

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
May 7th, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., May 7th, 2024, 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 April 9th, 2024 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. BOR WaterSMART Grant:**

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 there was a zoom meeting with the BOR project technical representative (Kavi), Jestin, Cindy, and RJ of JUB, also attending were Greg Clark of WRVID#45, Sarah Gardner of TID, and the water master for the district John Wright.

JUB explained to Kavi the work which has already been done was well within the scope of the grant. Kavi requested some documentation from JUB and identified two financial reports that JUB needs to file with the BOR. With that completed, Kavi feels the funds will be available to pay the outstanding invoice to JUB.

The BOR will review that Diversion 45 Interaction Analysis DRAFT report. This is an evaluation of the proposed dam design and its interaction with the irrigation system in order to discover and address any issues delivering water to the users, especially during low flows and future flows.

At that point, The BOC board would meet with JUB to discuss how to proceed with a modified design and what the cost implications would be concerning engineering and construction.

Director Clark of WRVID#45, Director Gardner of TID, and Water Master John Wright met two weeks ago and reviewed the current status of the project & changing the direction. They all agreed to 4 major points:

1. Leave the old structure in place
2. Do not cut a notch
3. Design should include good fish passage upstream
4. Design should not deregulate water delivery from current level

Director Gardner of TID then contacted Jestin of JUB to clarify these 4 points in regard to future design work. Also, the BOR has ideas for other grants to help with increased cost that the 4 major points identified would have on the design and construction of the project.

## **6. REPORTS:**

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

1. On April 16, 2024 the BOC appointed a new secretary. Megan Stevenson accepted the position.
2. The Agenda covered the topics of: System Update, District 37, Sluder Ski lake, and the CIEF grant.
3. Director Casey will meet with the Carey 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to present The Water Safety / Canal Safety program. She will meet with the Bellevue 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on May 31<sup>st</sup> for this presentation.

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

1. The system is running full. There has been a leak identified from a pipe that runs from the East lateral just north of Gannett on the north side of the Gannett highway. This pipe feeds that last pond (Hemingway Pond) connected to the Diversion 45 system. John will need to contact District 37 to find out who's water is in this pipe.
2. The Highway 75 Subdivision Development has started construction (dirt work moving) John has been in contact with the crew manager and discussed the canal ROW. They also reviewed the action of utility lines being pushed under the canal. Conduits have been installed under the canal to support future utilities for the subdivision.
3. Amanda Beauman with Project Bigwood is proceeding with monitoring the metering gauges installed in the By-pass Canal. Amanda and John took some time to discuss the three options for metering the 3/4 mile of Gannett road west canal that John is interested in having lined.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Three checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary, and \$1,000 for BOC.
2. Sent the Balance sheets for the Reserve account. The original goal was to acquire the amount of one year of expenditures.
3. Discussed with Director Clark the concept of a Flyer announcing the New Website to be mailed to the patrons at the June Invoice Billing. Director Clark agreed to this idea. He made plans to work with Secretary Gower the next day and have this Flyer constructed and approved for Treasurer Spinelli to mail to WRVID#45 patrons the end of May.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

Nothing at this time.

I have several items to present at later meetings.

1. Directors review WRVID#45 Logo for a header on Letters & Documents.
2. Diversion Standards
3. Directors review WM & DR Handbook. Do we want this located on the website.
4. BOC Operating Rules. Do we want this located on the website.
5. Part Three of Budget. "Irrigation District – Maintenance/upgrades to Assets". Do the directors want this back into the budget package?

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

**a. Water Master - Access Permission Letter from Land Owners:**

John Wright, Water Master did have a DRAFT prepared for the directors to review. This topic was moved to the next meeting

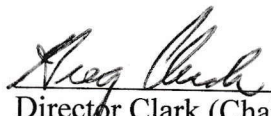
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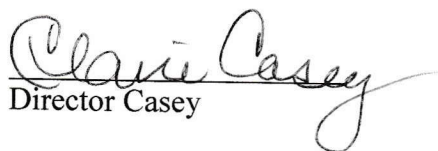
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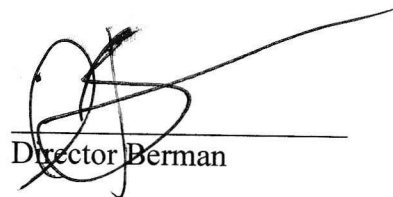
**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

  
Director Clark (Chairman)

  
Director Casey

  
Director Berman

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