

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

April 12th, 2022

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., April 12th, 2022, 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 March 8th, 2022. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for March 8th, 2022, Director Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Jochums: Informed the board that he was working on getting D. Wolfly on the planning & zoning county board to have a south county voice on the P&Z board.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Review SOR Grant status and financial commitments:

JUB engineers should have the list of important projects identified to improve the efficiency of water delivery for the TID & D45 canal system for directors to view by the May meetings.

The financial commitments for the SOR study have been met at this time.

Top three items at this time are:

By-pass canal belonging to another water district for efficiency.

Gannett canal servicing our oldest water right user.

Changing the primary diversion point and lateral for delivery of water rights to patrons at the end of the Hwy 75 canal.

b. Review BOR Water SMART Grant status and financial commitments:

At this time, the districts have not been informed if this \$800,000 grant will be awarded to us. The sole purpose of this grant is repairing the Low Head Dam.

c. Review NRCS Grant Request – what it would do for the district, financial commitments expected:

The Blaine County Flood Control District sponsored the letter of interest to initiate this PL566 grant. This grant will embrace a System Optimizations review of the entire watershed for the Big Wood River. Engineers will evaluate 22 miles of the Big Wood River and tributaries and create a watershed project list of projects to enhance the river system.

At this time there is no financial commitment for the water district. The NRCS does provide opportunities to find available financing for projects of large scale.

d. BOC Management Resolutions:

1. Ponds & Subdivision Takeouts: John Wright has identified more patrons are including ponds with their water rights. He also feels that every single user can not have individual takeouts. It was discussed that perhaps patrons using flood irrigation should be assigned a designated day for their usage to eliminate confusion.
2. Conveyance & ditch loss percentage: John Wright also identified that the dryer it gets the more water it takes to deliver water.
3. Land Owners Permission for Access beyond ROW: John Wright expressed his concern to a landowner that if he pushes the access to the ditch off the ROW the water master will be forced to trespass in order to do his job.

Directors are waiting for the Water Master to present his drafts for the resolutions to address these items.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. John Wright covered BOC meeting. Next meeting will be in July.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Ready to open gates on April 15th.
2. Kevin Lakey has left District #37 and taken the management position for Big Wood River Canal Co.
3. John asked the board to consider moving the board meetings to an earlier time slot. Director Casey reminded everyone that the location of our meeting is not conducive to an earlier meeting time.

4. Will be meeting with the JUB Engineers soon regarding the final Project List created from/for the SOR Grant and then be presenting it to the Wood River Land Trust as a beginning point of the NCRS System Optimization list starting point.
5. Rubicon Engineering Co. Put in control structures for irrigation systems within the district.
6. Ground Water Management plan was reviewed by the BOC. The three cities and water districts within the valley have signed onto this three year plan to monitor the level/flow of water to accommodate water reaching water users on the Little Wood below Carey. The state is demanding that users that have ground water & surface water are expected to use their surface water first before turning on the ground water pumps.
7. Director Johnson asked about the water master informing patrons of what priority water rights are active and what ones have been shut off? John Wright receives a notice from district #37 with the setting of the flow at the top of system and what water rights are being cut. And with this he notifies the users that need to shut off.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Sent four checks to be signed.
2. Sent a deposit for the secretary to deposit.
3. Shirley was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
5. Sent the Financials for the district via e-mail

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Presented the letter from the Blaine County Land Use and Building Services signed by Tom Bergin informing the boards TID, BOC, & D45 of the status regarding planned changes to the intersection of Glendale Road and Highway 75.
2. Steve Wilson: Is considering replacing David Johnson on the board as the Director One Representative. The Secretary reviewed the steps for submitting applications to become a director for the WRVID#45 water district board. Director Johnson took this opportunity to pass on information regarding finances and grants.

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

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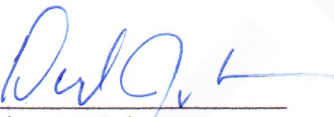
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Jochums: In light of the letter from the county and the potential total resolution to the intersection of Glendale Road & Highway 75 leads me to believe that the highway would be moved to the west. The water district will not have to move the canal and the changes to the intersection will be done once and done much better than the first proposal by the county.

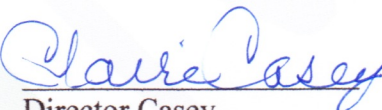
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be May 10th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey



Director Clark