

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
March 9th, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., March 9th, 2021, 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 February 9th, 2021. Director Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes for February 9th, 2021, Director Clark seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOR Grant Final Draft Application Approval:

At the February 9th meeting Director Johnson made the motion to proceed with the final reading and approval of the final draft by the directors and suggestions for changes via e-mail. Director Clark seconded this motion. Motion passed.

WRVID#45 Directors all approved the final draft via e-mail.

There was a major updating of grant applications by the Board of Reclamation. The directors were informed by Mr. Wright, Water master of these current changes issued for the BOR Grant Application. The size of the application has been reduced to a five page narrative + budget and any letters of support. There has also been issued a deadline for submitting our application, that deadline is May 5th, 2021.

Mr. Wright and the JUB grant writer are working to reduce the approved application to fit the new application standards.

Mr. Wright currently has letters of support, from Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, The Wood River Land Trust, District 37, and South Valley Ground Water District.

b. Response to Lateral 75 Ranch Subdivision formally MGM Subdivision Application:

1. Sarah Gardner director of TID sent a letter to Samantha of Galena Engineering regarding the water district's preliminary concerns regarding this proposed subdivision.
2. John Wright, water master is in the process of reaching out to a water consultant or a water law consultant to review the water rights and speak on behalf of the district.
3. John Wright is schedule to have a discussion with the owner of the land. Currently the county plat shows 40 feet of ROW which is 20 feet from center line of the ditch on either side. Mr. Wright is not happy with this size of ROW and is planning to ask the owner for a larger ROW.

c. Howard Preserve Project (Biota Hold Harmless letter):

Mr. Wright, Water Master for the water district contacted Ryan Colyer of Biota concerning this request by the WRVID#45 directors. Mr. Colyer was quick to respond to the request of Hold Harmless agreement and provided a letter meeting that request dated February 26, 2021.

Biota at this time has proceeded to start the project for which they asked permission filling and crossing the main diversion canal of the TID & WRVID#45 water district.

d. Child Safety Program:

Director Casey has all the supplies necessary for this program. She will start talking to third grade teachers in all the elementary schools of Blaine County to set the dates and times to present to each third grade class the canal safety program video and corresponding student interactive instruction material. Director Casey is planning to complete this program between April 1st, and April 15th 2021.

e. Infrastructure Funding Survey:

On March 5th, 2021 the WRVID#45 received an e-mail from Mr. Paul Arrington of the IWUA Organization. The group was looking for information (list) of possible infrastructure projects that may begin with the next five years.

Director Johnson forwarded this survey on to Mr. Wright the Water master for our district and Mr. Wright put together a response which he sent to Mr. Arrington and cc'd all the directors of TID & WRVID#45.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. There will be a BOC meeting April 13th, 2021 at 9am.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright reported that the snow pack was at 80% of normal with low water content.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Current Balance sheet & Profit Loss.
2. Checks for Secretary, Treasurer, PO Box, and ICRMP Insurance.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Transferred a bankers box into the WRVID#45 storage facility which contained back up information regarding WRVID#45 meeting minutes, documents of e-mails, and legal information from the years 2016 – 2019.

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

a. Water Bank Application – Michele and Russ Deon:

Director Johnson made the motion to accept the water bank application of the Deon's with a 20% holdback. Director Clark seconded that motion. Motion passed.

b. Create a new Bylaw/Resolution for requiring measuring devices

c. Create a new Bylaw/Resolution for conveyance/ditch loss percentages of water rights:

Director Johnson suggested no action on these items at this time. He would like to see what the BOC recommends.


8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

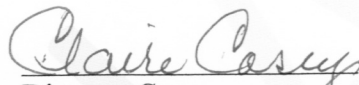
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be April 13th, 2021.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

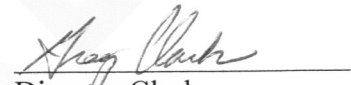
10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey



Director Clark