

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
May 12th, 2020**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., May 12th, 2020 from a ZOOM format during the self-quarantine time of Blaine County, Bellevue, ID.
  
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson, Director Casey and Director Clark were present.
  
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson made a motion to accept the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Casey seconded. Motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE:

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Status of (Tim Olsen) Fence Encroachment Agreement:**

John Wright presented a proposal to the BOC detailing the guidelines that are acceptable to him. The BOC approved those guidelines and Mr. Wright has yet to present these guidelines to Mr. Olsen.

Mr. Wright presented those guidelines to the D45 board they included:

Mr. Olsen may install single posts on the edge of both sides of the canal that runs through his property.

There can be gates on both sides of the canal hinged away from the canal so they open away from the ROW. Gates need to open easily.

Limit the animal usage of the small acreage on the eastern side of the canal between April thru August.

Fence construction over the canal will be a temporary simple very visible electric fencing material, used only when animals are allowed to utilize the eastern side of the canal acreage.

(Sept.- March)

This is a test year only, a permanent decision by the BOC will be made after the 2020 season.

This proposal needs to be in writing and presented as a test year contract to Mr. Olsen.

**b. Low Head Dam Grant:**

Director Johnson contacted Kira Finkler, Director of Projects for Trout's Unlimited and asked that she send us a brief description of what Trout Unlimited is proposing for engineering evaluation.

The D45 received an e-mail on April 2, 2020 that outlined the basic scope description for the initial engineering regarding the Low Head Dam in the Big Wood River that shows signs of deterioration. This structure is adjacent to the D45 main head gates, any deterioration or re-construction could affect the ability of the surface water district from accessing and diverting water from the river.

Trout's Unlimited determined that the engineers needed to delay this engineering analysis until the water flow diminishes which could be August.

Funds have been secured to address the problem the low head Dam causes in the river. Trout Unlimited is responsible for the grant and the district has no cost commitments for the engineering research to determine mitigation options.

**c. Website Updates & other work needed:**

Secretary Gower presented the information and cost via e-mail to all the directors.

Director Johnson made the motion to approve this work, Director Clark seconded. The directors gave approval for work to be done for the website.

Treasurer Spinelli was able to give added information regarding host and domain cost that will help Nancy Glick work on the Website and reduce the cost.

Treasurer Spinelli also asked the directors for approval to reallocate within the budget. She will be in contact with the directors to finalize this action.

**6. REPORTS:**

**a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:**

1. Next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020..
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**b. John Wright, Water Master:**

1. Final review of the River Bank Project and billing:

Many of the directors of both districts have visited the site for a visual inspection.

John indicated that he was very happy with the construction and completion of the project.

The natural landscaping is taking hold and looking very good.

The final bills have been submitted, the BOC are holding payment until funds arrive from the Flood District and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. A copy of this Invoice was sent to Keri York as she was the designated person in charge of tracking funds and whom paid what.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Sent new Financials via e-mail to all directors
2. Five checks for signing.
3. The lost checks sent to a wrong address are being returned to the WRVID45 PO Box
4. Property sold in Bellevue Farms – Transfer of Assessment with the interest & penalties from January thru March will be charged to new owners.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. The latest meeting minutes and water master reports are not posted to the website yet due to an update to the website that took effect and has interfered with the posting of this information. All will be posted after the work done by Nancy Glick.

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

**a. TNC Water Recharge per Justin Stevenson:**

Justin Stevenson indicated at the BOC meeting, May 12, 2020 that the Cove ranch has decided not to per sue the leasing of the indicated water rights for mitigation at this time.

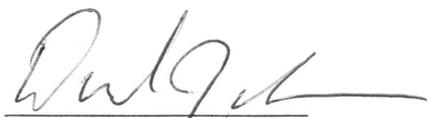
**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

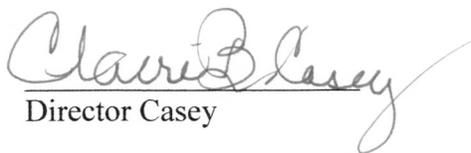
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**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be June 9th, 2020.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  
Director Johnson

  
Director Casey

  
Director Clark

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