

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
February 8th, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., February 8th, 2022, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, 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 December 14th, 2021. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for December 14th, 2021, Director Clark seconded the motion, motion passed.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. BOC Management Resolutions:**

Ponds & Subdivision Takeouts
Conveyance & ditch loss percentage
Land Owners Permission for Access beyond ROW

Directors did not address these items at this meeting.

- 6. REPORTS:**
 - a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:**
 1. The BOC meeting of January 2022 covered the hiring of Nancy Peck as the new BOC Bookkeeper
 2. Accepted the retirement of Keith Myer from the canal system maintenance crew.
 3. Heard from John Wright, water master regarding work for the Walker lateral alterations.
 2. Next meeting will be April 12th, 2022.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. No Report, not present.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Sent two checks to be signed.
2. Still looking into virus protection for district computer.
3. Still getting assessment checks. Currently 67% of the assessments are paid.
5. Sent the Financials for the district via e-mail

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. End of year financials posted in the local paper publications during January for two weeks.
2. Notified the Directors of 2022 director position to fill in November will be Division One Director.

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

a. NRCS Grant Application presented by JUB Engineers:

1. John Wright gave us an intro to the NRCS presentation. National Resource & Conservation Service under the federal agency USDA Department of Agriculture contacted the water district to be the sponsor for this grant of a much larger scope to address many projects up and down the river for a whole holistic approach to the Wood River flowing through the entire valley.

Bryce Wilcox of JUB Engineers, Inc. presented an overview of the NRCS Grant
Purpose – Flood management & prevention 100% Paid by grant

- Public Recreation 50% Paid by grant
- Public Wildlife 50% Paid by grant
- Agricultural water management 75% Paid by grant

Grant must have 25% benefits for agricultural or rural community.
Grant can reach up to 25 million dollars in funding.
No deadline for submitting NRCS Grant request.

The NRCS Grant will consist of four phases and each phase has its own contract.

Step one: Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) engineering analysis of the entire watershed. 6 to 10 months to complete.

Step Two: Environmental Assessment Document (EA) 12-24 months to complete.

Step Three: Design phase for each project could take 10-12 months to complete

Step Four: Construction of each project (usually takes 1-5 years to complete)

2. Other guest on the ZOOM presentation.
Ryan Santo with WR Land Trust
Kari York with WR Land Trust
Kira Finkler with Trout Unlimited
Kristine Hilt with Flood Plain Management for Blaine Co.
Dave Bell with Flood District #2 within Blaine Co.

NRCS Grant Request Sponsor must meet two requirements. Must have the power of Eminent Domain and must have the authority to levy a tax.

3. Director Casey indicated she felt the river (water shed) has been invaded by population and would like the grant to be an all encompassing grant for river protection from growth & development.

Director Johnson asked Shirley Spinelli to verify if the WRVID#45 has the authority to levy taxes.

Director Johnson agreed that TID & WRVID#45 are Co-managers of the water district. Meaning WRVID#45 cannot take action to sponsor this grant request on its own.

Director Johnson summed up the discussion to say that WRVID#45 is interested in the grant. He needed to have a discussion with Sara Gardner of the TID to determine their interest level. And that ideally TID & WRVID#45 should be Co-sponsors on the Grant Request letter if both boards agree to pursue this grant.

No action was taken at this meeting. This topic will be put on the March meeting agenda as an Action Item.

b. Silver Creek Farms HOA Water Bank Application:

Director Johnson made the motion to accept the water bank application for Silver Creek Farms HOA with a 20% hold back. Director Casey seconded. Motion passed.

c. Division Three Director reading of Official Oath:

Director Clark read his Official Oath and will fill the Division Three director's position for the next three years.

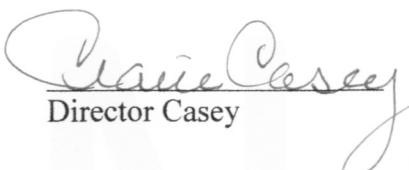
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be March 8th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Director Johnson



Director Casey



Director Clark

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