

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD  
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping on Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson, Director Bertoni and Director Casey were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for June 9th, 2017 was correct. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim White; The first item of concern is as the district goes into the new budget season he wanted to remind the Directors of D45 that they have the power of a line item veto in regard to the BOC budget. That second item of concern was about the 2 acer parcel of land on Gannett Road that he feels is a very valuable asset for the district and wanted to encourage the Directors to continue the pursuit of acquiring this parcel in the districts ownership.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Treasurer's report on gathering info to answer remainder of questions regarding TID & D45 revenue split of 2014.**

Shirley Spinelli completed her information gathering and using the original e-mail sent by Pepin Corso Harris responded with her answers to each numbered item with color coded type. Director Johnson sent this response with a cover e-mail. Shirley and Stacy (TID bookkeeper) will discuss any questions directly.

**b. Mr. Waldera's progress on Asset Ownership Documents**

He prepared the draft documents and Director Johnson forwarded them on to Director Sara Gardner of TID for TID's review.

BOC had their quarterly meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Jolson Sawyer (BOC representative) was not available to relay meeting results.

The title issue regarding the 2 acer parcel on Gannett road has been moved into next year's budget cycle.

Jim White added that on a previous conversation with Andy Wald era, Mr. Wald era had suggested the placement of a fence line on the eastern boundary of the property to help establish ownership.

## 6. REPORTS:

### a. Jolyon Sawyer, BOC Representative:

1. Next BOC Meeting:  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. also a Budget Meeting.  
Jolyon was not in attendance for this meeting.

### b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Approval of the Joint works Map of the ditches:  
There is a new Joint works map from the BOC meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the D45 Directors to review and comment on then vote to approve. John Wright only had the one copy of the new Joint works map at this time. John would check into getting current Joint works Maps sent to the D45 directors.
2. Records for BOC: John explained one of the records required by the BOC for accurate records of his & assistance work on the canal system. A Tax document that shows mileage on company truck and Time in and Time out, gas and receipts.
3. Water Flows & Weather: This information is requested by the BOC from the water master & assistance. This information is documented and transferred at a later date to an electronic record. John in June took the time to do a Max flow of the system. Jim Super had accomplished this 4-5 years ago. With some assistance from several other people John opened the head gate to the Max capable. Jim Super had 280-290 CFS max during his test. John had a max flow of 260-270 CFS during his test. The test lasted 40 minutes based upon the first call of problems in the lower legs from which John shutdown the test. The upper reaches of the system are in good shape. The center branch was capable of taking more water. The east branch next to Gannett Road was full and running ok. The main problem areas were lack of freeboard on Highway 75 leg of the system and lower leg of the east branch.
4. Ride Charts: The water master has an obligation to pass over every piece of the canal system at least once a week. And John logs this information down daily as requested by the BOC.
5. Safety Announcements:  
BOC received a presentation by Dick Larsen on public safety announcements. Mr. Larsen has a business that can target when to purchase time for these announcements to reach the most people and the listeners that will pay the most attention to this type of announcement. The BOC is considering paying for his service on the local radio. So the discussion was whom else does the BOC approach for their involvement financially with this program such as Cities, the county, and the local senior project program.  
Shirley Spinelli suggested the use of 'Public Service Announcement'; these are free by radio stations and newspapers.
6. Howard Preserve & Wave Park:  
The BOC received a report regarding the Draft for the Howard Preserve Management plan. They heard a complete report from Pepin Coors Harris of the Management plan. Mr. Wright read the report and feels it is a good plan and the water districts rights are listed very clearly in the management plan.



7. Wish List for Water Master:

Mower

Address - Retaining walls at the top of the Canal system

Upgrades at the main head gate

Last recharge pond at the end of East branch canal, flooding problem due to size

8. BOC request more flow measurements:

The BOC has asked for flows in the upper canal of the system. To compile a record of the flow to determine how much the large tree population affects the flow & ditch loss in this section.

c. **Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli;**

June 20<sup>th</sup> was the cutoff date for final payments for 2017 water assessments.

There are less than 10 patrons past due on their assessment payments for this current year. Will be curtsy calling these patrons in the evening hopefully to make better contact.

Treasurer has concern regarding one patron; a Mr. Cortés's regarding no assessment payments for 3 years. She will need to issue 'Notices for non-payment of Assessments' after the third Thursday in July.

Not too many bills received so no check needed this month for the BOC to pay bills since there is plenty money currently in the account, but maintenance activities are expected to increase now that water flows have returned to normal.

Treasurer has only two checks for signatures, one for the secretary which includes the cost for a new recorder and one for the treasurer that includes cost for extra postage.

d. **Secretary, Bette Gower;**

Posted John Wrights water master report from June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to the website

There is a link on the webpage that allows patrons to sign up for notices to their e-mail which will tell them of new items posted to the website. I have verified that it works.

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

a. **Howard Preserve & Wave Park**

All Directors and D45 staff received copies of Draft plans for the Howard Preserve Management Plan dated July 5, 2017 and the Draft Conservation Easement Agreement dated July 5, 2017, which was passed for review by the City of Bellevue, Friends of the Howard Preserve and the Wood River Land Trust. Directors agreed to review these items and discuss at the next board meeting.

b. **Nesting Boxes in Recharge Ponds**

John Wright reported that he had reached out to his son, who is a Biologist that works the Birds of Prey in Boise, who confirmed even with the short 'filled' duration of the ponds the nesting boxes would be a good idea.

Director Casey explained how the nesting boxes on poles in the pond or floatable boxes allowed the geese to lay their eggs and hatch them protected by the water from bank predators. And the babies are able to access the water safely and quickly.

Discussion continued how the Peregrine Fund worked with the Sage school to build nests then collected them and supplied the workforce to put the nests up for the Kestrels in the valley. The suggestion was made to again reach out to the Sage School, the Silver Creek School and the Senior Project program to inspire this idea for nesting boxes for geese on the recharge ponds.

Director Casey will be the contact person for future implementation of this topic.

**c. Mowing or Spraying along the ditch banks:**

John Wright laid out his vision for the canal banks and what they should look like. He took the time to draw us a cross section with where he would drive and what types of plants would be good to allow to grow on the other side and where mowing should occur. He feels his idea would reduce the need to burn so much and spending so much time pulling all the tumble weeds out of the ditches because the tumble weeds wouldn't fall into the ditches. Last year he asked Jolson Sawyer and Sara Gardner to take this vision to the BOC and see if it could be put into a 3-5 year plan. However, he encountered resistance identifying that there is a strong preconceived notion that the best idea is to go out there and denude the entire canal banks of all growth.

**d. 2018 Assessment Book:**

Director Johnson and Treasurer Shirley Spinelli will get together and go over the assessment book for any changes to the accounts & patrons listed.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim White felt he needed to clarify that 'threatening to file a lean' is a misnomer. The lean exists by venture of the assessments being made and not being paid. That is known as a Statutory Lean. What the treasurer will be doing in late July will be 'Recording a Notice of None Payment'. He has tried for several years to get people away from using and thinking in this manner of 'threatening to file a lean'.

**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Due to conflicts the next meeting will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion.

  
Director Johnson

  
Director Bertoni

  
Director Casey