

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
December 12th, 2023**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., December 12th, 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 October 10th & 31st, 2023 was correct. On a motion made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Casey, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- 4. BOARD OF CORRECTIONS:**

Shirley was contacted by John Stevens Bookkeeper Pat Bowton, regarding Mr. Stevenson's purchase of property from the O'Gara Family Trust and the water rights purchased with that section of land. It came to Ms. Bowton's attention that TID and D45 have been assessing and billing for the water rights 37-11830 attached to this acreage. She asked that both districts look into this issue and clarify which district management is the correct board to be billing for this acreage and the water right 37-11830.

Director Clark determined that further research was needed. He would be contacting the districts lawyer for clarification of transference of acreage & attached water rights as the result of the districts division by Senate Bill #1156 in 2013. What are the legal steps necessary on acreage sold within the large district boundary but from owners/patrons from TID to D45 or vice versa for determining which Board assesses and bills for the water right?

This item will be placed on the January Agenda for further discussion.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOR WaterSMART Grant:

1. Director Clark reached out to Justin Hurst of JUB before our meeting.
2. Justin Hurst responded to Director Clark on December 13, 2023.
JUB had discovered several items regarding the design review and were reaching out to BIOTA to schedule a meeting to address these concerns. Mr. Hurst extended an apology for the delay for the update review meeting.

b. Streamline Website Review Text & Maps:

Secretary Gower had corresponded with Hannah Holmes from Streamline clarifying that we were working for a January start time on transitioning over to the new website.

1. Understanding at this time is there will be only one bank account attached to the Website.
2. That more than one person will have access to posting on the Website. However, they can be restricted to certain areas or pages they can post to.
3. Contact information between Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer and Hannah Holmes of Streamline was exchanged for financial questions & payment requirements discussion.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. Next BOC meeting will be in January.
2. The Oct. Meeting Approved the 2024 Budget, Approved a contract for tree removal on the upper main canal during the month of November, And discussed several projects that CIEF (Conservation, Infrastructure, and Efficiency Fund) grant money could be applied for.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

Mr. Wright did not attend however, Director Clark has visited with him just 3 days prior to the meeting relayed the projects on the canal system that Mr. Wright was interested in pursuing CIEF money for.

1. Lining an upper section of the Kingsbury canal as a test strip to monitor.
2. Lining the entire By-Pass Canal. This canal is not part of the TID& WRVID#45 canal system. Mr. Wright has been talking with Rocky Sherbine, board member and largest water user of the canal district this section of canal resides within. Mr. Wright will attend and clarify his reasoning for why our district should participate with funding this project at a later board meeting.

Director Casey expressed her dislike for lining the canals and I have noted that she felt it would prohibit natural Re-charge of the ground water table and could potentially damage irrigators' & household wells.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Checks to sign for October were Treasurer, Secretary and 14% of the \$16,000 BOC Line Item Match of Grant.
Checks to sign for November were Treasurer, Secretary and Valley Storage for one year.
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2. Presented the need to use the \$7,000 left in the BOC 2023 line item of Tree Removal and the \$1000 from the BOC 2023 line item Contract Labor to cover the \$8000 tree removal bill received for the tree removal on the Upper Main Canal in November. Director Berman made the motion to accept this solution to the payment of the BOC Tree Removal bill. Director Clark seconded Motion passed.

3. Ms. Spinelli asked the board how to handle the bill sent from Sawtooth Wood Products to the BOC for repair to a fence on private property as a result of the Upper Main Canal tree removal project. The board felt it was the fault of the tree removal company contracted to do the work that should be paying this bill. Ms. Spinelli would report back on this matter at the next meeting.

4. Ms. Spinelli asked the board about a bill for diesel from Valley Wide placed on the BOC fuel charge account. It was determined that further explanation regarding the bill was needed before payment. Ms. Spinally would contact the water master and report back on this matter.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

Ms. Gower received the approval from the board for posting in the local paper of the Year-End-Financial report.

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

a. Sanders Property New Take Out Diversion:

The WRVID#45 board reviewed the proposed new takeout design to be placed on the East Kingsbury lateral to deliver water to the old Tedesco property east of Clearwater landscaping.

Director Clark and Director Casey walked the location of the new takeout on December 13th. WRVID#45 has no objections to the design as proposed.

b. Gifts for Clearwater Landscape Owners:

Director Casey requested approval spending the usual amount of \$400 for dinner gifts to the owners of Clearwater Landscaping for the usage of the building for our monthly board meetings.


Director Clark made the motion to approve the expense. Director Berman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

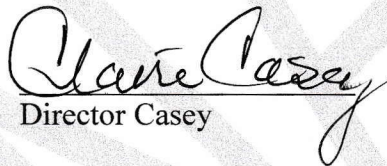
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be January 9th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Berman made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey



Director Berman