

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
January 16th, 2018**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., January 16th, 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:** Director Johnson attested to the November 14th, 2017 and the December 12th, 2017 meeting minutes as correct & accurate. Motion made to accept, motion was seconded, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Filling the Position of D45 BOC Representative:

Director Casey put forth the idea of being the D45 BOC Representative for ONE year. After a brief discussion of the several reasons that this would be a good fit for the district and Director Casey, both directors passed the motion that Director Casey is the D45 BOC Representative for the 2018 year.

b. Filling the Position of Division Three Directors Position:

Presentation of old and proposed division lines were presented to the board and patrons attending for creating new division boundaries that have a more balanced representation of acreage with water rights. Director Johnson presented a map of the surface water district with the patron properties indicated by the color blue within the boundary. On this map he had drawn proposed new boundary lines for the current three divisions for a more equal amount of irrigated acreage and in a logical manner with regards to grouping small subdivisions. No vote was proposed just an open discussion of the balance of the proposed map, with further discussion regarding patrons in the new proposed area for division three that may be interested to volunteer for the open board position.

6. REPORTS:

a. BOC Representative:

1. No representative and no report:

b. John Wright, Water Master:

John took a moment to introduce himself to our two patrons joining us for the meeting. Mr. Wright explained that the last BOC meeting included a detailed report from him to the BOC Board regarding all the work that had been completed between November 1st and December 31st for 2017. He again gave a brief review for the D45 board regarding all this work, including the main head gate and tree removal by Alpine Tree Service along the upper main section of the canal within the Bellevue city limits and Howard Preserve. There remain only two minor areas in need of gravel removal.

Director Casey asked, "If all the gravel deposited in and around the main head gate was mainly from the run-off from the excessive snow in the winter of 2017 or was it an accumulation of several years build up for all this gravel?"

Mr. Wright clarified that there is always a little bit of gravel movement however due to the extreme runoff last year there was significant gravel movement, thus creating the essential need of removing the gravel to the amount of 140 dump truck loads.

A discussion topic at the BOC meeting on January 9th was the valley's focus on the degradation, erosion, and instability of the main river. A big concern for all is the constant building of dikes and berms along the river edge on private property. The result of these actions is the straightening of the river which speeds up the water which increases the erosion which increases the movement of gravel that is detrimental to the next person/property down river.

So the question posed during the meeting was, does the districts (D45 and TID) want to help fund a geomorphic survey being proposed by BIOTA for one mile of river from the Bellevue bridge south for a cost of \$10,000. The survey will provide a list of prioritized projects and give an idea how much these projects would cost. The main entities to share this cost would be the irrigation districts, City of Bellevue, Riverside Estates, and the Wood River Land Trust. Mr. Wright has been talking to each of these entities to encourage the participation in this survey.

Mr. Wright will be contacting Ryan Keller from BIOTA to arrange a time for a presentation to the four entities regarding the survey.

Mr. Wright did express that he believes that there could be other agencies that the districts could get the same information from concerning the river.

Director Casey expressed her desire to pursue a much more holistic approach to preserving the river as naturally as possible and yet protect property owners from damage from the river.

Re-Thinking Rivers

"The whole point of a river is that it's dynamic and ever-changing," says Professor Ric Hauer. "The real question is: How are streams supposed to function and why?"

The Land Trust has invited Professor Hauer of the University of Montana to share his ground-breaking research about gravel-bed river flood plains, like what we have here in

the Wood River Valley, at The Community Library in Ketchum on Wednesday, February 7th from 6-7:30pm. The event is free and open to the public. Professors Hauer will explain the challenges that freestone rivers like the Big Wood are facing all over the West and will share examples of both successes and failures in managing these river sheds.

c. Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli:

1. Receiving assessment payments, some have the late payment fees included.
2. Several checks for signatures.
3. At this time no need to send money to the BOC for payroll or bills.
4. Director Johnson asked the BOC if they wanted to be the sole entity for membership to IWUA. TID prefers not to give up their independent membership to IWUA, so at this time he felt D45 should reconsider being a member of IWUA. Director Johnson asked Treasurer Shirley Spinelli to look into the current cost of this membership. Mr. Wright asked that if we become a member again to please pass on the news letter to him.
5. Director Johnson also asked for clarification of two items on the balance sheet. Under fixed assets listing of an automobile and the value listed, also equipment purchases, and a Visa CC. Ms. Spinelli indicated that these items are legacy items, there before she was hired. Thus she needed to leave them on the Balance sheet until the board directed her to remove them. Director Johnson asked that this matter be placed on the meeting agenda for March.

d. Secretary, Bette Gower:

1. Published the D45 Balance Sheet as of October 31st in the Mountain Express in the last weekly edition of December.
2. Did not post the opening for the position of Division Three Director on the website. Felt that with addressing the changing of this division lines would affect the posting accuracy. Also did not post the opening for BOC Representative, again, because a clearer understanding of the type of person we would be advertising for would come out of Director Casey & Director Johnson's attendance to the January 9th BOC meeting.

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

a. BOC January Meeting:

As a result of Director Casey and Director Johnson's attendance to this meeting Director Casey has accepted the position of D45 BOC Representative. See notation under Old Business 5a.

b. New Division lines for WRVID#45:

This was presented and discussed under Old Business 5b.

c. Approval of website information update:

Secretary Gower presented to the directors a copy of old information currently posted on the website that she has discovered needs to be updated. So at this time, Secretary Gower is requesting the boards' permission to bring to the board updated information to replace the out dated information posted on the website. Director Casey made the motion for the secretary to update the information and present at the February meeting for approval.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:


Travis Beckman asked the board, "With so many patrons leaving the D45 district does this make it more expensive per person? There is a reason why people have left D45 and joined TID so what is the difference in cost for receiving their water?"

Director Johnson responded that the District is responsible for a percentage, based upon irrigated acreage, of the total costs incurred by the BOC associated with O&M of the shared surface water delivery system, which is currently 14% for D45 after the transfer of the Cove Ranch acreage to the TID. So the O&M cost is balanced between the districts. The total district budget showing the details is posted on the district website.

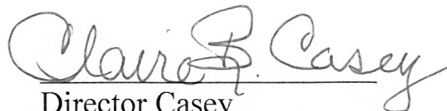
The largest reason that cost/assessments to the patrons have not been as excessive as in past years is that the BOC O&M budget has been kept below \$100,000 and Clearwater Landscaping (one of our patrons) graciously offered D45 a meeting location at no cost.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson



Director Casey

Director (open position)