

# NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1

Commissioners: Dick Smith, Ernest Lowry, Franklin Kennedy

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## NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2026

**\*\*\*AMENDED\*\*\***

**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 30, 2026
  - Review and Approve Agenda including Amendments.
  - Accounts Payable Review through May 14, 2026
  - **\*\*\* Approve Dental & Vision Insurance policies for FY2027\*\*\***
- **8:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** City of Nampa
- **9:00 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Luke Lehman IAHD Scholarship presentation
- **9:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** James & Lynette Keese – Application for Setback Variance on quarter section line in West River Subdivision
- **9:30 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Alan Mills, on behalf of Symms Fruit Ranch - Application to Vary Standards for access to W. Locust Lane.
- **9:45 A.M. ACTION ITEM:** Eduardo Huerta – Carmona - Application to Vary Standards for access to Star Road
- **10:00 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Public Hearing for Declaration of Surplus and Adopt Resolution 2026-09
- **10:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Greg Braun – Skyler Ryne - Application to Vary Standards for substandard driveway spacing on Polara Way
- **DIRECTOR / ENGINEER’S REPORT**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Robinson Overpass – Approve the MOU for the Robinson Blvd. Railroad Overpass Grant Writing with the City of Nampa and authorize the Chairman to sign
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Robinson Overpass – Approve the MOU for the Robinson Blvd. Railroad Overpass – Construction with the City of Nampa and authorize the Chairman to sign
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Approve & Authorize the Chairman to sign the License Agreement for West River Sub HOA
- **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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PAIGE RHOADES DISTRICT CLERK

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DATE & TIME POSTED

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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; Payroll / HR Clerk Nicole Barlow; Attorney Jay Kiiha

**GUESTS:** Crystal Craig, City of Nampa; Alan Mills; Lucas Lehman; Jim & Lynette Keese; Eduardo Huerta; Skyler Pyne

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 May 14, 2026. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve Accounts Payable through May 28, 2026, and Payroll for the month of May. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Crystal Craig, with the City of Nampa, appeared before the Board to discuss a few project updates with the Board. Ms. Craig advised that there were some irrigation issues at SH-45 and Locust that have now delayed the project until approximately the end of July. Ms. Craig advised the Board that there could be an influx of citizen calls that come up soon due to several projects and closures taking place in the same area. Ms. Craig advised that there is a new Street Superintendent that she will introduce at a Board meeting in June. Ms. Craig provided some updates on the grant work for the Robinson Blvd Railroad Overpass.

Director Lehman and Crystal Craig advised the Board that they would need approval for two MOU's for the Robinson Blvd Railroad Overpass project:

- For the Grant Writing, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU for the Robinson Blvd Railroad Overpass Grant Writing with the City of Nampa. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.
- For the Construction, Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU for the Robinson Blvd Railroad Overpass for Construction with the City of Nampa. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Lehman presented the Board with the License Agreement for the West River Subdivision for the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the License Agreement for the West River Subdivision. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll / HR Clerk Nicole Barlow presented the Board with the vision & dental insurance premiums for FY2027. After discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve transitioning the District's Dental, Vision, Life AD & D, and Voluntary Life AD & D coverages from Principal to MetLife with the addition of increasing the dental plan annual maximum benefit to \$2,500 and adding an orthodontia benefit. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Smith requested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel wages.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b). Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Upon roll call, Commissioner Smith voted “aye” Commissioner Lowry voted “aye”, and Commissioner Kennedy voted “aye”.

The Board concluded Executive Session at 8:50 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m., Luke Lehman appeared before the Board to accept a Scholarship from the Idaho Association of Highway District.

