

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD  
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
November 8, 2016**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., November 8, 2016, at the meeting place, 213 Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson and Director Bertoni, were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested the meeting minutes for October 18, 2016 were correct. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Bette Gower:** Reminded the patrons attending to please respect the dialog taking place between the directors and patrons providing public comment and officers presenting reports by letting the exchange finish without interjecting and waiting for the directors to acknowledge the next person wanting to provide comment.

**Jim White:** Jim stated he expected to see tree cutting as an agenda item. Director Johnson explained that the BOC budget was discussed at last month's meeting, and that the approved budget included a \$10,000 special project line item for 'professional tree removal' with language directing the funds toward removing dangerous falling and standing dead or dying trees within district owned property only, and specifically prohibited the funds from being used for clear cutting. Jim provided some historical perspective on the subject and his opinion that D45 would not benefit from this expenditure.

**Jan Super:** Jan stated agreement with Jim and her opinion that clear cutting of the cottonwood trees along the canal banks was unnecessary. Jan also stated her opinion that the request from Pepin Corso Harris to make a formal presentation at the D45 January board meeting regarding cottonwood tree removal should be considered unnecessary and unwanted. Jim White followed with his opinion that D45, as a quasi-public entity, may be obligated to accept public opinion within reasonable boundaries.

**Jolyon Sawrey:** Jolyon reassured the attendees that the language attached to the tree removal special project in the BOC 2017 final budget prohibited clear cutting.

**5. REPORTS:**

**a. John Wright, Water Master:**

1. Conditions have been great for burning and we have been able to burn a lot of the slag piles along the ditch banks.
2. Walked the ditch bank from Glen Aspen Drive up to the Howard Preserve with Justin Stevenson and compiled a list of several trees that posed a liability risk (just outside the district property).

3. Completed the October dozer work budgeted for through reallocation request approved by the districts. The conditions are good to continue more dozer work in Nov/Dec.

**b. Jolyon Sawyer, BOC Representative:**

1. Clarified verbiage noted on the \$10,000 BOC budget Special budget line item.
2. Spoke with Andy Waldera (D45 attorney) regarding cottonwood tree liability.
3. BOC is writing a tree policy
4. D45 directors need to review the BOC draft Encroachment of Easement policy.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Presented the 2016 year-ending P & L and Balance statements.
2. Received a check from the title company handling the sale of the only property D45 had a lien against for 2016.
3. D45 needs to add \$1,000 to the BOC account to cover the bills identified for 2016 budget as of October 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Shirley will meet with John Miley BOC Treasurer to identify any further October cost/bills and the prefunding for any Nov/Dec work.
5. Assessment Book updated and assessments will be mailed out.
6. Four checks presented for signatures (Secretary, Treasurer, BOC, and \$2500 to reserve fund as budgeted for in 2016).

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Presented an example of the letter needed to be published in the paper for notification of the Board of Corrections meeting to the directors. Explained the requirement as prescribed in Idaho Statutes 43-702 & 43-703, Shirley Spinelli confirmed the requirement of a Board of Corrections meeting and added an explanation of how it was handled last year.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. D45 Proposed Assessments:**

1. After board discussion, Director Bertoni made a motion to apply \$5,000 from the remaining 2016 funds to help reduce the 2017 assessment increase. Motion passed unanimously.
2. After board discussion, Director Johnson made a motion to apply \$2,500 from the remaining 2016 funds to a newly created Reserve Account for emergencies, as budgeted for in 2016. The intent will be to budget for and fund this reserve account annually in the future. Motion passed unanimously
3. Shirley Spinelli was given the go ahead to send out the assessments for 2017.

**b. Location of Meetings:** current rent \$650, still looking for a new place for less rent.

1. Chuck Bertoni will contact Dr. Weaver in regards to rent and heat.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS AND OTHER ITEMS THE BOARD DEEMS PERTINENT:**

- a. Pepin Corso Harris would like to make a formal presentation regarding the impact of cottonwoods along the canal during our January meeting:**

Pepin would like to move this to the January meeting.

Directors agreed to allow the presentation with a reasonable time duration. Director Johnson will contact Ms. Harris to clarify time necessary. The board will finalize this request at the December meeting.

- b. Board of Corrections Meeting:**

Per Idaho Statutes 43-702 & 43-703 defining the assessment correction process, it was agreed that the Board of Corrections meeting will correspond with the regular December meeting. Notification letter will be created by the Secretary and sent to Director Johnson for approval.

- c. Justin Stevenson, BOC Project Manager; Request for Change in Budget item:**

Justin Stevenson requested that \$3,500 of the budgeted \$10,000 for tree removal on district land be used outside of the designated area. Justin later withdrew this request to be revisited in the spring.

- d. Justin Stevenson, BOC Project Manager; Request for Prefunding Budget items:**

Justin requested pre-funding of \$3,700 for work to be done by John and Chris for cleaning up the debris piles and burning/chipping in Nov/Dec. It was determined that D45 could support funding this work in Nov/Dec. Director Johnson will notify Justin.

**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be December 13th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This will also be the Board of Corrections Meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion by Director Johnson, these minutes are unanimously approved on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

  
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Director Johnson

  
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Director Bertoni

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