



**AGENDA**  
**HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Main Office  
April 08, 2026  
7:30 p.m.

- I. Reorganization of the Board
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Approval of Warrants
- IV. Treasurers Report
- V. Manager Report
- VI. Gary Ostlund & Rob Ashkun – Fencing on C01+2 (N Rd 7 & 8 HWY 312)



## HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2026  
7:30 p.m.

The Huntley Project Irrigation District held its regular board meeting at its main office on April 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting was, President, Cody Kuntz. Vice President, Justin Hein. Commissioners, Mark Fox, Marc Vogel and John Mahan. Manager, Travis Kamp, Secretary/Treasurer, Sandra Rush. Landowners, Gary & Carolyn Ostlund, Rob Ashkun. Andrew Bolerjack with Yellowstone County News.

### **Re-Organization of the Board**

Cody called for the re-organization of the Board positions: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

John Mahan motioned to re-nominate Cody Kuntz as President. Mark Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

John Mahan motioned to re-nominate Justin Hein as Vice President, Mark Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Hein motioned to re-nominate Sandra Rush as Secretary/Treasurer, John Mahan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Cody called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from March 4, 2026, were reviewed. Mark Fox asked if the valves for the pumps were completed; Travis replied they were and said Slim did a great job on them.

With no other questions or comments being brought forward, Mark Fox motioned to accept the minutes as they were read, John Mahan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.



## **Warrants & Stockman Bank debit card purchases**

Sandra presented warrant #'s 79031087 – 79031143 and the Stockman Bank debit card purchases. Discussion occurred regarding the pumps & screens. Travis said both the pumps and screens have been reassembled and are ready for the season. Cody asked if the inspection fees from Performance Engineering have been invoiced out to WBYC, Nemont & Charter. Sandra confirmed they have been and are all due by the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

With no other questions or concerns being brought forward, Justin Hein motioned to accept the warrants and the Stockman Bank debit card purchases. John Mahan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer Report**

Sandra presented the April budget variance report that went over the expenses and balances in all accounts and provided details on all monies received & deposited this month. Deposits totaled \$23,431.00.

Travis directed the Commissioners to look at the pump expense account-6400 and noted that, with the recent pump repairs, the account is now 200% over budget. Justin asked Sandra to track pump expenditure throughout the year so funds can be transferred from the O&M Construction fund to cover the overage before year-end. Sandra also reminded the Commissioner's that once the final bill for repairing the Dozer is received, we will be over budget on equipment as well.

The annual audit has been scheduled to begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Manger's Report**

- Travis said a sample waiver form regarding non-employees riding in HPID vehicles was placed in the packets for Commissioners to review. Brief discussion occurred. Justin Hein requested that Sandra reach out to HPID's attorney for recommendations he may have on this matter.
- Jim Hein wants to place gated pipes in his field, irrigating from lateral M-08. He requested raising the box height 18-24 inches to accommodate gated pipe. The commissioners discussed responsibility for cost of materials & labor. Marc Vogel stated that the existing box structure that is in place is in good working condition at its current height, and therefore Jim Hein should cover the cost of the time and materials since the modification is for his irrigation needs. The Commissioner's agreed they had no issue



with the improvement provided Jim Hein covers the cost. They requested a drawing be presented to Travis and told Travis he could approve it and proceed at that point.

- Charter has submitted a permit for 2 aerial drops to homes. Both crossings make the required height of 18ft. Marc Vogel motioned to approve the permit for the drops. Mark Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- Screens – Went back to greaseable bearings on the bottom, spoke with Purvis to try and find Stellite bearings that have the same footprint, but none were available. A decision is needed on whether to purchase additional greaseable bearings or wait the 10 days required for alternatives. Travis recommended purchasing backup bearings to avoid delays during water season. The commissioner's instructed him to buy 2 more.
- Vince Charlton is requesting an approach and to place a culvert on a drain between Rd 4 & 5 using a 24 x 50 ft culvert. Marc Vogel motion to approve the culvert placement. Mark Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- Fuel contract locked in with Town & Country for 4k gallons. Travis said he requested 6k gallons like we always contract each year but for some reason they said they heard 4k gallons and said another 2k was no longer available as contracts were already locked in.
- Travis asked whether Commissioners want permits for simple culvert replacements brought before them for approval, noting that no changes would be made to existing installations. The permits will still be presented for review at meetings. The Commissioners agreed with this approach.
- Screens are set, and pumps are ready for water season. The crew has been burning and hauling loads of silt out of multiple laterals.
- Letter from Nemont stating they are done with construction of fiber optics until fall. Their permit expires this month. The Commissioners agreed further discussion is needed



before deciding whether to extend or require re-permitting for continued construction this fall.

### **Landowners – Gary & Carolyn Ostlund, Rob Ashkun**

Gary & Carolyn Ostlund along with Rob Ashkun approached the Board regarding fencing located within HPID easements on HWY 312 & N 7<sup>th</sup> Rd. Gary Ostlund said his fencing has been in place for over 50 years without prior issue. The Board acknowledged this but explained that maintenance access is now necessary, and the fencing obstructs that access. Cody reiterated that HPID Commissioners intend to clear easements to allow for essential maintenance that has been delayed due to such obstructions. Following discussion, Gary Ostlund acknowledged the easement and agreed to relocate or remove the fence. He requested that any dirt piles created during ditch cleaning be leveled to maintain a clean appearance. He also expressed concern about chemicals used in the ditch potentially affecting his well. He stated he will continue maintaining the ditch in his area to reduce the need for spraying.

Rob Ashkun stated he would move his fence as soon as possible and requested installation of a flipper gate at the corner of his driveway to improve irrigation efficiency. Due to changes in neighboring fencing, he indicated he would otherwise lose access for maintenance. Travis stated there would be no issue with the request; however, since the location is not at the high point of the farm unit, Board approval was required. Marc Vogel motioned to approve installation of the flipper gate by HPID. Justin Hein seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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: 5/13/2026