

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
May 9th, 2017**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., May 9th, 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 Bertoni attested to the meeting minutes for April 11th, 2017 was correct. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The question was raised as to why after 2 ½ years the D45 district was being asked to research again information regarding the revenue split between D45 & TID that was already itemized with backup detail explanations and presented to Director Sara Gardner of TID? And also why the treasurer was being asked to answer question presented by a third party?

The treasurer, Shirley Spinelli was unaware how the questions via Ms. Harris came about but felt she could locate the answers easily. After a lengthy open forum/round table discussion three points were made.

1. That Treasurer Spinelli would work and communicate with Director Gardner of TID the answers to the questions presented by Pepin Corso-Harris via e-mail on April 11th, 2017.
2. Treasurer Spinelli would keep track of her time required for her to research and document to answer these questions for billing purposes to TID.
3. That Treasurer Spinelli would present her findings to the D45 Board at the next meeting on June 13th, 2017.

Director Casey suggested that we include a letter that nicely says this is the end of reviewing the financial split. Director Johnson concurred that we formalize it in a letter that answering these questions is the end of reviewing the financial split.

b. Asset Ownership Document Preparation-Property Co-Ownership (Status)

D45 had asked Andy Waldera for his opinion on what the district should do; he provided that opinion and the district agreed with that opinion. And D45 has paid for his services to follow thru with that opinion.

Since the last meeting Director Johnson did hear back from TID that they were willing to pay their share of this cost for Mr. Waldera's services on this matter.

Director Johnson instructed Mr. Waldera to proceed. But he has not heard back from Mr. Waldera as to the status at this time. Director Johnson will follow up in contacting Mr. Waldera before the next meeting and will keep Director Gardner of TID informed of the status.

c. Storage Unit

We have backup information stored in Mr. Sawyer's storage unit. His unit is paid for until the end of July. So at this time we have a two month window to relocate to a new unit.

Shirley Spinelli will revisit with the storage unit manager and see if there a unit available for D45 by

6. REPORTS:

a. John Wright, Water Master:

NONE

b. Jolyon Sawyer, BOC Representative:

1. Educational outreach program:

BOC agreed to fund this program in the past. This was a color book presented at three elementary schools Hailey, Bellevue, and Carey. Paid for and presented by a TID patron. The program is promoted by the IWUA.

The BOC has agreed to fund this program. It will be presented at the three elementary schools Hailey, Bellevue, and Carey in English and Spanish. The children color the book and have a discussion and sharing. The students get a certificate and a sticker for completion.

2. Water Flow:

The district took extra water between April 1st. and April 15th to help recharge the aquifer. The positive of that was it helped flush some debris and clean the ditches. But so far we have had a cool spring and users are not calling for their water bringing up the question of what do we do with the water at the end of the ditch.

3. MAP of Joint works and Work on the ditches:

This brings into question the three ditch controls, D45 ditches, TID ditches, and Joint works ditches. Certain legs that were BOC ditches are now TID ditches only.

D45, BOC, nor TID have never officially adopted the joint works Map. D45 did produce a document which had areas in question regarding the old map. Those areas of questions have not been affected by the current changes in the relabeling of the ditches.

On the west side there is a ditch that was tagged for rework and repair under the BOC budget2017 but the ditch is now TID only not a joint works ditch thus D45 perhaps should not have been made to pay their share of this work.

4. FLOW CHARTS:

In the past the water master worked hard to measure the water flow at three locations. He was able to have accurate measurements at these three locations. This year the Water master wanted to add two more sites. But upon looking at the preferred locations discovered they were on TID ditches not Joint works.

5. RIDE CHARTS:

Where is the water master or assistant going on a daily/weekly bases checking the water flow. From an insurance standpoint and a legality standpoint where is our employee going, how often are they going there, and did they come by each patron's water diversion and at what interval. The new program will create a map to show where the water master or ditch rider have gone along the many miles of the canal system and document that every single patrons diversion and ditch has been at least once a week. There is merit to the fact that the employees are doing their job.

6. HEADGATE OPERATIONS:

Over the years thousands of dollars has been used to push gravel in and around the main head gate due to leakage. In 2016 the BOC investigated what is wrong with the head gate and how to fix this leakage problem. Certain parts have been opened and used more often than others. The ones that have been used the most have undermined and wore away the concrete. There is no way to patch this concrete. There has been an awareness of how to operate more openings not just the first two, to clear debris and regulate the water to reduce this wear and tear on the concrete.

