioners are not comfortable paying for the schooling without any guarantee that the employee wouldn't take their license to work elsewhere and HPID losing funds. There is no way to recoup the cost of the schooling if that should occur. Travis said we will keep looking into this and see if we can find anything that could assist with the expense.

John Mahan filled out a permit to replace an existing pipe that drains water into lateral G. Travis said it's pretty much a no brainer and there would be no fee because it is just a replacement. The Commissioners have no issue with this and said to go ahead.

HF on the Highline at the Kurkoska's place has an existing culvert that collapsed. He has filled out a permit to replace the culvert but will not replace it until the fall. He will use the same size culvert as the original one. No fees will be charged as this is also a replacement. The Commissioners have no issue with this and said to move forward when ready.

Huntley Water needs to drill a test well on a chunk of our ground in Huntley on Bureau of Reclamation ground. The Commissioners said as long as they mark where the drill site is so the person haying that area can clearly see it, we will approve it. Travis said he would send the permit over to Amy Blakenship to make sure BOR has no issue with it. John Mahan made the motion to approve the test well site. Mark Fox 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Having issues again with folks dumping all kinds of stuff at the dump site we have open to the public for grass and tree debris. Travis said he will lock this off to the public if this continues. We also are getting tired of finding bags of littered kittens and pups, and dead livestock in our laterals, drains and on the easements. Travis said he will start placing these animals on the properties that border the areas we are finding them on if it continues. He also made it known how sick & disturbing it is to find this in our water ways every single year.

We need a new cable for the sludge gate. The cables are very old and dilapidated, and both need to be replaced.



Sandra & I had a zoom meeting with our new contact with the USDA funding. He seems to be very dialed in on our needs here and the workings of irrigation districts. Right now, funding has been froze with the new administration as DODGE goes through the contracts prior to releasing any funding.

Kae & Dillon McCloy

Kae said that her neighbor is placing a new fence on our easement. She said after speaking to him regarding the easement, he said that HPID buried a pipeline there and gave up the easement at that time. Cody Kuntz replied and said, “we do not give up easements” and said they were informed of the situation. Travis will look into the matter further and discuss this with the landowner. Dillon said the new bridge they built for their cattle to use to cross the canal is not working. They will not cross it. They would like to install a culvert in its place. The Commissioners said they were fine with this but must use the same size culvert that is being used by the County upstream as well as making sure to armor it up and downstream. The Commissioners told Dillon to bring the specs of the new culvert placement when he is ready for them to review, Dillon asked if there would be another \$500 crossing fee. Cody said no, this is basically the same as a replacement.

Minutes are transcribed and respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Rush - Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By/Title: Cody Kuntz – President

Date: 05/12/2025