

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
October 18, 2016**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., October 18, 2016, at the meeting place, 213 Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson and Director Bertoni, were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for September 13, 2016 was correct. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Pepin Corso Harris: Brought information to the board she felt was important for Old Business item #2, The BOC request for additional maintenance projects this year and the reallocation of 2016 funds. She presented photographs of the main canal and a study on cottonwood trees.

Jolyon Sawyer: Presented to the directors Jim White's public comment 8 points on Budget matters and 4 points regarding the Water Master, John Wright. (attached)

Jolyon Sawyer: Addressed the discovery of ownership of land 50 feet wide and about ¼ mile long from River Road to Howard preserve. This land is owned by the districts and the BOC is requesting for a special projects fund for 2017 to be used to address cottonwood trees.

Clearcutting the trees is a continuous topic.

Concern that there are past motives directing the special projects request but these motives are not very well thought out business practices.

What is smart to spend our money on and where to spend our money?

My recommendation to the directors is to put attachment strings to the work, no to clear cutting mode.

We should study and measure above and below the section or sections of trees to see how much water loss we do have. To further education us (water districts') like businessmen for future evaluation of how much to spend on tree cutting.

Justin Stevenson has a good working relationship progressing with Jim Walker Sr. and work will be done on his property to thin and remove dead cottonwoods to reduce access problems.

The city of Bellevue is budgeting for dealing with the large cottonwood tree problems. They are aware that 'if a tree falls onto another person's property the tree owner is liable.

Clarified his suggestion on Water master wage during winter month attach verbiage to that line item to let the BOC have some discretion in using it.

John Wright: Everyone on the ditches received their water and many received more than expected and that is with the trees the way they are. So it does not make sense to John to try to do something with the trees when they are not affecting the flow of the ditch. The science that

has been presented that the trees are taking water away doesn't hold up when the system is delivering more than necessary water.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOC REQUEST OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS FOR REALLOCATION OF 2016 UNUSED FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS THIS YEAR

1. A request for reallocation of funds within the 2016 BOC budget to pay for dozer work was approved by the D45 board via e-mail. Implementation has yet to begin.

b. LOCATION OF MEETINGS: current rent \$650, Still looking for a new place for less rent.

c. COMPARISON OF ASSESSMENTS: ACREAGE VS BENEFIT OF USE (priority dates)

1. A motion that the assessments be assessed by Volume and Seniority dates, was made by Director Johnson and passed unanimously

6. REPORTS:

- a. **John Wright, Water Master;** John has been working on removing the fresh cuttings of cottonwood tree shoots out of ditches and waiting for weather to support burning. Requested a chipper to chop up the green slag. Request for a dozer for free board work still on waiting list. Moving a lot of trash out of ditches into burn piles and hauling old fence line away.
- b. **Jolyon Sawyer, BOC Representative;** The BOC removed the money formally lumped into the water masters salary wages for 2016 and put it towards seasonal labor this year. The BOC feels they did not get good performance from the past employees paying a salary wage thru the winter.

BOC JOINT WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION for the budget
Assets, Prioritization, Budgets, Schedule for Improvements and Maintenance
The first draft of the budget, revision 1 document has been presented to each district for approval.

c. **Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli;**

1. One property changing ownership and the title company is keeping Shirley informed of the status and D45 will receive the past due water assessment.
2. Went thru all files and released delinquencies on properties that should have had them released years ago. The only ones left are the current year's delinquencies.
3. Still checking on a possible alternate place for meeting location.
4. Still good with the BOC budget, do not owe the BOC any money at this time. Shirley will meet with John Miley BOC Treasurer at the end of October for final year end status.
5. With regards to creating a Reserve Account with left over money from 2016 budget, Shirley is in agreement with Director Johnson that if we have any money left from 2016 budget that we should open a separate Reserve Account and fund as budgeted for in 2016..