At 9:15 a.m., James & Lynette Keese, appeared before the Board to request a setback variance from the quarter section line in the West River Subdivision. Director Lehman discussed the request with the Board. Mr. Keese provided additional information regarding plans for the property. Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the setback variance from 70 feet to 10 feet on the quarter section line in West River Subdivision. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:30 a.m., Alan Mills, on behalf of Symms Fruit Ranch, appeared before the Board to discuss an application for a variance request to allow for new access onto W. Lewis Lane. Director Lehman discussed the details with the Board. Mr. Mills discussed additional details with the Board and the history of the property. After discussion, Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the variance request to allow for multi-family access onto W. Lewis Lane subject to a deed restriction. 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 closed the intersection on Tuesday to begin work on the concrete paving repairs. The intersection should be closed for approximately 3 weeks.

For the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout, the road crew has finished bringing in all the base materials and doing prep work for the concrete. The concrete contractor started last week on the concrete work. They are scheduled to be completed in 3 weeks. Director Lehman advised the Board that the paving is scheduled for June 22, 2026.

For the Robinson & Locust Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that NHD’s counteroffer for the property located at 6240 Locust Lane was accepted last week, and closing is scheduled for June 24, 2026.

For the Robinson Road Railroad Overpass, Director Lehman asked the Board what they would like to do with the property at 3201 Robinson Road that was purchased last year in anticipation of the overpass project. He stated that the previous owners have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to remove their belongings and then the house will be vacant. The Board advised Director Lehman to look into the possibility of the house being relocated.

For Highway 45 & Lake Shore Drive Intersection, Director Lehman advised the Board that Engineer Kenny Dodd is working on the project. He stated that they are working with ITD on how to safely get the turn lanes in at Deer Flat Road due to the New York Canal bridge.

For White Cloud Communications, Director Lehman advised the Board that they have begun working on the new tower this week. NHD has ordered the new radios per the agreement with White Cloud.

The Road Crew has been working on the Robinson & Kuna Roundabout. The crew has been brushing around the district while the concrete work at the roundabout is being completed. Director Lehman advised the Board that part of the crew laid down chips in front of the overlay on Brent, Oak, Clark, Queen Anne, and Queen Victoria.

The Bridge Crew has been painting roads throughout the district.

The Crusher Crew is screening ¼" chips. The process is taking longer than expected, so Director Lehman is looking for a place to purchase some for chipseal. Director Lehman and Crusher Foreman John Stinnett are looking into different companies for a screen plant to purchase.

Director Lehman gave the Board the Shop Report.

At 9:45 a.m., Eduardo Huerta-Carmona, appeared before the Board, to discuss a variance to the standards to allow for secondary access onto Star Road. Director Lehman advised the Board of the request. Mr. Huerta-Carmona advised the Board that he would like secondary access due to the difficulty of pulling his painting trucks into the back of his property due to the roundabout dividers. The Board advised that they would like to visit the property prior to making a ruling. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to table this matter until the next meeting on June 11, 2026. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Lehman advised the Board that Weed Specialist Justin Parrish turned in his resignation last week and Bryce Walker will be taking over the lead position for the Weed Department. NHD Staff has hired Clayton Jerome to replace Justin Parrish on the Road Crew, he will start work on Monday, June 1, 2026.

Director Lehman advised the Board that Barrier Building has completed installing the piles. They are working on getting the piles connected to the footings, backfilling the holes, and pouring back the concrete inside the shed. They should be completed this week.

Director Lehman advised the Board that someone had thrown away some tires in the dumpster. He advised the Board that it might be a good idea to install a few cameras around the yard to make sure that the property is secure.

#### Public Hearing for Surplus Equipment/Property

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Smith announced this portion of the meeting was to publicly declare items surplus. Commissioner Smith advised no one was present to make any testimony therefore Commissioner Smith closed the hearing. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to declare the list Surplus Property and adopt Resolution 2026-09: A Resolution to Declare Surplus Property. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:15 a.m., Skyler Pyne, appeared on behalf of Greg Braun, to discuss a variance to the standards to allow for substandard driveway spacing for a new shop and mother-in-law apartment on Polara Way. Director Lehman discussed the request with the Board. Mr. Pyne provided additional information behind the request. After discussion, Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the variance request to allow for substandard driveway spacing on Polara Way. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board left at 10:15 a.m. for a road review.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

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Chairman, Dick Smith

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Vice-Chairman, Ernest Lowry