

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
February 22nd, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., February 22nd, 2016, at the meeting place, 1267 S. Main Street, Bellevue, ID

2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM: Director Johnson & Director Bertoni were present.

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

a. Official oath pledge & signing of Board of Directors for 2017:

Director Bertoni read and signed his Official Oath as elected board members for 2017.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

6. REPORTS: NONE

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

a. A potential opportunity to support aquifer recharge this spring. To express our interest and provide some parameters associated with accepting a portion of this water right into our canal system:

The signing of a letter to the Idaho Water Resources Board shall allow the usage of the 45's canal system for an important opportunity to implement recharge in this drainage between April 1st thru April 15th.

Justin Stevenson gave a quick summary that it is just recharging the aquifer prior to when the water rights for TID & D45 kick in. There is a small payment (undefined) for delivering the water to the recharge pits. The parameters detailing usage of the canal system are very clearly explained in the letter to IWRB and are very weather dependent, including clearing of the snow within the canal system. This is a very 1992 junior water right of 250 cfs that the IWRB holds and is not a mitigation credit of any sort. This water right is from Lincoln County and they expect 100 cfs to be used down in Lincoln County with 150 cfs to be split between D45/TID canals and Base line canal system. So the amount is much less than our capacity.

Jim White: Pointed out that D45 had been approached in the past by a private company owned by Dave Tuttle to utilize the canal system for recharge efforts in relationship to mitigation credits. D45 never approved the idea. However, his personal opinion was that Mr. Tuttle's idea was something that should have been given more consideration. Mr. White strongly advised contacting Mr. Tuttle again. At the end of the meeting Mr. White offered to reach out to Mr. Tuttle and ask him for an update of his business regarding water rights/recharged/mitigation credits.

Bette Gower: read the opinion of Mark Gower. Mr. Gower had three points to accepting opportunity of recharge.

1. The D45 gets paid their proportionate share of the transport/use fee for use of the ditch.
2. The program in no way effects delivery of our full surface water rights. (For example delays in turn on dates)
3. The ditch maintenance cost is not impacted by use for mitigation purposes unless those costs are born solely by the benefactors of the mitigation program.

Mrs. Gower went on to express her opinion that it was unnecessary to contact Mr. Tuttle with regards to this recharge opportunity. She also expressed that she felt it was not beneficial to the district to bring Mr. Tuttle and his company into the mix of mitigation/recharge within our system.

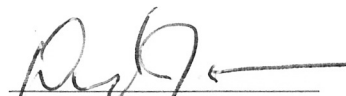
Mr. Bertoni encouraged the attendees that the board needed to move forward with the current letter addressing the recharge tonight.

Director Johnson made a motion to join TID in support of this opportunity co-signing a letter of interest based upon the associated parameters that have been noted within. Director Bertoni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Director Johnson as Chairman signed the letter and handed it to Justin Stevenson to be given to Sarah Gardener of TID.

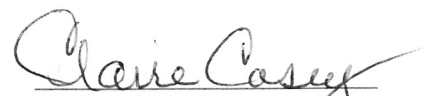
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be March 14th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.


Director Johnson

Director Bertoni


Director Casey