

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

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

GUESTS: Julianne Edmundson, Sunwest Bank; Daniel Badger, City of Nampa; Mike Schwartz

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

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

Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the agenda with the amendment of the misspelling of Ernest Lowry on the 9:30 a.m. agenda item. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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

District Clerk Paige Rhoades advised the Board that a letter will be sent to Canyon County to notify when the FY2027 Budget hearing will be held. Ms. Rhoades advised the Board that the Hearing will be held on August 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Director Nick Lehman began the Director's work report.

For the Northside & Cherry Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that a correction plan for the concrete paving has been given to LaRiviere. Staff is waiting for them to submit their schedule to complete the work. LaRiviere is pushing back on the amount of concrete paving that needs to be replaced. The amount of paving that needs to be removed doubled after they ground in an area that wasn't approved.

For the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that the bridge crew has been working on the pipe work, and it should be completed this week. The road crew began removing asphalt this week and will start excavation on the base next week.

For the Robinson & Locust Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that he has sent out notices to the other public agencies. He gave them until April 10th to respond if they are interested or not. If none of the public agencies are interested, then the house will be listed for sale with a realtor.

For Lake Shore Dr & Highway 45, Director Lehman advised the Board that Engineer Kenny Dodd is working on putting a scope together for this project. He will be coordinating with ITD on all their requirements for this project.

For White Cloud Communications, Director Lehman advised the Board that they have submitted an access easement document for NHD to review. This easement is so they can access the tower location in the Kondo pit. Attorney Jay Kiiha is going through that review of their documents. NHD

is working with Simplot on some of the verbiage in the access easement from Highway 45. Director and ROW Agent Thiel met with them yesterday to discuss our concerns about the easement being terminated if NHD ever sells the property. NHD provided them with the full easement document for the current easement; they were not aware of the existing easement document.

The Road Crew has finished working on Nez Perce this week. They have moved over to begin work on the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout.

Nampa Paving has paved Dewey, Lake Shore, and is working on Nez Perce this week. They will pave York Ave next week.

The Bridge Crew has finished working on the pipe work for the Kuna & Robinson Roundabout. They have a pipe to finish on York Ave; they have been waiting on parts to finish it. They have a sleeve to do on Hill Road and Butte next week. Before water comes in, they will have to replace a pipe in the NHD Yard.

The Crusher Crew has been changing out screens on the crusher so that we can start processing ¼” chips for chip seal this year.

Director Lehman advised the Board that Shop Foreman, Joe White, has ordered the two new trucks and sanders. They are expected to arrive in about 6 months. Nate Bledsoe, shop mechanic, was planning to retire at the end of May but that has been pushed back until the end of June, and he will continue to work through chipseal this year. Staff has posted the job opening for that position. We have received several applications already. We would like to have someone hired by May so that we can overlap with Nate if possible.

For the Sander Barn Settlement, Director Lehman advised the Board that Barrier Building will start work on the building next week. They will be working on removing the concrete slab in preparation for the piles they'll be installing.

Director Lehman presented the Board with a letter from NHD that he has prepared for the Canyon County registration initiative. He advised the Board that the letter only states support from NHD to let the patrons of Canyon County make the decision. This letter does not state that NHD commissioners are in favor of the initiative, but only support adding it to the ballot. Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the letter for the Canyon County registration initiative and authorize Board signature. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Lehman advised the Board that once we get our new trucks and sanders, we will surplus 2 trucks and 2 sanders. Notus-Parma Highway District is interested in 2 sanders and truck 3-7. Golden Gate Highway District is interested in truck 3-2. Staff doesn't believe there is much value in the sanders but would like to know what the commissioners would like to offer for the trucks. After discussion, the Board feels that \$50,000 might be a good starting point but would be open to discuss offers after the trucks have been verified as surplus.

At 9:00 a.m., Mike Schwartz, appeared on behalf of Timberline Survey, to discuss an application to vary the standards to allow for sub-standard spacing on S. Powerline Road. ROW Agent Thiel discussed the details with the Board. Mr. Schwartz agreed with ROW Agent Thiel's discussion. After discussion, Commissioner Lowry Made a MOTION to approve the variance request to allow for sub-

standard spacing along S. Powerline Road. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:30 a.m., Ernest Lowry appeared before the Board to request a setback variance from 70 feet to 50 feet from the section line on E. Lewis Lane. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel presented the request to the Board and read the letter of objection from the City of Nampa. Daniel Badger, with the City of Nampa, discussed the City of Nampa's reasoning behind the objection. After discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the setback variance from 70 feet to 50 feet from the section line on E. Lewis Lane. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Lehman requested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

At 9:17 a.m., Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b). Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Upon roll call, Commissioner Smith voted "aye" and Commissioner Kennedy voted "aye".

The Board concluded Executive Session at 9:27 a.m.

The Board went for a road review at this time.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. after returning from the road review. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman, Dick Smith

Vice Chairman, Ernest Lowry