

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
January 12th, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., January 12th, 2021 Via ZOOM.

- 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 December 8th, 2020. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for December 8th, 2020, Director Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.

Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for December 21st, 202. Director Clark made the motion to accept the minutes for December 21st, 2020, Director Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Wright, Water Master Presentation Regarding ROW: Due to the priority of the Grant Application that Mr. Wright has been involved with this presentation will be rescheduled.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Status of Grant Application:

The deadline for submitting the application has been extended to February 29th, 2021. Thus John Wright, Water master and Justin Stevenson, Water master Supervisor have extra time to work with Cindy Gooch of JUB Engineering, her assistant Jessica, and another JUB Engineer Gary Haderley to finish writing the application and present it to WRVID#45 Directors and TID Directors for final review.

John Wright, Water master presented the application at the current stage of writing to the BOC board meeting earlier today. The following is a summary of highlight points made during that presentation:

1. System Optimization Review (SOR) will allow the water districts (WRVID#45 and TID) the opportunity to provide the engineers with a list of concerns the BOC wants them to take a look at on the system and provide the BOC, TID, & WRVID#45 with direction on what needs to be repair/fixd. With at the top of this list the Low Head Diversion Dam.

2. The SOR is to identify not only the Low Head Dam structure but inefficiencies within the water delivery system. Not only for the TID & WRVID#45 system but other delivery systems throughout the Big Wood River and how other inefficiencies influence the reliability of the TID & WRVID#45 delivery and management.
3. The SOR will look at neighboring systems.
4. Ditch loss is high on the evaluating of the efficiency of a water delivery system.
5. If the districts address some of the neighboring inefficiencies we could bring larger players into the fold for involvement, as far north as Sun Valley Company and City of Ketchum.
6. This application is the first step.

Director Johnson asked about TU and BIOTA and where they stand currently in regards to the low head dam and their involvement with the whole issue of the low head dam and its repair.

Mr. Wright spent time recently discussing with Kira Finkler, State Director of TU. TU was very supportive of the dam needing repair. And TU was able to work closely with BIOTA and acquired a grant for BIOTA to utilize and do the original work chosen by TID & WRVID#45. So at this time, the BIOTA work already accomplished on the low head dam will be included in the SOR report.

Kira Finkler will write a letter of support for our SOR application.

Keri York of The Land Trust will also write a letter of support for our SOR application.

The final key to acquiring 75-100% funding is based on water delivery efficiency improvements and including plans for remediating flooding.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. There was a BOC meeting January 12th, 2021 at 9am.
2. John Wright presented his review of the SOR Grant application.
3. The board discussed the MGM Subdivision plat.

The biggest concern would be to have the developers install a sophisticated measuring devise to meter their water to guard against over diversion. The rational for this meter installation is due to the facts that the valley is in the midst of severe drought conditions and unprecedented growth in population and the developers use of agricultural water for domestic use is unusual.

4. Old takeout systems.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright is suggesting that the Water Districts come up a resolution that requires new developments to install sophisticated measuring devise to reduce the possibility of over diverting or using more water than what the water rights decree.

2. Perhaps the installation of a sophisticated measuring device should be included with the upgrade/repair on older subdivision development diversion takeouts.
3. Has several old water diversion takeouts along the system that need repaired or upgraded. Also, there are several land owners wishing to upgrade or replace their old water diversion takeouts. Would like to include all these takeouts on the SOR list of repairs. Mr. Wright expressed his desire to look into newer, more efficient takeouts, or develop new takeouts.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Ms. Spinelli has been working with IDWR and the two buyers of the O’Gara property to split the layered water rights.
2. Five checks for signing.
3. Current Balance sheet & Profit Loss.
4. Asked that the directors approve the End of Year Balance Sheet for publication in the local newspaper as stated in Idaho Statutes 43-324.
Director Clark made the motion to accept the yearend financial statement for publication.
Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. The ZOOM license purchase was a success. Tonight’s meeting was 1 ½ hours long with no termination issues.
2. The New contact list for BOC, TID, & WRVID#45 was accomplished with the help of Merrily Wright.

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

a. Oath of Office for Division Two Director:

Claire Casey read her oath of office as elected Division Two Director for the next three years.

b. Directors meeting for Electing Director Chairman & Appointing staff:

Director Johnson is the current Chairman of the WRVID#45 board, he indicated that he would like to relinquish the position of Chairman. Directors will take the time to discuss this matter and address the position at the February meeting.

c. Silver Creek Farms HOA Water Bank Application – Al Luray:

Director Johnson made a motion to accept the application with a 20% hold back. Director Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

d. Review of MGM Subdivision Application for response to Blaine County Land Use:

Director Johnson indicated that after attending the BOC meeting today, he felt the BOC had discussed the subdivision proposal and would be able to write the letter with comments to Galena Engineering

No action was taken on this matter by WRVID#45.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

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

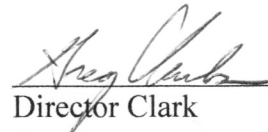
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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



Director Johnson

Director Casey



Director Clark