

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
September 11th, 2018**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., September 11th, 2018 at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping on Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson and Director Casey were present at the meeting.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Meeting minutes of August 14th, 2018 were read and approved by the directors.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Florence Blanchard: Chairman of the Friends of the Howard Preserve invited by Director Casey to attend the meeting. She expressed her appreciation of the new communication that they have with the water district. Florence was here to complement the efforts of John Wright, Water Master for the water districts to establish good communications between the water districts and Friends of the Howard Preserve.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. WRVID#45 Budget:

1. Review of WRVID#45 budgets was conducted line item by line item. Shirley Spinally had several items to adjust some went up and other were to reduce. The biggest item was reducing the Treasurers expenditure. Decision was made to buy a Thumb Drive to download all the past assessment books on for safe keeping. Total budget for last year was \$42,304. The directors are looking at reducing that amount for the 2019 D45 budget.

b. Safety Program expenditures & presentation info:

Director Casey had a visit with Pepin Harris. TID committed \$500 for safety ads. The City of Bellevue committed \$500 for the safety ads. And St. Luke's committed \$250 for the safety ads in Spanish, for a total expenditure of \$1250 in radio ads addressing public safety for the districts canals. However all this is in per portion of where IUWA has determined these ads need to be broadcast most of which are in the Magic Valley.

Director Casey was unable to get any information regarding the coloring book program and presentation to third graders in the school system.

Director Casey will try to bring this up again in next BOC budget meeting to try and get a better handle on what has happened in the past and how can the coloring book safety program be re-implemented.

Shirley Spinally will check into a local radio advertisement of ads for safety ads.
Director Casey & Director Johnson are both interested in continuing the coloring book safety presentation within the local school system.

c. Election of Director for Division Three:

Greg Clark attended our September meeting and put forth his desire to become the Division Three board member.

Director Johnson made the motion to appoint Mr. Greg Clark to finish out the current term of the Division Three Director for the 2018 year. Director Casey seconded the motion and motion passed.

Mr. Clark has the paper work to acquire signatures to place his name on the ballot for the Division Three Director for the next three years.

d. Shared mitigation water rights form sent to IDWR:

Director Johnson did attempt to contact our legal counsel regarding this matter, however, did not receive contact back.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. September 17th 2018 is the Workshop for the Joint Works Infrastructure Document the prioritizing of maintenance work on the canal system looking ahead 5 years in advance. Jolyon Sawrey, Justin Stevenson, and John Wright have been discussing this document updating areas of concern, placing proposed costs, and placing the priority dates on these areas in preparation of the presentation.
2. The next BOC meeting is October 11th 2018 to review, discuss, and finalize a proposed draft BOC Budget to pass on to Triangle Irrigation District and Wood River Valley Irrigation District #45 for review and approval or to send back to the BOC for revision.

b. Justin Stevenson, Water Master Supervisor:

Report of where Justin, John, & Jolyon are at in the BOC budget process.

1. A1 Annual Business: Justin reviewed this area of the BOC Budget. The biggest change would be adding a line item for payment to the BOC Secretary. Justin took the time to inform the D45 Board of the changes he was aware of at this time for each line item.
2. A2 Annual Labor: Water Masters and ditch rider's pay and benefits. Again good clarification regarding raises proposed or how to manage benefits to assist in doing their jobs. Handling of the fuel card was an item the board felt needed more attention to the management of the payment for and whose budget was it really covered under.

3. A3 General Maintenance cost: Justin covered each line item and noted if they were staying the same or being reduced. So far Justin has indicated that A3 has been proposed to be reduced.
4. B1, B2, & B3 Maintenance Upgrades, Special projects: John Wright has some work at the main head gate that he would like to make sure is in the budget for 2019. The river side retaining wall at the main head gate is the next big project to address. Justin & John are pushing to have this in the maintenance budget as a priority. They do not want to piece mill this project. This also ties into the Big Wood River Study performed by Biota that has been discussed. Director Casey expressed the need to have the Biota study done first before giving this project the go ahead. Justin is aware of grants that could be applied for to assist with this large of project on the river side of the main head gate.
5. Tree Removal: Looking at Jim Walkers property to utilize Alpine Tree Service to follow the main canal across his property and removing dead & hazardous trees, cleaning up at risk trees, or hanging trees.
6. Director Johnson addressed the fact that this will be the third year that the water district is budgeting \$10,000 on management of trees based upon the agreed basis of removing trees only because they were dead or dying, a danger, or interfering with our water delivery. Did Justin foresee a time in which the district would not need to budget so much for tree work?
7. Director Johnson then addressed the Pivot Tract Devices for monitoring the water flow. He wanted to know what the ultimate benefit of these devices would be for the water district. Justin felt that the benefits would be the long term historical data that would be collected and this data would determine the locations and how many of the monitors the district would want to continue paying for.
8. Jolyon Sawrey encouraged the canal manager and water master not to cut the maintenance budget yet because the economy was still very good and there were several larger projects that still needed completed. Look to drop the budget in a couple years.

c. Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli:

2. Ms. Spinally took time to clarify how the BOC does not keep money left in the BOC Budget. Budget money not spent is returned to the two water districts. Also, each water district has a line item that is for their reserve fund. Any money returned to the water districts from the BOC can only be returned to the patrons in a form of credit for the next years' assessment.
3. There is still a large amount of money in the BOC budget at this time for maintenance work on the canal system to be completed this October.
4. 6 checks for signatures.
5. Handed out current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Sheet.
6. D45 Budget for 2019 needs to be finalized by November 1st, 2018.
7. US Bank requested that Chuck Bertoni and Jolyon Sawrey be removed from the D45 checking account and the present directors go into the bank and present their identification for listing on the checking account.

d. Secretary, Bette Gower:

1. Completed the packets and mailed to all Division Three patrons encouraging someone to come join the WRVID#45 board.

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

a. Haunted Forest in the Howard Preserve:

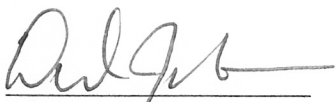
Florence Blanchard explained that the Haunted Forest was in the planning stages to return to the Howard Preserve this 2018 October. She was here to inform WRVID#45 of this activity and to give D45 an opportunity to express their concerns and give some forethought to how D45 wants to be kept in the loop for this activity since our main head gate and canal are located within the Howard Preserve. The members of the partnership that manages the Howard Preserve are 'The Friends of the Howard Preserve', The City of Bellevue, and The Wood River Land Trust. So the application form to host this activity is very extensive and all three entities concerns must be addressed. She asked that the board give some thought to this matter and communicate any concerns via any one of the three managing partners of the Howard Preserve.

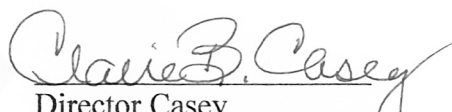
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Director Johnson


Director Casey


Director Clark