

NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1

Commissioners: Dick Smith, Ernest Lowry, Franklin Kennedy

NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1 REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 13, 2026

LOCATION: Nampa Highway District Office
Main Conference Room
4507 12th 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 July 30, 2026, and Approve Special Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2026
 - Review and Approve Agenda including Amendments.
 - Accounts Payable Review through August 13, 2026
- **8:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** City of Nampa
- **9:00 A.M. – LHTAC – Road Scholar / Road Master Awards**
- **9:15 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Will Cooper – License Agreement for fence within the ROW on Deer Flat Road
- **9:30 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Joel Hirtle on behalf of Justin Christensen- Application to Vary Standards – for new access on Melmont Road, rural minor arterial
- **9:45 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Braden Hill – Setback Variance along Deer Flat Road
- **10:00 A.M. – ACTION ITEM:** Public Hearing for FY2027 Budget, adoption of FY2027 Budget, and authorization for Chairman to sign the County L-2 Form
- **DIRECTOR / ENGINEER'S REPORT**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- **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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DATE & TIME POSTED



**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; Attorney Jay Kiiha; ROW Agent Eddy Thiel;

GUESTS: Chainey Rhoades, LHTAC; Scott Daniels; Michelle Villarica; Will Cooper; Joel Hirtle; NHD Employees: Dillon Coburn, Austin Hammons, Lucas Glenn; Jason Tully

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

Director Lehman advised the Board that in the discussion about Intermountain Gas Company it should state for Road Cuts only and not to include permits for bonding. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 30, 2026, with the removal of the word permits for Intermountain Gas Company. 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 August 13, 2026. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Nick Lehman and ROW Agent Eddy Thiel discussed with the Board some of the unmaintained public rights-of-way that are throughout the district. Director Lehman advised the Board that he would like to begin the process of vacating some of the unmaintained public rights-of-way to clean up things for the future of the highway district. Director Lehman provided the Board with a list and images of several locations with unmaintained public rights-of-way. After discussion, the Board advised Director Lehman to start with 5 or so of the less complicated locations and see if he can get them cleaned up.

Director Nick Lehman began the Director's work report.

For the Northside & Cherry Roundabout, Director Lehman advised the Board that Ardurra is working with LaRiviere on bid item quantities and final closeout of the project. Director Lehman advised the Board that he will be meeting with Ardurra and the City of Nampa to discuss liquidated damages for this project.

For Happy Valley & Deer Flat Roundabout, Director Lehman advises the Board that DKS has submitted the Preliminary Design Plans for review. Director Lehman and Design Engineer Kenny Dodd reviewed them last week and will send the comments back to DKS. Once the comments are incorporated, DKS will begin working on the ROW plans. Director Lehman advised the Board that this project is on the schedule for FY2028.

The Road Crew is working on the Deer Flat rehab project. They started at Lynwood and are working west towards Farner Road. This is 5 miles of rehab. So far, there is good base material, so the project is moving quickly. The plan is to pave the first 2 miles from Lynwood to Rim in the week of August 24th, 2026.

The Bridge Crew has split up, and part of the crew has been working at night, painting the roads that have heavy traffic. They finished that work this week. The other part of the crew has been working during the day to paint stop bars and other heat-down markings. The full crew will be installing driveway pipes on the first 2 miles of Deer Flat next week.

The Crusher Crew is set up and running 5/8" chips. They will be getting a screen plant next week, and once it is set up, they will also be screening for 1/4" chips as well.

Director Nick Lehman presented the Board with the Shop Report.

At 9:00 a.m., Chainey Rhoades, with LHTAC, appeared to present NHD employees: Dillon Coburn, Austin Hammons, Lucas Glenn, and Jason Tully, with Road Scholar and Road Master Awards.

At 9:15 a.m., Will Cooper, Michelle Villarica and Scott Daniels, appeared before the Board to discuss obtaining a license agreement to allow for a fence, concrete retaining wall, and sprinklers to remain in the ROW along Deer Flat Road. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel discussed the details with the Board. Mr. Thiel advised the Board that Mr. Cooper came in a few years back to request a license agreement for the fence and whiskey barrels to remain in the ROW, but the agreement was never signed and was voided due to the lack of signature. Mr. Cooper addressed the Board with some concerns about other locations on Deer Flat Road with ROW encroachments. The Board advised that any encroachments in the ROW that will impede construction will be taken care of. After discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to approve the license agreement to allow for a fence, concrete retaining wall and sprinklers to remain in the ROW along Deer Flat Road. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:30 a.m., Joel Hirtle, on behalf of Justin Christensen, appeared before the Board to request a variance to the standards to allow for new access on Melmont Road. ROW Agent Eddy Thiel discussed the details with the Board. Mr. Hirtle provided some additional information regarding the property. After discussion, Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve the variance to allow for new access onto Melmont Road subject to a deed restriction. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Lehman advised the Board that he is working with Terracon to determine what it would cost for them to bores test pits on the potential gravel source locations. Given the potential depth, this may be a better way to determine how much material may be at each site. Once we determine how we will do test pits, we will work with the property owners to schedule getting the tests done. We may need to put together an agreement with the property owners that allows us to be on the property digging holes.

Director Lehman advised the Board that Nampa Paving would like to get more reject sand. Given the complaint we received from the last time, Director Lehman wanted to know how the Board would like to proceed. After discussion, the Board advised that they would not like to sell or trade any more sand at this time.

Director Lehman advised the Board that the sporting clay shoot is next Friday, August 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Idaho Sporting Clays in Homedale. Western States will be provided lunch, and Metroquip will be bringing the prize for the winner.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Kennedy made a MOTION to deny the Setback Variance for Braden Hill due to no one being present to address additional concerns from the Board. Commissioner Lowry SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Smith opened the Public Hearing for FY2027 Budget. With no one present to testify, Chairman Smith closed the Public Hearing. Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to approve & adopt the FY2027 Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign the L2 Property Tax Form. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lowry made a MOTION to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. Commissioner Kennedy SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman, Dick Smith

Vice-Chairman, Ernest Lowry