

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
February 11th, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., February 11th, 2025, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.

2. **ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark, Director Berman, and Director Casey were present.

3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for January 14th, 2025 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOR WaterSMART Grant :

1. Director Clark received the 90% completed construction drawings with a construction cost estimate from JUB for issuing to TID & D45 directors for review.

2. Director Clark will procure 11 x 17 prints of the drawings to pass on to TID & D45 directors for review.

3. Director Clark is hoping to have a conference phone call with all TID & D45 participants along with JUB Engineering team for discussion of the drawings and cost estimate before the end of February.

b. Water master Access Permission letter from Land Owners:

1. No action at this time.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. Next BOC meeting will be April 8th, 2025 @ 9am.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright had a conversation with Amanda Beauman today and she expressed the idea of presenting the senior water right land owners implementing subdivision plans a proposal for wetlands conservation plan agreements, where any saved cfs could be directed to a wetlands conservation area.
2. Mr. Wright discussed the action of pushing snow piles into the canal. The issue not plugging the canals it is the salt and automobile waste from the snow piles remaining in the canals or spreading contamination throughout the irrigated farm lands and back into the river. The board wishes to continue discussion on this topic at future meetings.
3. Mr. Wright will be opening the main head gates for water to flow into the system and wet the canals beginning April 1st. A strong flow will be released beginning April 15th with strong usage generally beginning May 1st.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Checks presented for signing are for:
 - District 37 Annual bill for \$237
 - Streamline Website Annual bill for \$1,080
 - Workman Comp for \$116,
 - Express printing – annual legal notification of financials \$211
 - Secretary and Treasurer paychecks
2. We received \$250 on the districts State Accounts
3. Received the late payments from Flying Squirrel and the development of Highway 75 Subdivision.
4. ICRMP has a Cyber Security questionnaire that Ms. Spinelli needs to fill out.
5. State confirmed that our district was in compliance with the necessary accounting reporting.
6. Ms. Spinelli asked for approval to reach out for tech support which could cost the district. Permission granted by the board.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Director Clark and Director Casey turned in their markups for additions/changes/points to discuss to the 2017 Watermasters/Ditchriders Handbook. PDF copies will be sent to TID Director Gardener for review and the TID board to review this 2017 Handbook.

2. Director Clark and Director Casey each received copies of the Irrigation District's Maintenance/Upgrades to Assets Document for review.

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

a. Project Bigwood presentation by Amanda Beauman:

1. Amanda Beauman was unable to attend; however, in her place to explain the Phase One Project Bigwood were Miles Smeek and Jean-Marie Bousquet. Basically this is a fish tagging and monitoring project to determine the WHEN during the irrigation season that fish travel through the irrigation diversions and enter the irrigation canal systems and HOW many. The project will consist of Trout's Unlimited with Fish & Game assistance tagging 500 fish. The tagged fish then can be read by monitors installed in canals after key irrigation water diversions to gather information on the fish movements.
2. Mr. Smeek and Ms. Bousquet attended the TID January meeting informing the directors of how the project is anticipated to proceed and their request for permission to install the monitor for reading the tagged fish within the canal system. TID directors passed a motion giving them permission. Director Gardner would be drafting a 'Permission Letter' for signing and could supply WRID#45 with a template of this Permission letter.
3. Director Casey made the motion to give TU permission to follow through with this project and allow the installation of monitors on the irrigation canals and at the diversion gate for gathering the fish activity into the canals. Director Clark seconded the motion, motion passed.
3. Mr. Smeek explained how in the Pahsimeroi Valley the irrigators have to install fish screens on all diversions to keep all fish (trout & salmon) from exiting the main river into irrigation canals. TU is hoping that knowing a general time of migration of the fish would assist with installing deterrents for only short times. Mr. Wright's biggest concern would be the installation of fish screens on every diversion for the entire irrigation season would be problematic due to debris and clogging of diversions.
4. Ms. Bousquet will put together an explanation of Phase Two for Project Bigwood and send it to Director Clark for the board to review in a future meeting.

b. Moonlight Meadows subdivision (Lovas):

1. Samantha Stahlnecker presented the plat drawing for Mr. Lovas' Kingsbury Lane acreage where he is planning a 24 residential lot subdivision on the 150 acres. There will be a community water system for domestic in house use with individual septic systems. There will be an irrigation main that will deliver surface and groundwater to the subdivision so each lot will have a tap for irrigation water.

2. The plans indicate that this irrigation main diversion will move north from the current location for this acreage. The diverted surface irrigation water will transfer through the subdivision to a small pond in the center of the development. This pond will be lined and sized for the 24 hr storage rule per IDWR. TID requested a filtration system on the exit point of the pond to insure water quality as this water flows back into the districts canal on the east side of Kingsbury Lane.
3. The subdivision HOA will have separate surface water rights and diversion point from lots 1 & 2 (southern area) of Mr. Lovas' acreage. Lots 1 & 2 will divert surface water at the SW corner of property where a diversion system and pond are currently located.
4. An irrigation ground water well is located at the SW corner of the property next to the existing pond and this is considered the supplemental irrigation water for when the surface water is deemed cut. Lots 1-24 will be irrigated with groundwater which has a sufficient cfs to water the entire 150 acre property. There is a measuring device for flow into the current pond and overflow back into the East Lateral of the districts canal along Kingsbury Lane.
5. Director Clark posed the question: "Will the county require addition fire protection with installations of cisterns? Ms. Stahlnecker indicated that the pond will be sized sufficiently to handle fire suppression. It has been determined that the pond supplies the irrigation system and this will be connected to wet hydrants around the housing lots around the pond (all 22 lots). Fire engines could attach to the wet hydrants to pump from the pond for fire suppression.
6. Mr. Travelstead clarified that the IDWR would insist on forced mitigation. That between installing the drinking water well and the ground water irrigation well they prove the subdivision would use less water than the acreage is using presently. Any savings of cfs should stay as a recharge to the aquifer.

c. Cove Ranch North Subdivision Proposed Canal Maintenance Agreement:

1. Samantha Stahlnecker & Greg Travelstead will be meeting with the BOC & TID on February 20th, 2025 on site for further discussion of the Cove Ranch North Subdivision and Moonlight Meadows Subdivision.
2. The main discussion is about the TID ditch that will flow through this new subdivision and what direction it will take. Determining this path has potential effects on the East & West Gannett Road joint works canals of the district currently in place. Changes to the location of the diversion for the North Cove Ranch Lot could alter delivery of all patrons' water rights from Griffin Ranch to Kingsbury Lane.
3. Piping surface water rights has hidden difficulties not discussed at this time. John Wright took the opportunity to present the alterations to the East & West Gannett Road canals he thought would be beneficial to all surface water right holders for delivery efficiency.

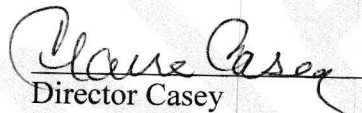
8. PUBLIC COMMENT:


9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be April 8th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Clark made the motion to adjourn and Director Casey seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.


Director Clark (Chairman)


Director Casey


Director Berman