

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
May 10th, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., May 10th, 2022, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
  
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson, Director Clark and Director Casey were present.
  
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for April 12th, 2022. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for April 10th, 2022, Director Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Jochums:

Steve Wilson:

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Review SOR Grant Priority List:**

John Wright the Water master contacted the JUB engineers and spoke with them regarding timely communications. He also clarified his ability to add to the list and re-define the priority of the items on the list.

They have generated a list which is a fairly complete list and John looks forward to receive the engineers report on the list of projects and the way to address the projects and where would the source of money come from to address each of these projects.

Mr. Wright reviewed the fact that many parts of the system are 100 years old but still work. Yet many patrons will say this looks trashy and needs to be upgraded/fixed to look new & perfect to the eye. And John won't put these old weathered items on the list because they still function.

Director Johnson stated "The study is called an SOR 'system optimization research' for a reason. If it does not impact the Efficiency of our canal system the item shouldn't be put on the list."

Director Casey expressed her concern that this outlook of needing everything to look neat clean and new would carry over to pushing for cleaning the canal banks of all vegetation. She views

this as wrong because it is this vegetation that helps hold the canals in place and keeps them from increasing in size and meandering extensively.

**b. Review BOR Water SMART Grant status:**

At this time, the districts have not been informed if this \$800,000 grant will be awarded to us. This grant is to repair the Low Head Dam.

If the Bureau of Reclamation turns us down for the grant they will include in the response why they turn you down. If this happens JUB will take our application and rework the application to address these areas and resubmit it.

Keri Finkler of Trout Unlimited has \$15,000 to add to the match money needed for this project.

**c. BOC Management Resolutions:**

Ponds & Subdivision Takeouts

Conveyance & ditch loss percentage

Land Owners Permission for Access beyond ROW

ROW distance – John Wright took some time to explain to the Directors why he is demanding a 50 foot ROW. Director Clark will assist with the verbiage on the ROW Resolution. Mr. Wright asked that Resolutions be posted on the WRVID#45 website.

**6. REPORTS:**

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

1. Next BOC meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

Director Johnson asked about the NRCS Grant and how this SOR list would be fitting into the NRCS Grant list.

The Blaine County Flood Control Dist has taken the lead regarding the NRCS Grant. But John Wright requested that he not be the man on the ground as the point man for feeding information through. He introduced Kari & Ryan of Wood River Land Trust with the JUB Engineers and WRLT will be the point people on the ground. And our SOR will be included to the all encompassing list for the NRCS Grant.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Three checks to be signed.
2. Spoke with the Hailey Postmaster regarding the forwarding of mail and the returned mail connected to the WRVID#45 mail box. None of this was executed in an acceptable manner.
3. Not many property changes so far this year. And there is very positive communications with Title Companies in the valley.
5. Asked the Directors for permission to send out the Second Notice for Assessments. Director Johnson made the motion. Director Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Received the application for the transferring of Matthew Thornton water rights between his properties. After a short discussion regarding the location of his properties the directors asked that this item be placed on the June meeting Agenda.

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

**a. :**

**b. :**

**c. :**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

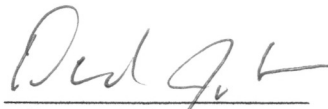
Tom Jochums: Extended a compliment to John Wright for his helpfulness.

Steve Wilson: Asked Shirley Spinally to explain why the water district budget reporting is done on a cash bases.

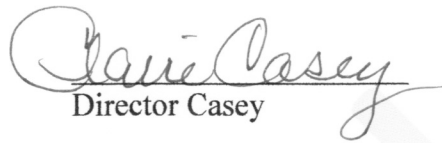
**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey

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Director Clark

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