

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
July 13th, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., July 13th, 2021, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson and Director Casey were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for June 8th, 2021. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for June 8th, 2021, Director Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Lateral 75 Ranch Subdivision 2nd review by P&Z:

No Director or D45 board member attended the second review meeting. Director Casey did follow up with this item. Lateral 75 Ranch Subdivision did pass the P&Z board.

Director Casey did report that the Lovas property also was going before the P&Z for approval of being subdivided. It will consist of only 4 lots all 10 acres or larger. This configuration was approved when the Cove Ranch was originally mitigated.

b. Mountain West Bank Lot Transfer/Sale:

This item was not discussed at the July BOC meeting. This is a small sliver of land that runs next to Blue Bird Parcel #3 and the Irrigation District canal.

c. Resolutions for Conveyance & Ditch Loss Percentage and measuring devices:

Director Johnson was unable to contact Justin Stevenson for discussing measuring devices for large scale water rights before this meeting. There was more discussion regarding level of flow or size of

water right would require which type of measuring device. A Staff gauge, data logging or an I Phone connectivity data devise are the preferred types of measuring devices.

The water master is requesting no less than a staff gauge on all new take outs installed. A good discussion followed regarding one takeout per subdivision and how that would evolve for fair cost and distribution of water after the takeout.

The TID & WRVID#45 Boards need to approve all Resolutions for the resolutions to apply equally throughout the water district. The BOC does not have the authority to create policy they always need to present policy changes to the two boards for approval.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. The BOC meeting of July 13th, 2021 consisted of many subjects that it lasted 2 hours discussing Ponds, delivering water during the drought, and resolutions.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. 14 CFS flow at the top of the canal as of July 13, 2021. Mr. Wright took time to explain to the directors how the current circumstances are helping to give him records for accurate ditch loss percentages.
2. It has come to his attention that there are several private ponds throughout the district. He would like all future private ponds to be lined and asked that the directors consider a resolution regarding current ponds and future ponds. Asked that this discussion continue at future meetings.
3. Received notification of acceptance of our Grant Application with the Bureau of Reclamation System Optimizing Review.
 - a. Now comes the time to make a list of our priority list, Low head Dam, old takeouts, water delivery efficiency and perhaps lining canals.
 - b. Which of the items on the list will be addressed and what are the solutions for these projects and where the money will come from to complete the projects on the priority list for water delivery efficiency.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Current Balance sheet & Profit Loss.
2. Three checks for the Secretary, Treasurer & the BOC.
3. Reporting to the county 'Notices of Delinquencies' have been reported.
4. Capital & Reserve accounts made money.

d. **Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. No special or extra actions to report.

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

a. **Land Owners Permission for Access beyond ROW:**

There are places along the canal system that the water master & staff find that they are trespassing on the property to reach a section of the canal due to the canal ROW being blocked in some manner. Mr. Wright has determined that this project of acquiring the property owner's permission for access across their property will entail a lawyer and time. This item was added to the agenda to inform the directors of both boards of the need for ROW permission agreements.

b. **Ground Water Curtailment:**

Surface water rights holders along Silver Creek and lower Little Wood River placed a stay of pumping on the Ground Water users within the Bellevue Triangle.

The solution basically reached was that the Ground water users would augment the water flow into Silver Creek and provide the surface water users with some water so they can finish some crops for this year. The Ground Water users within the Bellevue Triangle will be allowed to pump from the aquifer until August 15th, 2021.

c. **Water Bank Application – Jim & Sheila White:**

Director Johnson made the motion to accept the water bank application of Jim & Sheila White with a 20% hold back. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Director Johnson made a motion to bypass an August meeting. Motion passed. Next meeting will be September 14th, 2021.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Director Johnson

Clarice Casey

Director Casey

Greg Clark

Director Clark

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