# AGENDA

## ***HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT***

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Main Office
July 08, 2026
7:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

II. Approval of Warrants

III. Treasurers Report

IV. Manager Report

V. Ballantine Community Clean-up/Greenhouse removal on 2nd St W & Lower Canal Rd

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The Huntley Project Irrigation District held its regular board meeting at its main office on July 08, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.
Present at the meeting was, President, Cody Kuntz. Vice President, Justin Hein. Commissioners, Mark Fox, John Mahan & Marc Vogel. Manager, Travis Kamp, Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Rush. The Ballantine Task Force. Also present was landowner Robert Grey & Andrew Bolerjack with Yellowstone County News.

## Minutes

President Cody Kuntz called the meeting to order. The minutes of June 10, 2026, board meeting were reviewed. With no questions or comments from the commissioners, Commissioner Marc Vogel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Mark Fox 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Warrants & Stockman Bank debit card purchases

Sandra presented Warrant Nos. 79031265 through 79031319, along with the Stockman Bank debit card purchases, for the Board's review. With no questions or comments from the Commissioners, Commissioner Justin Hein made a motion to approve the warrants and Stockman Bank debit card purchases as presented. Commissioner John Mahan 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Treasurer Report

Sandra presented the financial report, noting that, based on the latest trial balance dated May 31, 2026, the District had received $270,890.02 in assessment payments. Interest earned across all accounts totaled $8,851.42. Deposits for the reporting period totaled $4,914.29 and consisted of revenue from material sales and surplus water sales.

Sandra directed the Commissioners' attention to the pipe expense reflected in the budget variance report, explaining that the amount included approximately $22,000 for pipe purchased for the emergency repair of Lateral D, which had not been included in the 2026 budget.

The Board discussed transferring funds generated from Charter encroachment fees received during 2026, as well as the costs associated with the emergency repair of Lateral D. Commissioner Justin Hein stated that the repair qualified as an emergency expense and should be funded through the Operations & Emergency Fund. Sandra reported that the district had received approximately $62,000 in Charter encroachment fees during 2026 and that the total cost of the Lateral D repair was approximately $32,000.

Commissioner Justin Hein made a motion to transfer $62,000 in Charter encroachment fees revenue from the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Main Cash account to the Infrastructure Fund and to transfer $32,000 from the Operations & Emergency Fund to the O&M Main Cash Account to reimburse the cost of the Lateral D emergency repair. Commissioner Marc Vogel 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Manager Report

- Old business -

Lateral HC – Commissioners are tabling any decisions being made regarding HC at this time.

- New Business

Robert Grey Pump Relocation Request

Bob Grey appeared before the Board requesting approval to install a center pivot irrigation system. Bob currently receives irrigation water from Lateral HE for the parcel where the pivot is proposed. Travis recommended that the pivot be supplied from the Lower Canal rather than Lateral HE, as the property is located at the end of Lateral HE, making it difficult to consistently deliver the volume of water required to adequately operate a pivot irrigation system. Travis also recommended waiving the district's $500.00 encroachment fee, as Bob will incur the additional expense of relocating his pump site to the Lower Canal to reduce the demand on Lateral HE. The Board also recognized that center pivot irrigation promotes more efficient water use and conservation.

Commissioner Justin Hein moved to approve the pivot installation and relocation of the pumping site to the Lower canal and to waive the $500.00 encroachment fee. Commissioner Marc Vogel 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Brian Osness Pump Relocation Request

Brian Osness previously appeared before the Board and received approval for the installation of his pivot and associated pumping site. Since that approval, the pumping site has been staked onto the extension line; however, Brian requested permission to relocate the pump site to the reservoir line, upstream of the Fly Creek Siphon.

Travis stated that he did not foresee any issues with the proposed relocation. Commissioner Justin Hein made a motion to approve the relocation of the pump site to the reservoir line and to waive the encroachment fee of $500.00 as this was for a pivot installation. Commissioner Mark Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lower Lost Boy Structure

Travis reported that the Lower Lost Boy structure is deteriorating and requires repair. Due to trees and brush obstructing the area, the bank has corroded some, causing water to flow over the top of the structure. As a temporary measure, staff placed sandbags to stabilize the area. Travis noted that permanent repairs will need to be completed this fall.

Seepage Concern – Rick Horton

Travis reported that Rick Horton is experiencing seepage issues on his property. Rick expressed concern to Travis that his neighbor has been allowed to have water for longer than the allotted time, resulting in water seeping onto his property and affecting his septic system. Travis stated that a portion of D04, from 13th Road to approximately halfway to 14th Road, is in need of swiping and believes this may be contributing to some of the seepage occurring in the area. He also spoke with the ditch rider responsible for that section and confirmed that Rick's neighbor had been irrigating longer than necessary for the acreage being watered. Travis instructed the ditch rider to limit irrigation deliveries to the allotted time based on the number of irrigated acres. In addition, he observed that the neighboring pasture does not have adequate border dikes, allowing water to escape the field and likely contribute to seepage onto Rick's property. Travis stated that district staff will continue to monitor the area closely, ensure irrigation schedules are being followed, and take appropriate measures to minimize any additional seepage affecting Rick's property.

Operations Update

Travis reported that additional Waterman headgates will need to be ordered in August to replenish the district's inventory and support ongoing system maintenance.

Travis also informed the Board that de-mossing operations will be performed by Allen Perry with Aquatic Services. The scheduled treatment will include the Extension Line, Laterals B and F, and the lower end of the Lower Canal.

Travis reported that Nemont requested permission to bore under the district's canal at E G Road and 15 South. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the request, waiting until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to seek approval for this bore was not feasible. Travis contacted the Commissioners to obtain approval by phone.

The Commissioners approved the request on July 7, 2026, unanimously.

## Ballantine Task Force

The Ballantine Task Force (Community Cleanup) approached the Board requesting permission to demolish the old greenhouse located at the corner of Lower Canal Road and 2nd Street West. The greenhouse was originally constructed in the 1970s by a community group known as the "Green Thumbs," who established and maintained a community garden. The structure has been unused for more than 30 years and has deteriorated significantly, creating a potential safety hazard for children or others who may enter the building.

Sandra reported that she contacted Amy Blankenship with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) regarding the proposed removal. Amy advised that because the project would not involve ground disturbance, the BOR does not have jurisdiction over the demolition, as HPID manages the property. She further stated that approval of the project would be at the discretion of the Board.

Following discussion, Commissioner Marc Vogel made a motion to approve the demolition and removal of the greenhouse. Commissioner Justin Hein 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 2027 Budget Discussion

The Board had brief discussion regarding the proposed 2027 budget. Sandra reminded the Commissioners that the 2027 budget, including any adjustments made on the current $44.00 per acre assessment, must be approved by August 31, 2026, to meet the deadline for filing the district's assessment database with the County.

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: 8/12/2026