

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., April 13th, 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 March 9th, 2021. Director Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes for March 9th, 2021, Director Clark seconded the motion, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Create a new resolution for requiring measuring devices:

The district's water master Mr. John Wright had several good comments regarding resolutions.

1. He desires a more manager friendly resolution to address within our district measuring devices. New take outs and up-grades to old take-outs along with changes to places of use or special use water rights need to include measuring devices.
2. He would also like to have two or three designs for diversion take-outs and property owners would chose from these designs for new diversions take-outs or upgrades.

b. Create a new Resolution for Conveyance & ditch loss percentage:

The district's water master Mr. John Wright suggested that some directors take a look at the older studies of ditch loss to assist him in determining the percentages at the various distances moving down the canal system moving away from the main head gate.

Director Johnson made the comment that ditch loss is usually detailed out in the water rights.

Mr. Wright's final thought is that the district needs to establish what the ditch loss is currently and proceed with periodically checking the percentage of ditch loss and re-establish this loss. He then proceeded to describe a plan to gather data of flow measurements from the five measuring

devices on the canal system that he felt could be used to check ditch loss throughout the watering season and from year to year.

c. Diversion 45 Project – BIOTA final design & Specifications:

Kira Finkler informed the district via e-mail on April 1, 2021 of the completion of the final design & specifications for the Low Head Dam with the notch option. Also included were construction cost estimate, cover letters, and permit applications to (Corps and IDWR) and the City of Bellevue.

WRVID#45 & TID have not agreed with BIOTA to proceed with this plan.

d. Lateral 75 Subdivision Canal Maintenance Easement:

John Wright, water master met with representatives of this proposed subdivision and came up with the following three items.

1. Original ROW is 40 feet and John Wright is asking for 50 foot ROW which the owners agreed upon.
2. No hard items (rocks, trees, fencing, and buildings of any kind).
3. No new burns along ditch ROW but the current burn with the trees may remain. But if any work is done on the existing burn the water district will insist that it be removed.

However, at the April BOC meeting, these three items did not pass the BOC. The BOC will meet with the Lateral 75 Ranch management to discuss the canal ROW.

Director Johnson asked Mr. Wright, “Can you maintain and manage the ditch with the trees there?” Mr. Wright answered “Yes, he was fine with the few trees. The property owner was assisting Mr. Wright with maintenance and mowing in this area.”

Director Johnson made the motion that asking for a 50 foot ROW for the Lateral 75 Subdivision as agreed between John Wright, water master and Lateral 75 Subdivision property owner was acceptable. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. The next BOC meeting will be July 13th, 2021 at 9am.
2. Howard Preserve Project completed and clean-up was well done.
3. Claire will present the safety program starting the week of April 19th and should finish the first week of May.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright reported that on April 15th when the district is allowed to open the canal system for water rights that October 84's & Junior will not be receiving water. The CFS flow in the river is so low that these water rights cannot be issued. The spring run-off has not commenced and hopefully when the temperatures warm-up and the flow in the river increase some of these water rights can be issued. The river is running currently half of normal.
2. Will be working on the BOR Grant for submission by May 5th, 2021.
3. Mr. Wright has identified four items (Conveyance & ditch Loss measuring, take-out guide lines, and Easement Access) that he would like Resolutions created and implemented to assist with the future management of the water district. These resolutions then need to be shared with the patrons of the water district.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Current Balance sheet & Profit Loss.
2. Checks for Secretary, Treasurer, Legal & BOC.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Direct Johnson assigned the task of responding to e-mails.
U.S. Census Bureau and the Public Contractors of Idaho Product Analyst Team.

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

a. Water Bank Application – Bellevue Farms HOA:

Director Johnson made the motion to accept the water bank application for the Bellevue Farms HOA with a 20% holdback. Director Casey seconded that motion. Motion passed.

b. Water Bank RENTAL Application – Flying Squirrel Productions:

Director Johnson made the motion to consent to the surface water rental request from Dunlap/Gower to Flying Squirrel Productions. Director Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

WRVID#45 does not control ground water and thus cannot approve the rental of that portion of the request. That portion of the water right rental will be determined by IDWR.

c. Perez Subdivision – District’s comments to Blaine County Land Use:

Secretary sent this request to WRVID#45 directors and John Wright the water master for their review. Mr. Wright immediately responded to Emily Wood of Galena Engineering.

Mr. Wright again asked for a 50 foot ROW increasing the current ROW from 30 feet to 50 feet and requesting that it be centered on the ditch.

d. John Wright asked to hire Wendy Pabich for consultant time regarding water rights:

Director Johnson indicated that there is no budget for this action.

Director Johnson requested the WRVID#45 board if he could contact our legal counsel Mr. Andy Waldera regarding legal questions in regard to the proposed Lateral 75 Ranch Subdivision and how it plans to utilize the water rights. Director Clark & Director Casey approved this request.

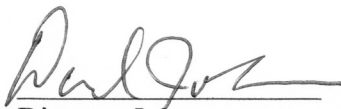
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:


9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be May 11th, 2021.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Director Johnson


Director Casey


Director Clark