

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
July 8th, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., July 8th, 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 June 10th, 2025 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Berman, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **BOR WaterSMART Grant :**
 1. Director Clark attended a phone in meeting on June 23rd, 2025 with reps from the BOR, Kelly Opaces Grant Officer for the BOR out of Denver and Javier Colenee Technical Rep. for the BOR out of Boise. Also attending were Jestin Hurst and Jordan Parker of JUB and John Wright water master for the district. They went for a status update of the project.
 2. Other items discussed: Updating the Grant Scope of Work
Budget Modification to extend Grant with a no cost extension
Budget increase for Grant
 3. On June 30th, Director Clark sent out project drawing packages to 8 potential bidders for construction of the Low Head Dam Upgrades. The letter attached asked for notification of intent to bid, a proposed construction schedule, and an expected cost estimates to be included with their responses and submitted by July 12th, 2025. Director Clark hoped to have responses to take to the June 14th BOC meeting.
 4. Additional funding is a big concern.

5. JUB provided Bid Instructions that will need to be reviewed at the Pre-Bid Conference Meeting. A formal notification of the project and pre-bid meeting will be published in the local paper once the Districts and BOC agree to move forward with the bid process..

6. There is additional permitting needed locally and federally that the district will need to procure. JUB Engineers can perform the required permitting.

b. Water master Access Permission letter from Land Owners:

No Draft prepared at this time to review. Water master will continue to work on this letter.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. The BOC next meeting will be held in July.14th, 2025 at 9 am.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. John was unable to attend and give a report.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Checks for Secretary, Treasurer, and BOC.
2. Has a check for approval to cover John Wright's rental of a tractor & equipment for mowing along the main canals.
3. The US Bank branch in Hailey was hit & damaged and has been closed for several days. There is notification that the US Bank management could be closing close to 200 branches. Ms. Spinelli asked that if the Hailey branch is closed could she close the WRVID#45 account and move it to another bank. All Directors approved this action.
4. Ms. Spinelli received a check from a patron to pay current assessment. There was an issue between this patron & her bank and Ms. Spinelli was unable to cash this check. She referred the patron to use the payment icon on the website and with success the patron was able to make the payment quickly and avoided extra charges on their assessment.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. I participated on a Zoom call with a Streamline representative. On this call we went over the usage and our satisfaction of our new website. I was also informed of the cost increase for Streamline's services for our website, the 2026 invoice will be \$10 more per month.

2. Shared with the directors the 20 years of the river flow cfs reading at the Hailey river gage when the 86 cuts and 84 cuts are being made at. There is a big discrepancy between the last two years and the previous 18 years. This information was shared to encourage more discussion regarding the "Conjunctive Management Agreement" implemented in 2022 between surface water users and ground water users in the Big Wood & Little Wood River Basins.

Ms. Gower is was very concerned that this agreement impacts surface water user more and is affecting when WRVID#45 patrons 86 & 84 water rights are cut. Meaning these water rights are being used to meet the agreement parameters for flow to Silver Creek. When it was the Ground Water users whom caused the problem and they really are not giving up anything to solve the problem.

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

a. Review & Approval of Updated Watermasters/Ditchriders Handbook :

1. Director Casey made the motion to accept the updated Watermaster/Ditchrider Handbook. Director Clark seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved.

2. Directors approved this document be published on the WRVID#45 website for all patrons of the joint managed surface water district to have access for reading.

c. Gardner Pipeline:

Pat Purdy is the Project Manager for this project. This was submitted to NRCS by Mr. Purdy in 2017. NRCS has just now responded to the request Mr. Purdy has received a full funding Grant from NRCS and the NRCS will handle the construction. He presented the information regarding his plans and cost and proposed route of the pipeline to only the TID board on May 12th, 2025.

Director Casey requested that an area for re-charge be established along the pipeline route. She feels this would be beneficial for the aquifer & surface water users.

Director Clark will draft a "Letter of Comments" from WRVID#45 to TID noting their acceptance of this project altering parts of the Canal System. The D45 board will review and take action for approval at the *August* meeting.

b. WRVID#45 letter of Opinions/Contingencies in regard to Cove Ranch Subdivision moving a district ditch through this development:

1. Director Casey was at the June TID meeting where Director Gardner was pushed heavily by Cove Ranch entities to give permission for the ditch to move. Director Casey also felt that there needed to be more legal counsel sought for guidance in regards to the districts preferred stance of not moving the ditch running through this development. This moving the ditch will set a very bad precedence for the future of the water district. Her last thought was, if Cove Ranch wants to develop the subdivision they can cope with the water district's ditch running through it at the current location.
2. WRVID#45 Director Clark plans to attend the July BOC meeting to hear the opinions of the BOC Appointees regarding this project. He will then prepare a letter outlining the D45 opinions/contingencies regarding the moving of this ditch addressed to the BOC & TID for reading at their August meeting.
3. The WRVID#45 directors prefer that the ditch does not move.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be August 5th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:


11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey



Director Berman