

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
January 9th, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., January 9th, 2023, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark, Director Casey and Director Berman were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for December 12th, 2023 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Secretary Gower read into the minutes a typed statement given to her from a WRVID#45 patron.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Water Right 37-11830:**

It is Mr. Stevenson's complaint that since purchasing the acreage in 2021 from the O'Gara family that he has been doubled assessed for this water right. WRVID#45 & TID both have this water right in their assessment books. He contends that TID should be the assessing entity. He asked that WRVID#45 research this matter.

Treasurer, Ms. Spinelli has taken the time to look into D45 assessment books and found that in the 2014 Assessment book this property was not part of the partition at that time and was to be assessed by WRVID#45. She also spoke with former D45 director Mr. Jim Super and he provided a map of the original paperwork of the first partition list of property. Mr. Super also noted that Mr. O'Gara had left this property under the WRVID#45 inventory.

Director Clark and Treasurer Spinelli will make a date to dig through the D45 storage of historical documents to help determine the proper district for assessing of this water right.

**b. Low Head Dam Project:**

Director Clark contacted Mr. Hurst from JUB, he explained that the holdup is JUB asked BIOTA many question regarding the design and BIOTA has not contacted JUB with the answers to all the questions. Mr. Clark asked that JUB push for the Draft Design Report to be completed soon and sent for review by the districts directors. He hoped to get this sent by the middle of January. JUB may need to do additional design work to complete this Draft Design Report.

**b. Streamline Website:**

Secretary Gower was able to have Shirley contacted by Hannah Holmes at Streamline and clarified that there will be a \$500 bill to pay for the migration of information from the old website to the new website. Then there will be the Annual payment of \$1,090 this covers host & Domain fees, tech assistance, and building of the new website. There will only be one bank account connected to the website; this will be WRVID#45 account.

Director Casey asked how important this feature was for the district. To which Mr. Spinelli & Director Clark affirmed it was a strong plus for patrons of the district.

Secretary Gower was contacted by Hannah Holmes for signing the contract with Streamline. After discussion with Director Clark it was determine that Director Clark will be the signee and list Shirley Spinelli as the accounting contact.

WRVID#45 directors gave Secretary Gower the go ahead for working with Streamline to produce the new website.

**6. REPORTS:**

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

1. Ordered the educational material for the Spring Canal Safety Program given to third graders in the Blaine County school district. The enrollment was down by 100 students from 2023. Ms. Casey extended the invite for others to attend & assist with this program.

2. BOC Meeting

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

1. Was unable to get Joe's Backhoe into the river last fall due to scheduling, however, he is hoping to accomplish this during the month of January 2024.

2. Mr. Wright is moving forward with applying for a CEIF Grant for canal lining project. He is proposing a ¾ mile strip down the central lateral. It would start at Glendale &

Gannett road intersections running south down the central canal along Kingsbury lane to the first diversion where the central canal splits.

Director Casey would like Mr. Wright to answer the question ‘Why he selected that part of the canal system? She felt that after cleaning out the willows along this stretch how this lining would affect the recharge of the aquifer. She feels that lining the canals would affect the household wells within the Bellevue Triangle.

Secretary Gower asked about cost associated with the grant. Fees for drafting the application and is the grand 100% or is there a matching split (25% to 75%)?

Director Clark indicated that it was a costly project current estimate is \$180,000.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Two checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary.
2. Sent the Secretary the end of year Financials for posting in the local paper for the districts end of year report.
3. Has completed the registration of the district with the State.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Ms. Gower contacted the local paper, ‘Mountain Express’ for publishing the financials for two weeks in January. All this was set to happen.

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

**a. Silver Creek Farms Water Bank Application:**

Director Casey made a motion to approve the action, it was seconded by Director Clark. Motion passed.

Director Clark asked that Secretary Gower indicate to Mr. Latham handling the Water Bank Application that the board would like to see water bank applications no later than July of the current irrigation season

**b. Oath of Office:**

Director Casey completed the necessary paperwork and read the Oath of Office for her appointment as Division Two Director for the WRVID#45 board for three years, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

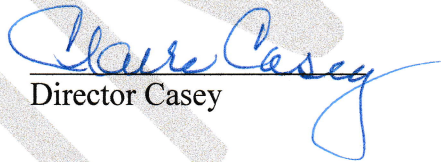
**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Director Casey made the motion to not have a meeting in the month of February 2024. Director Berman seconded. Motion passed.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Berman seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Director Clark (Chairman)

  
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