

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
July 14th, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., July 14th, 2020, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping patio, Kingsbury Lane, 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 June 9th, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Casey seconded. Motion passed.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE:

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Status of Website Billing and work completed:**

On June 30, 2020 Nancy Glick of Glick & Fray sent a report of work done so far on the WRVID#45 Website, the invoice followed on July 1, 2020. This report was read to the directors.

Director Johnson had two concerns for which Secretary Bette Gower would inquire with Ms. Glick regarding and report back at the next meeting. All directors were pleased with the amount of updating work that was completed and felt it was worth the expenditure to keep the website available and working smoothly.

b. **Status of Low Head Dam Discussion of Options:**

Mr. Jim Gregory from Lost River Fish Ecology, Inc. attended the meeting to facilitate the meetings discussion of the 5 proposals or options for the continued function of the Low Head Dam.

1. Do **Nothing**.
2. Reinforce Structure with **New Concrete**.
3. **Bury** Concrete Dam and install Rock Structures.
4. **Notch** Concrete Dam and Install Rock Structures.
5. **Remove** Concrete Dam and install Rock Structures.

- a. A Grant has been secured to cover the cost of the Engineering Design for the Low Head Dam project.
- b. Once the Engineering Design has been completed with cost estimations included based upon the Option chosen by the irrigation districts, then TU or TNC will proceed with acquisition of funds via grants to cover the cost.
- c. Engineering Design should be completed by March or April of 2021.
- d. Director Johnson made the motion to accept Option 4 as the preferred option however we would like a precondition of a fall back action to Option 3 in case the engineering indicates compromising the low head dam by cutting the notch or exceeding the funding. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Johnson will inform TID that WRVID#45 choice of Option matches theirs so the Engineering Design with Ryan Collier of BIOTA can proceed.

Removing the low head dam is not an option, leaving it alone is a safety factor. This low head dam's purpose is for helping direct water into the WRVID#45 diversion head gates.

Director Johnson did ask the water master for information regarding historical records of the deterioration of the low head dam for which there was limited information.

Option 4 and the action of notching into the concrete structure may be unacceptable due to how the Low Head Dam is constructed. Engineering analyses of this notching procedure needs to be completed before final go ahead of this option is accepted.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. The July BOC meeting was very short via ZOOM.
2. Jim Gregory from Lost River Fish Ecology attended this meeting.
3. Drought conditions for irrigators was discussed. The water master observed how it took more water to seal the canals as he started the water into the canals for the irrigation season.

Next meeting is in September for 2021 budget workshop.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Water cuts have been made to all water rights with only water rights of two users with 82 water rights left receiving water. How long this water will flow is unknown.
2. Trout Unlimited will be working the rest of this week rescuing fish.
3. Very unusual conditions of drought conditions this year. The last year of drought conditions this strong was 2007.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Sent new Financials via e-mail to all directors
2. Six checks for signing.
3. Discussed the few patrons of the district that were still in arrears of their assessment payments.
4. Director Johnson supported survey letter from USGA via phone interview.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

None

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be August 11th, 2020.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Director Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey



Director Clark

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