7. WAVE PARK & LANDTRUST (Howard Preserve):

About 3 years ago Greg Wolfrom spearheaded and formed the organization to create a wave park in the river at or near the location of the main head gate for D45 & TID water diversion. During the summer of 2016 BOC received a letter with a drawing for the next round in the organizations proposal for this Wave Park. In the package was a statement implying that the water district was a team mate with them in this project? The BOC's became concerned with this language and preceded with the concern of critiquing the project on how would it affect the delivery of water to the patrons of the district.

The original six questions were retrieved and resent to the organization in the fall of 2016. No answers to these questions have been received at this time. However, the BOC did receive a letter rather negative towards the BOC.

The BOC is responsible for recommending or advising the patrons for what is in the best interest for insuring the delivery of their water. The BOC are the keepers of the key to this project, if we don't work with them, and we don't find what they are proposing good and beneficial, but detrimental or an issue.

Mr. Sawyer then explained the idea of the Wave Park which included a pedestrian bridge tied into our head gate to get to the viewing area and also to move people safely. All of this was not on our dime.

Mr. Sawyer has talked with the Howard Preserve board and the Land Trust Board and agrees that we an irrigation district that runs through a public park and we have discovered someone whom wants to spearhead a recreation amenity in that park. The idea of turning the control of safety in and around the head gate, cleaning the tree problems, and fixing the head gate over to a non-profit organization. Allow a fund raising campaign and mission by the Howard Preserve to turn that irrigation ditch into a water preserve and it stills guaranties the water district their water for irrigation.

8. EMPLOYEES WORKING OFF JOINT WORKS:

Can a BOC employee go off of the land that they are hired to work on and still be covered by insurance? Can they deal with a fire, flooding, maintenance issues beyond the ditch right-of-ways? Yes.

Could a TID hire a BOC employee to work on their ditch? Yes, it can occur and documentation and proper payment is being formulated. But no more work will occur until BOC insurance is guaranteed to cover that employee. BOC insurance will cover this employee.

9. **TRIUMP MINE:**

Regarding the plug and breeching by flood water contaminating irrigation systems. Mr. Sawyer received a phone call requesting information for contact names for each irrigation district within the Wood River Valley below the triumph mine so they have someone to call to close the head gates in case of an emergency so the contaminated water would not be sent into the farm areas. Don Carpenter is the contact person with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in case of an emergency. 208-373-0141.

c. **Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli;**

Shirley communicates closely with Cyndi at district 37 assessments for updating their records for billing purposes.

Shirley communicates with Title companies within the Wood River Valley closely for name changes to land in D45 for changes to our assessment records and for 37 assessment records. The BOC check for \$2500.

d. **Secretary, Bette Gower;**

E-mail regarding updating new water users or name changes to land in D45 to the District 37 assessments records.

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

a. **Wave Park**

Director Casey expressed her agreement with the plan presented by Jolyon Sawyer. She felt the working with the Bellevue City Council with proper engineering to enhance opportunities in the Bellevue area was a good idea.

b. **Radio Announcements**

The report by John Wright at the April meeting that there would be radio announcements for water safety in and around canals was not clarified by D45's Rep. Mr. Sawyer at tonight's meeting. However, the coloring book for canal water safety was explained.

Director Casey expressed her agreement that programs for water safety in and around the district's water ways is a very good idea.

c. **IWUA membership:**

Some discussion regarding being a member or not would be beneficial or not for District 45. Director Johnson will pursue more information from Andy Waldera regarding this organization and Idaho legislature before the next meeting.

d. **2018 Assessment Book:**

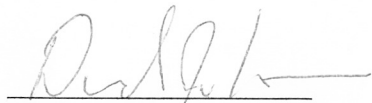
Director Johnson would like the Treasurer and Secretary to work together and go over the assessment book. To make sure property ownership is correct for proper billing in December.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim White; In remembering when the Wave Park Project was first presented to D4 felt the group pursuing the building of the wave park did not present it or explain the concept well enough to impress the public. However, once explained well he could see that here is a lot of merit to the project and potential that it could be a benefit to the water district.

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be June 13th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.


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



Director Johnson



Director Bertoni



Director Casey