

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45**

**April 9th, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., April 9th, 2024, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
  
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark and Director Casey were present.
  
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for March 12th, 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. Water Right 37-11830:**

Treasurer Shirley Spinelli was able to contact TID Director Sara Gardner and received documentation of TID's assessments on this Water Right 37-11830 starting in 2014.

Treasurer Shirley Spinelli was also able to research through the WRVID#45 stored documents and find the year of 2013 to 2014 assessment books and transferring list of O'Gara water rights from WRVID#45 to TID assessment books. She was able to identify the error from this list that caused the double billing of this water right.

With this documentation Ms. Spinelli was able to confirm TID assessments for the entire property with water right 37-11830 from 2014 to present. This documentation warranted refunding of assessments from WRVID#45 to not only John Stevenson 2021-2024 but also to Big Hat from 2021-2024 and O'Gara Trust from 2014-2021.

Director Casey made the motion to refund the assessments to all three property owners of water right 37-11830 from 2014 to 2024. Director Clark seconded motion. Motion passed.

Checks and Certificate of Action were signed

**b. Low Head Dam Project:**

Director Clark, Director Casey, Water Master John Wright and TID Director Sara Gardner attended a phone meeting with JUB presenting the Draft Flow analyses document for the Design of the low head dam refurbishment.

JUB is hoping to have a Final Flow Analyses to present to the BOC Board meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The point of most discussion was the notch to allow fish migration upstream. This notch is fed by an area roughly 10' wide and the notch itself is only a foot deep.

Director Clark reminded those present that this is a long process and we need to keep pushing to get through the engineering phase with revised construction cost so as to complete the project in an acceptable time frame in relation to our grant awarded. The district could possibly need additional funding based on the final design and construction estimates.

**c. Streamline Website:**

On Secretary Gower asked that the directors make one final scan through the proposed website information and let me know of any error or changes found. she will then notify Lindsee Green from Streamline to make the changes and be able to launch the new website by the end of the week.

Streamline is the maintenance and development company that will assist in any new information pages and updating current pages.

There will be online payment capabilities. We plan on including a flyer alerting the District patrons of the new website with the mailing of the mid-year assessments.

**6. REPORTS:**

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

1. The BOC will have a meeting on April 16, 2024

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

1. John will be opening flow to the canal system on April 15<sup>th</sup>, with the river flow at this time at 380 cfs. Generally the weather is still cold and not creating spring runoff from the mountains.

3. Magic Reservoir is 80% full. The NRCS has April 1st meter reading at Hailey 210,000 acre feet for the Big Wood River.

2. Lateral 75 Ranch Subdivision new berm constructions along the canal right of way but leaving small path/ATV size between berm & canal.

4. Directors are asking Chris provide a doctor's release before starting work on the canal system this spring.

5. The Nature Conservancy owned two Pivot Trak flow monitors that the water district has been using. They gave them to the water district. However, for the district to continue using them we have to pay for the Annual Monitoring Service Fee which will be paid from the budget line item #16 surveying & Engineering on the BOC Budget.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Three checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary, and \$1,000 for BOC.
2. Three checks for Refunds.
3. Receiving good interest on the two WRVID#45 state savings accounts.
4. Financial reports.
5. \$6,000 Balance in checking account.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Brought up several items that have been on previous agenda with no action taken. Ms. Gower asked that the board address at least one item at the next meeting. Mr. Wright chose the Water Master Access Permission Letter from Land Owners to be addressed at the May meeting.

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

**a. Justin Stevenson presentation about CIEF Grant:**

This is an application to line a portion of the By Pass canal. He has asked for \$100,000 from CIEF and matched to a \$100,000 WaterSMART grant. Project cost \$200,000. Justin explained that it is a situation where you need one grant to get the other grant.

Amanda Beauman, Director for Project Big Wood, believes there could be fish passage and is offering to locate 8 flow monitors along this canal between the north end of Wood River Ranch and Walker Drive. This section has no trees and only two landowners with access on both sides of the canal. The flow monitors are to assist in locating where on this section of the By Pass canal lining would be the most beneficial.



His main reason for presenting the information is to acquire a 'Letter of Support' for this project. The Upper Big Wood River Valley Water Users Association will be the water association named on the application. Director Clark and Director Casey both signed the Letter of Support as provided by Justin.


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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**


**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be May 7<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.

  
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Director Clark (Chairman)

  
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