6. Only two checks for signatures (Secretary and Treasurer).

d. Secretary, Bette Gower;

Received from David Johnson, Chuck Bertoni, and Clair Casey Nomination Petitions for their respective divisions, all petitions passed certification by the voting clerk. No one else submitted nomination petitions so there is no need for elections. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bertoni were appointed to finish the 2016 year for their respective division seats. Ms. Casey won the election for her division and will take her seat in January on the board. All three board members will take the Oath in January.

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

a. Bellevue Farms Landowners Assoc. Water Bank Application:

John Hocknell: Read into the meeting minutes an e-mail from Jim White for public comment regarding the New Business agenda item of Bellevue Farms Landowners Assoc. Water Bank Application and the hold back percentage. (attached)

Motion made to accept the 20% holdback for the Bellevue Farms Landowners Association Water Bank Application. Passed unanimously. Certificate of Action Taken was signed by both directors. A PDF of the Certificate of Action Taken was sent to Jim White for Bellevue Farms records.

b. BOC Budget Review/Approval:

Jolyon, as D45 BOC Representative, reviewed the changes suggested by all three districts to the as previously presented Rev 1 of the BOC budget:

UNDER General business

Line Item 13, Cell phone - \$40 April thru October months and \$20 Nov.- March

Line Item 11, Treasurer/Bookkeeping - Hourly goes from \$25 to \$30, but the budgeted monthly amount does not change.

UNDER Annual Labor

Line Item 1, Annual labor - only had salary money Nov.- March, Change to \$2000 per month Nov.-March.

UNDER General Maintenance

Line Item 11, Special Projects Professional Tree Removal - \$10,000 approved by TID & CID for one new big project.

D45 Stipulations: Only on districts owned property, From River Road to Howard Preserve

Dead standing, dangerous, safety hazards, suggested topping,

NO clear cutting

Line Item 2, Engineering – After CID & TID join the joint works & boundary maps need revisited so we need money for this. D45 will put this Line item in their own budget to cover their percentage of this line item cost.

Line Items 9 & 10, Added language ‘Assumed to be used as required Spring/Fall’.

Jolyon presented Draft Revision 2 of BOC Budget incorporating the above changes and the resulting total for D45 can approval.

Total \$95,974.40

D45's portion would be \$13,436.42 (14%)

It is important to keep the Budget under \$100,000 for if you spend over \$100,000 then the BOC and districts are mandated by the state of Idaho to have an Audit.

Director Johnson made a motion to accept Draft Revision 2 of the BOC budget as discussed tonight for the total amount of \$95,974.40. Motion passed unanimously.

c. WRVID#45 General Expenses Proposed Budget Review:

D45 proposed General Expense budget was presented for discussion:

Reviewed the following line items and made changes after discussion.

Line Item 4, Legal has dropped substantially

Line Item 12, Website Work (fee)

Shirley found billing for website Bluehost renewal \$405, budgeted \$500

Line Item 18, Consulting/Engineering

Based on feed-back during this meeting budgeted \$500

Line Item 10, Dues & Subscription IDWUA

Based on current district acreage this year's dues will be less, budgeted \$300

Line Item 20, Advertising

For publishing statement of financial conditions in the legal newspaper as per statute 43-324, budgeted \$300

2017 proposed budget \$36,530 + D#45 percentage of BOC budget \$13,436.42 = Total \$49,966.42

Last year's budget (adjusted for partition of CID) was approximately - Total \$40,000.00

When CID left the district they took with them most of the senior water rights thus it affected the assessment base more than the property that left D45.

Director Johnson would like to seed a Reserve Account with \$2500 from the residual money left over from 2016, as budgeted and utilize a portion of the remaining residual money left over to offset the 2017 assessments increase, which will be reviewed at the next meeting once 2016 financials are final.

Director Johnson made a motion to approve the WRVID#45 General Expenses Budget at \$36,530.00. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be November 8th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

On a motion by Director Johnson, these minutes are unanimously approved on November 8th, 2016.



Director Johnson



Director Bertoni
