

# NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1

Commissioners: Dick Smith, Ernest Lowry, Franklin Kennedy

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## NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1 REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 30, 2026

**LOCATION:** Nampa Highway District Office  
Main Conference Room  
4507 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road  
Nampa, ID 83686

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m.

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS:**
  - Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2026
  - Review and Approve Agenda including Amendments.
  - Accounts Payable Review through April 30, 2026, and Payroll for the month of April
  - Quarterly Financial Reports
- **8:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** City of Nampa
- **9:00 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Irrigation Company public sealed bid openings for sell of irrigation water rights
- **9:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Aleksey Katan - Setback Variance on Dearborne for an addition to an existing house
- **9:30 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Eric Forsgren – License Agreement for use of unmaintained ROW
- **9:45 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** SunRidge Dairy - Application to Vary Standard for access to Rim Road
- **10:00 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Public Hearing for Intent to Vacate Unmaintained Public ROW
- **DIRECTOR / ENGINEER’S REPORT**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Sign License Agreement for C10 Idaho, LLC / Hipwell Estates Sub
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Letter from Valley Regional Transit
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - **ACTION ITEM: PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
- **ACTION ITEM: EXECUTIVE SESSION** – I.C. 74-206 (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (i)
- **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**
- **ACTION ITEM: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**GUESTS:** Crystal Craig, City of Nampa; Aleskey Katan; Eric Forsgren; Joel Hirtle; Jill Helpenstell

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 April 9, 2026. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding vice chairman to a motion that was missed on page 2 in the first paragraph of the White Cloud Communications agenda item in the meeting minutes of April 9, 2026. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve Accounts Payable through April 30, 2026, and Payroll for the month of April. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Crystal Craig, with the City of Nampa, appeared before the Board to discuss updates on the grants and upcoming grant applications for the Robinson & Greenhurst Railroad Overpass project. Ms. Craig advised the Board that both projects at Hwy 45 & Locust and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave Elijah Drain repairs are currently delayed.

ROW Agent Eddy Thiel presented the Board with the License Agreement for C10 Idaho, Hipwell Estates for the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve & authorize the Chairman to sign the License Agreement for C10 Idaho, Hipwell Estates. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Nick Lehman began the Director's work report.

For the Northside & Cherry Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that LaRiviere plans to start work on the concrete paving repair by May 26<sup>th</sup>, the day after Memorial Day. They would have started sooner but the City of Nampa didn't want the intersection shut down over the holiday weekend.

For the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout, the bridge crew has been working on the footing for the center island wall. They will pour concrete next week. The road crew has been removing asphalt and digging out the old road on all legs of the intersection. They almost have all the pit run built back up. They will start working on the swales next. The electrician will start work by the end of next week.

For the Robinson & Locust Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that the realtor is getting ready to get the house listed on the market for sale. He should have it posted next week.

For Highway 45 & Lake Shore Drive, Director Lehman advised the Board that Engineer Kenny Dodd is working on getting the project moving forward. He is lining up some consultants to do the survey / row plans, geotechnical study and signal / illumination plans. Director Lehman advised the Board that if we (NHD) plan to move forward with funding this project locally, we could save a substantial amount of cost and get the project completed in a timely manner. Director Lehman asked the Board if they would be comfortable planning on funding the project or would they like staff to pursue federal funding. The Board advised Director Lehman to move forward with funding the project.

For White Cloud Communications, Director Lehman advised the Board that White Cloud has all their permits in place for installing the tower at the Kondo Pit. They are still working on the access easement across Simplot's property. They hope to break ground within 30 days. Once the tower is up, then we will start discussing updating our radio systems with them.

For the McDermott & Franklin Intersection, Director Lehman advised the Board that this project is getting closer to construction. NHD will be working with ACHD staff to put together an Interagency Agreement outlining the cost-sharing for this project. It will be a 50/25/25 split between ACHD, City of Nampa, and NHD. NHD's estimated cost is approximately \$420,000.

Public Hearing for Irrigation Company public sealed bid openings for selling irrigation water rights.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Smith announced this portion of the meeting was to publicly open bids for the sale of 2026 irrigation water rights. Director Lehman advised the Board that no bids were submitted; therefore, NHD will not be selling the water rights this year.

At 9:15 a.m., Aleksey Katan, appeared before the Board to discuss obtaining a Setback Variance on Dearborne Road. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel discussed with the Board the request from Mr. Katan. Mr. Katan provided some additional information behind his request. After discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the Setback Variance to waive the setback on the section line north & south and to waive the setback on the ¼ section line on the east & west. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

The Road Crew is now working on the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout.

The Bridge Crew has finished up all their pipe work for the year. They are working on the footing for the center island wall at Robinson & Kuna Roundabout. They also had to repair a sinkhole on Map Rock Road.

The Crusher Crew is crushing 1" base material. The sand was too wet so they couldn't make the ¼" chips. Once things dry out more, they will get back to screening ¼" chips. Commissioner Kennedy asked Director Lehman if the crew would benefit from purchasing a smaller screen plant for sand. Director Lehman advised the Board that he would look into a smaller screen plant.

Director Lehman gave the Board the Shop Report. Director Lehman advised the Board that staff have hired two new mechanics, Don Burns & Ryun Dennis. Chance Simpson was moved over to the road crew.

At 9:30 a.m., Eric Forsgren, appeared before the Board to request a license agreement for the use of unmaintained ROW on Can Ada Road for a private drive. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel discussed the details

with the Board. Mr. Forsgren provided additional information and stated that he is planning to build a second residence and is already using the existing approach to his home. Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve and authorize Staff to sign the license agreement authorizing the use of the unmaintained public ROW on Can Ada Road. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Sander Barn Settlement, Barrier Building has been working on driving piles beside each column foundation. They are having to go down 60' to hit suitable material.

The Road Crew position available is currently posted. We have 5 interviews scheduled over the next week.

Director Lehman advised the Board that Treasure Valley Transit wants to come to give a presentation about their services and request funding for the next fiscal year.

Director Lehman and Payroll / HR Clerk Nicole Barlow discussed with the Board what all they should be doing for a background check on new hires and how they would like staff to arrange background checks. Attorney Kiiha will work with the staff to develop a policy about background checks.

At 9:45 a.m., Joel Hirtle, appeared before the Board on behalf of Sunridge Dairy to request a variance from the standards to allow for new access onto Rim Road. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel addressed the Board with the details behind Mr. Hirtles variance request. Mr. Hirtle advised the Board that the dairy is planning on building at least one residence, but in the future may end up building homes on the adjacent property as well. After discussion. Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the variance request to allow for a multi-family paved approach subject to a deed restriction for only one access serving two parcels. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing for Intent to Vacated Unmaintained Public ROW on Nez Perce

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Smith opened the Public Hearing for the Intent to Vacate Unmaintained Public ROW. With no one present to testify, Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to vacate the unmaintained public ROW on Nez Perce. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel advised the Board that Attorney Kiiha would be doing the findings and facts and conclusions of law.

District Clerk Paige Rhoades presented the Board with the quarterly financial report for review.

The Board went on a recess to lunch with the Western States CAT representative.

Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to adjourn at 1:46 p.m. Commissioner Smith SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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Chairman, Dick Smith

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Vice-Chairman, Ernest Lowry