

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping on Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson, Director Casey, and Director Clark were present at the meeting.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Meeting minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were read. Director Casey made the motion to accept the minutes for September. All approved. Minutes for September were passed.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Davidson and his water presentation will be at a later meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Division Three Director Official Oath:**

Mr. Greg Clark read and signed the official oath in acceptance of his new position as Division Three Board of Director for WRVID#45.

**b. Status of shared mitigation water rights acceptance by IDWR:**

Director Johnson did make contact with WRVID#45 legal counsel Mr. Andy Waldera in regards to the mitigation water rights. Mr. Waldera is working on this and hopes to have legal papers to send to WRVID#45 and TID for signatures before the end of the year.

**c. Final BOC Budget review and approval:**

Director Casey reported that at the BOC meeting earlier in the day she informed the BOC that WRVID#45 had approved the 2019 BOC FINAL budget dated September 25, 2018 at \$90,905. At the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 BOC meeting there was some discussion regarding the current amount under line item #19. It was decided by the BOC members that at a future BOC meeting there may be a change in this line item but it would not affect the total budget amount.

John Wright presented a new infrastructure map identifying the various assets in the joint works portion of the canal system.

Director Johnson asked in reference to the new map “why the Bellevue Farms south takeout is referred to as a Joint Works?

Mr. Wright indicated that he classified works Joint Works based on the philosophy that if they were removed does it affect the canal function or integrity of the canal. He personally thinks that if you removed the upper Bellevue Farms takeout there would be no affect to the integrity or function of the canal. However, if the south takeout was removed there would be degradation to the canal due to the large drop and slope at this point of the canal. So it is important to the structure and function of the canal to keep that takeout in place, thus placing the value of it as a Joint Works or shared responsibility to maintain for stability of the canal.

Director Casey commented that she felt the budget work done by John Wright, Justin Stevenson, and Jolson Sawrey was a remarkable job. They did a great job of putting this budget together during the workshop in September and it was a very clear, straightforward and a reasonable budget for 2019. So at this time Director Casey made the motion that WRVID#45 approve the 2019 BOC budget. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS:**

### **a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:**

#### **1. Water Safety Public Outreach Ads.**

Ms. Casey handed out information sheets regarding this program with financial contributions noted. She then took time to explain the creation, production and airtime for these ads by IWUA. She expressed the desire that the BOC continue to match the City of Bellevue’s contribution of \$500 and also match the St. Luke’s contribution of \$250. Director Casey indicated that for her this is an important expenditure directed towards keeping children safe and for her that is an important item on the BOC budget. She was, however, unable to discuss the coloring book program with Ms. Pepin Corso-Harris.

#### **2. The next BOC meeting is January 9, 2019**

### **b. John Wright, Water Master:**

#### **1. Long Term Health of the River.**

Ever since the 2017 flooding, which overwhelmed Justin and himself with the large amounts of gravel being pushed down the canal, he has been trying to find ways to redirect the gravel from flowing down the canal and to re-direct this gravel to flow more down river. The way the canal is set up the river current runs straight into the mouth of the head gate and carries gravel with it. The last couple of years he and Justin have been trying to redirect the current of the river to slide past the mouth of the canal.

**\*\*This brings up the next large expenditure to address and that is the river side retaining wall at the main head gate.**

So Mr. Wright has been in support of hiring an engineering firm to analyze/do a study of the river to determine if the retaining wall is needed and/or what would be a better solution keeping

in mind of the long term health of the river. Also, who are the other benefactors of a river study that would be interested in supporting the study?

- a. Howard Preserve
  - b. The City of Bellevue
  - c. River View Estates
2. The Nature Conservancy, Mark Davidson is approaching the districts about potentially transporting additional water flow through the canal system that is designated for recharge efforts for Silver Creek and the Aquifer. Also the installation of four more water flow meters within the districts canal system, and if and when the district would take over the yearly subscription cost for each monitor.
  3. Trout Unlimited, Kerry York, is currently working with BIOTA Engineering that did a study for one mile of the river just below our mile of river, and prepared solutions for a head gate further down the river that reduces gravel intake and provides better water levels with less blockage for upstream migration of fish.  
She also identified three places to apply for grant money to pay for the river study and is eager to help the water district apply for these grants and acquire an Engineering Firm for this section of the river to be analyzed.
  4. Trout Unlimited was very happy with the cooperation of the district with their fish rescue efforts within our canal system. The rescue totaled well over 6,000 fish.

**c. Shirley Spinally, Treasurer:**

1. Assessment update.  
Director Johnson asked John Wright to help locate a water right location for a Bill O'Gara of 91 acres that is on the D45 assessment book Numbered #192. Shirley was able to determine where the property is located within the district, that there was a name change after the TID split, and now #192 assessment is mailed to Tom O'Gara. Tom O'Gara has two properties one in TID & one in D45.
2. 4 checks were presented for signatures.
3. Handed out current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Sheet.
4. D37 has installed a flow recording monitor at the top of WRVID#45 system. Up until this year D37 has returned to the district a \$150 check. This year D37 is requesting to keep this \$150 to help offset the cost/subscription of the Water flow meter at the top of our system.  
Director Casey made a motion to allow D37 to keep the \$150 to help pay the yearly subscription cost for the water flow meter. Motion passed unanimously.
5. ICRMP Board of Trustees Nomination Form. The board passed on participating.
6. Discussed increasing Reserve fund to \$5,000 and giving a credit back to the patrons of perhaps \$5,000. This will be addressed at the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 meeting where the D45 budget will be finalized.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Posted the current Ditch Doings on the Website.

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

### **a. Certificate of Action for Jerry Turco Jr.:**

Director Johnson made a motion to accept the Water Bank Application for Mr. Jerry Turco, Jr. with a 25% hold back. Director Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **b. Joint Works Infrastructure Document Review:**

John Wright covered this item during his report.

### **c. WRVID#45 2019 Budget finalization and approval:**

Director Johnson reviewed the budget numbers from last year. There was good discussion regarding increasing the Reserve Fund and what that amount would be, and also, if the district could again give the patrons a credit on their assessments for 2019.

\*Shirley asked that the Directors re-allocate \$1,000 out of the Misc. fund line item and \$1,500 out of the Legal Fee line item and move \$2,500 into the Reserve Fund account within the 2018 budget.

Director Clark made the motion for re-allocating funds within the 2018 budget as described by WRVID#45 treasurer, Shirley Spinelli. Motion was seconded by Director Casey. Motion passed unanimously.

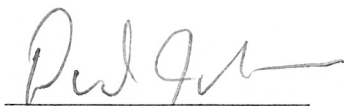
D45 Budget for 2019 will need to be finalized by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 so Shirley can send out the assessment in a timely manner with the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 due date.


## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE:

**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The board is looking at December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the Board of Corrections Meeting. They will confirm this at the November meeting.

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

  
Director Johnson

  
Director Casey

  
Director Clark