

Flathead Irrigation District Special Meeting

Place and Time: August 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Being held by phone:

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Phone conference ID: 646 582 504#

Attending Commissioners:

Absent Commissioners:

Recording: Five Valleys Law

Please keep public comments to 2 minutes per subject

Resolution to revise O&M for A & B Basic Acres to be:

Basic Per Acre- A Rate to be \$39.00 for 2025 and 2026

Basic Per Acre – B Rate to be \$19.50 for 2025 and 2026

Minimum Per Tract Charge \$75 for 2025 and \$200 for 2026: Action Item

Public Comment:

Adjourn:



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Mr. Boone Cole, Chairman
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Mr. Paul Guenzler, Chairman
Flathead Irrigation District
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Dear Chairmen:

On December 26, 2024, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published in the *Federal Register* (89 FR 105090) its annual notice of proposed rate adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects. We proposed adjustments to the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project's (FIIP) 2026 rates. The public comment period closed on February 24, 2025, and BIA did not receive any comments on FIIP. Our notice with final 2026 rates will be published in the *Federal Register* soon, which will defer the proposed rate increase for FIIP's "A" and "B" acres. We are not deferring or changing the proposed increase to the Minimum Charge Per Tract. Here is the relevant information in the soon-to-be published notice:

Project Name	Rate Category	Final 2025 Rate	Final 2026 Rate
Flathead Irrigation Project	Basic per acre – A	\$39.00	\$39.00
	Basic per acre – B	\$19.50	\$19.50
	Minimum Charge per tract	\$75.00	\$200.00

We understand you are facing Montana's annual deadline to determine assessments to be levied against each tract. While our final rate notice has not been published yet, we trust this provides you with sufficient information to meet the State's deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact Bear Hughes, Acting Project Manager, FIIP at Gene.Hughes@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

Kurt Fredenberg
BIA Northwest Regional Director, Acting

RESOLUTION 2025-6
RESOLUTION DECLARING FLATHEAD IRRIGATION DISTRICT
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND FEES
FINAL 2025 RATE AND PROPOSED 2026 RATE

This resolution is to rescind and replace Resolution 2025-2 and Resolution 2025-5. The rescission and replacement is based upon updated information from Kurt Frdendberg, BIA Northwest Regional Director, Acting changing the Basic Rates from the BIA to the irrigation districts.

Based upon said notice, it is resolved that for the Flathead Irrigation District the following rates shall apply:

Basic Per Acre- A Rate to be \$39.00 for 2025 and 2026

Basic Per Acre – B Rate to be \$19.50 for 2025 and 2026

Minimum Per Tract Charge \$75 for 2025 and \$200 for 2026.

Passed and adopted this 15th day of August, 2025.

Flathead Irrigation District:

Paul Guenzler, Chairman & Commissioner

David Lake, Commissioner

Bruce White, Commissioner

Janette Rosman, Commissioner

Attest: _____
Janette Rosman, Secretary of Flathead Irrigation District