

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
August 11th, 2020**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., August 11th, 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 attested to the meeting minutes for July 14th, 2020. He made a motion to accept the July 14th, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Casey seconded. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gower came and expressed concern regarding statements made in the July 22, 2020 Mountain Express article of drought and the water in the south valley triangle.

Concerns included:

Surface water management hired to facilitate delivery of surface water to district patrons is spending too much time with groundwater and Non-profit projects.

The two water districts not the Wood River Water Collaborative should guide the delivery of the districts surface water to its patrons

In regards to Groundwater “mitigation,” there are no rules codified yet. Talking about it like there are rules is very misleading and not helpful.

His concern was for transparency and that the legalities are being adhered to.

Ms. Spinelli made the suggestion that in the future nothing (statements/opinions) can be published before it is approved by the board. So statements are presented in the manner the board desires and the board members are aware of the statements made.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Low Head Dam proposals & time frame for funding:

On August 11th, Ryan Colyer and Jim Gregory did another inspection to the Low Head Dam with John Wright. In summarizing this inspection Mr. Wright indicated his opinion is that it is more urgent to take action on this project due to the realization of the degree of structural damage to the low head dam. Mr. Wright would like work to begin on this project this fall since the river is so low and promoting accessibility.

There will be a new meeting for Directors & the Water Master with the Engineers at the Low Head Dam on Thursday August 13th, 2020 at 11 am.

Mr. Wright will be meeting with Cody Gibbs regarding concrete work later this week. Mr. Gibbs will provide a quote for doing concrete patch work on the low head dam.

****Director Johnson reviewed the Points Made during the July 14th, 2020 WRVID#45 meeting:**

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.

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.

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. Sara Gardner requested a BOC Workshop for 2021 budget. After some discussion D45 requested that John Wright complete a preliminary BOC budget and e-mail it out to all directors of TID & D45 before September 8, 2020.
2. Director Johnson requested that D45 have a DRAFT BOC Budget to review at the D45 meeting on September 8, 2020. That way D45 can draft their comments and work thru comments via e-mail or with a face to face workshop later in September. Then D45 will be able to approve the BOC Budget on their regular scheduled meeting of the second Tuesday of the month which is October 13th, 2020.
3. The next BOC meeting will be October 13th, 2020.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. There is only 5cfs down the Gannett road canal for two Water Rights (Gardner & Stevenson). This is the amount approved by Kevin Lakey.
2. Plans on attending A Water Law Seminar on September 1, 2020.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Sent new Financials via e-mail to all directors
2. Six checks for signing.
3. Shirley contacted the IDWR regarding bank accounts for saving for large budget projects. Referred to as Capital Account. Or an account with the State Treasury Department.
There is a small fee, no minimum, 24 hr notice to withdraw amounts of money.
Shirley suggested we move the D45 reserve account from the Mountain West Bank into an account with the State Treasury Department. Director Johnson made the motion to have the Treasurer move the D45 Reserve Fund to the State Treasury Department banking. Director Clark seconded. Motion passed.
4. Still tracking down late assessment payments.
5. Shirley requested changing the D45 computer security from McAfee to Reboot. Director Casey made the motion to allow the switching of computer Security Company. Director Clark seconded. Motion passed.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

Contacted Nancy Glick and had a brief discussion regarding the Website work.

1. The final bill has been received and paid.
2. The back-up is set for once a month.
3. Ms. Glick would be available for answering further questions in regards to posting to the website

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

a. 2021 Budget (first review of WRVID#45):

Treasurer Shirley Spinelli lead directors thru discussion of last years' budget line items with notations made of changes requested. Ms. Spinelli will make the changes requested and send this new proposed budget out to the directors for review before final acceptance and passing.

b. Division Two Director position up for Election 2020:

Nominating Petitions with signatures to run for Division Two Director will be due back to the WRVID#45 Secretary starting September 4th and no later than September 24th. Length of Term of Service is three years.

Claire Casey retained a copy of a Nominating Petition indicating she will stand for Division Two Director for 2021-2023.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

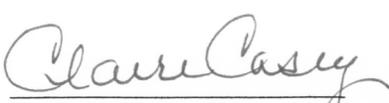
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be September 8th, 2020.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey



Director Clark