



**NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1  
REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Dick Smith, Commissioner Franklin Kennedy & Commissioner Ernest Lowry; Director Nick Lehman; ROW Agent Eddy Thiel; District Clerk Paige Rhoades; Attorney Jay Kiiha

**GUESTS:** Crystal Craig & Sam Leammon, City of Nampa; Scott Linsenmann; Gabe Dean; Sakena Lesmeister, Ziply Fiber

Chairman Dick Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and all present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2026, and the Special Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2026. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the agenda as posted. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve Accounts Payable through February 26, 2026, and Payroll for the month of February. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Crystal Craig & Sam Leammon, with the City of Nampa, appeared before the Board for updates on current projects. Ms. Craig & Mr. Leammon discussed the Robinson Road Railroad Overpass project. They will continue working on obtaining grants for funding. Ms. Craig advised the Board that SH45 & Locust project has begun. They are anticipating that signal to be operational by the end of May 2026. Ms. Craig advised the Board that the irrigation crossing for the Elijah Drain on SH45 has been put on hold due to some other issues that were found after further investigation of the pipe. Ms. Craig advised the Board that ITD is hoping to do a pavement rehab project on SH45, from Greenhurst to Library Square near FY2027.

Ms. Craig advised the Board that there is a huge possibility that the County wide registration fee increase should go on the ballot this election year.

Director Nick Lehman began the Director's work report.

For the Northside & Cherry Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that LaRiviere shut down the intersection on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, to do the repairs that were required. They removed the temporary splitter island on the north leg of the intersection and have determined that the drainage issue is being caused by a high spot in the concrete. They proposed grinding down the high spot versus removing the concrete paving. When they went to grind the concrete, they ground it in a different location than what was originally planned without any communication with the inspector or Director Lehman. At this point, we will have the original engineer survey the area and put together a remediation plan. This project is currently 134 days past final completion.

For the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that the intersection has been shut down, and the bridge crew has begun working on the pipe work. The utility companies are currently working on relocating their facilities and should be completed by the end of this week. The road crew plans to begin work in a couple of weeks.

For the Robinson & Locust Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that he has received the appraisal for the property on the northwest corner. It was appraised at \$510,000.

For the Ustick Rd & Franklin Rd Intersection, Director Lehman advised the Board that the City of Nampa is working on a project to convert the intersection from an all-way stop control to a signal and have asked NHD to participate in the project. The City of Nampa is currently working on an MOU for the design portion of the project and would like to split the cost 3 ways between NHD, HD4 and the City. NHD's estimated cost for this project is \$84,525.38. The Board advised Director Lehman that they do not want to participate in this project as NHD no longer has any jurisdiction in the area.

At 8:48 a.m., Gabe Dean appeared before the Board to obtain a variance to the setback on his property at 10506 Farner Road to allow the existing buildings to remain on the setback line as well as allow for a pool to be built. ROW Agent Thiel addressed the Board that due to Mr. Dean wanting to build a pool it was made aware that the existing buildings are too close to the setback line and the County is requesting approval from the Highway District. After discussion, Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to waive the setback requirement at 10506 Farner Road. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Nez Perce Rebuild, Director Lehman advised the Board that the property owner that NHD will trade some property with is good with the ROW agreement. Director Lehman is waiting for the legal descriptions to finalize the contract. This project is scheduled to start Monday, March 2, 2026.

The Road Crew have been working on winter maintenance as they are waiting to begin their work at the roundabout. They will begin working on the Nez Perce Rebuild. They have been hauling materials from one pit to the others to stockpile materials for upcoming projects.

The Bridge Crew has been working on the pipe work for the Kuna & Robinson Roundabout.

The Crusher Crew has the crusher in the Lola Pit crushing 1" material. They will have to switch over to screen for ¼" chips to be used for chip seal this summer. Director Lehman advised that they had looked into renting a screen plant, but determined it was better to switch the screens on our crusher. The Staff and Board discussed looking for options to purchase additional gravel pits.

Director Lehman advised the Board that there was no shop report today. Director Lehman provided the Board with another quote for trucks.

For the Sander Barn Settlement, Director Lehman advised the Board that Barrier Building won the bid for the Sander Barn Settlement Remediation. Both Randy Haverfield and Director Lehman did some research on Barrier Buildings and each heard good reports on the work they do. Mr. Haverfield is working on putting together the contract for this project.

At 9:06 a.m., Ernest Lowry appeared before the Board to discuss an application to vary the standards to upgrade his agricultural access on his property on Lewis Lane to a residential access. ROW Agent Thiel discussed the details with the Board. Mr. Lowry discussed with the Board his future plans to build a residential home on the property. After discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the variance to upgrade the existing access from agricultural to residential. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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Chairman, Dick Smith

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Vice-Chairman, Ernest Lowry