

GOSHEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Goshen Irrigation District was called for January 12, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at the District's headquarters in Torrington, Wyoming. President Shawn Booth called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Roll call was taken and those members present were Steve Schmick, Vice President; Randy Steben, Secretary\Treasurer; Fred Reichert, Commissioner; Kevin Strecker, Manager; Linda Keeran, Secretary; Andrea Janes, Cost Acct.; Ethan Knox, WM and Patrick Zimmerer, Attorney. Joel Alworth, Commissioner was absent.

Attendees: Matts Wells, BOR-OF and Lester Hardesty, LO, HDR, Marcus Krall and Cory Foreman online.

Matt Wells, BOR Operations Officer:

Pathfinder Irrigation account as of January 11, 2026, 244,665AF. Guernsey account has accrued so far 11,876AF, inflows to date are 73% of average. Com-Schmick that's kind of amazing. BOR-Wells why it's so high, what we should have been getting, so warm and its melting. Snowpak UNP is at 79% and the LNP is at 40% of median. It's just not very good, I would like to put an optimistic glick on something. We will start forecasting an allocation next month or the supply, if we did this month don't think we would get to 900,000AF on a forecast. Pres-Booth the mountains are very dry. BOR-Wells you are carrying over 27,448AF from last year, that's where your bucket starts and then we split everything up. Of the 244,665AF, 154,000AF is going to get divided out from last year. We really only gained 100,000AF because everyone has their pools, unless something changes drastically. Sec-Steben not even 20 days yet. BOR-Wells its not looking good and I hate to say it, but it feels like 2002. Pres-Booth you are talking 30 to 40 days of water for the year. BOR-Wells Don Day keeps saying LaNina is fading quickly, the weather will probably change and get a little more favorable.

Knox-WM

Discussion of Hardesty drain options a lot of seep water, drain is plugged somewhere. The pipeline was put in about 20 years ago; old drain converted into pipe. Option A \$12,750.00 for 1,500 feet or go all the way to the bottom gain most elevation was \$15,350.00 just for the pipe. They reviewed the addition of risers and the future cleaning of the pipeline. LO-Hardesty explained the history of the pipeline and thoughts on how to replace it. Sec-Steben asked Lester about paying for some of the pipe. LO-Hardesty I figure there is 200 acres of irrigation water coming in on me, do I want to pay for all the pipe, no, yes, I will pay for part of it. Pres-Booth I seen on your statement that the landowner would take over ownership of the pipe. Man-Strecker that is normally how this works, this was before any of us were here. LO-Hardesty if it's put into writing we have some cleanouts; I guess I will clean it out. If that is what it takes to make the deal work. After further discussion Sec-Steben made a motion to accept proposal three, under contingencies with the cleanouts, and possibility the landowner takes over the pipeline. Lester pays for half of the pipe, and we pay for the installation, half of the pipe and cleanouts. VP-Schmick and he is going to maintain the upper pond, and we will take care of the drain from the outlet. And I would want in there if that doesn't work, I don't want us to have to pay for the fix, unless we are digging it out and making it a ditch. Com-Reichert will this pass on

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to the next landowner. Sec-Steben yes, this is why we need to be involved in doing this. Pres-Booth we have a motion; do I have a second. VP-Schmick as long as the highway tube is still working when dealing with the Highway Department, water running over the highway. And these numbers are good. VP-Schmick seconded the motion with his amendments and a possible clause if it doesn't work. The motion carried with the following votes Sec-Steben aye, VP-Schmick aye, and Com-Reichert no.

Sec-Steben made a motion to approve the December 10, 2025, board minutes. VP-Schmick seconded the motion, motion carried. VP-Schmick made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Com-Reichert seconded the motion, motion passed.

MAN-Strecker:

1) All the tunnel designs, WWDC good to go just have to wait for the GMP. Pres-Booth Rep. Hageman our \$14.6 million appropriations went through. Man-Strecker it's in the Senate and expected to pass. Sec-Steben up against \$50 million for grants we need another \$25 million. Man-Strecker if we could get the BOR to change the EXM we could use the 35% grant before we would have to borrow money.

2) Report on a lease of pickups through Enterprise Fleet Management, we have 22 vehicles, 16 are pickups, and we are on about a 1-year rotation of those pickups. Supposedly this works better than leasing from a dealership, this is a five-year deal, for 5 vehicles it would cost \$108,000.00 per year.

3) 62.2 Check structure, gates we can't place an order for them until this is all approved. Benchmark has 50% design, Sol WWDC has to give comments, we may have changes on the design. Rachele go out for bid on February 24, 2026, and the last run would be on March 3, 2026, I just don't see it happening this fall. By then BOR may finally award the Water Smart grant, but that requires a NEPA study.

4) To do a project like Whalen requires a feasibility study, WWDC wants the applications in by March 12026. Do we want to apply and what project. Whalen Dam you have Pathfinder and Gering Ft. Laramie Irrigation Districts that will be involved with it. Sec-Steben the siphon on Laramie River, it's the next restriction down the line.

HDR-Krall

Review with a status update, progress on the two major scopes of work, and what to anticipate over the next month. Digger shield submittals have been released, dates for potential tours and go at the boards pleasure. On the segments the submittals have also been reviewed, waiting on the delegated designs from Atkinson Construction (AC), the force that they are going to feel from the digger shield pushing off of it. They need to confirm the segments can handle it BOR has specifically asked for that. ISC issued for construction, the GMP corresponded to a 90% set of construction documents, went through the BOR review process. This is part of submittals and coordination of Mountain View Builders. I have seen all the final tunnel construction documents,

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there is a reconciliation of the GMP values, anything that has changed, all need to be recognized. And that would be the place where the cylinders are going to fall into, and handling of the tunnel 2 additional steel sets and cost of removal. On the portal side, progress where they have been working is good, unfortunately not on the critical path and not as essential as getting the portals reconstructed. Staging area looking good, haul road, but a bit of a delay with their soil nailing contractor, break results, and strength in the QC protocols that are industry standards. They have to demonstrate with the recovery schedule, how they are going to be honorable by May 5, 2026. Sec-Steben Drew Mason, AC, was going to have cost estimates for the additional steel sets. HDR-Krall the cost were significant when you add in removing those sets of \$900,000.00. Sec-Steben do we have to issue a contract to proceed. HDR-Krall I would recommend we do issue a notice to proceed to order theses, can fine tune the quantity, with the schedules being what they are. VP-Schmick I think we should order them. Sec-Steben you can get them all in one load. HDR-Foreman this is where it gets a little sticky, Nebraska pays half, this falls right into the EXM funds. Sec-Steben made a motion to order 35 sets of the steel sets. Com-Reichert seconded the motion, motion carried.

Com-Reichert made a motion to go into executive session for financial plans at 1:20 p.m. VP-Schmick seconded the motion, motion carried. The board came out of executive session at 1:35 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted this 12 day of January 2026.
Linda S. Keeran, Secretary-Treasurer
Randy Steben, Secretary-Treasurer

ATTEST:

RS/lk

