

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD  
RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at the meeting place, 1267 S. Main Street, Bellevue, ID
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Johnson and Director Casey were present.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and meeting minutes for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 were correct. Motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. D45/TID asset split (water rights and Property)**

Director Johnson received an opinion from D45's attorney Andy Waldera regarding TID's request to place the canal mitigation water rights and lands in co-ownership. Mr. Waldera's recommendations are that both assets should be co-owned.

    1. With regards to the mitigations water rights they should be a joint holding, do not split these rights, Send a WATER RIGHT OWNERSHIP form to IDWR along with a co-signed letter requesting the "joint holding" of the mitigation rights. Also, attach copies of the Partition and Consolidation Orders for backup.
    2. As for the land, D45 should issue a quitclaim deed to TID. The quitclaim deed should also acknowledge the two districts as "tenants in common" on the parcel.

Director Johnson made a motion to accept the attorney's recommendations and to move forward on these two items. Motion was seconded by Director Casey. Motion passed.

Post Meeting: Director Johnson contacted the TID by way of Board Member Gardner regarding Mr. Waldera's recommendations proposing that Mr. Waldera help both districts draft the water right transfer cover letter and property quitclaim deed, along with an estimated cost of \$600 that was verbally received from Mr. Waldera for this service. Ms. Gardner will review this proposal with the TID at their next meeting.
  - b. GANNETT PARCEL (Ownership and Property Taxes)**

Director Johnson contacted Sarah Gardner and expressed D45's desire to gain ownership of this property and would follow their lead on how TID would like to proceed.

1. Ms. Gardner would check with the TID board. Since neither board had set aside finances to pursue obtaining ownership TID would put together an estimate of what it would cost for this process and put this on the budget for 2018.
2. Discussion continued with input from Jim White former board member and former D45 Secretary and also Shirley Spinelli's explanation of her discussion with the county clerk.

Director Johnson will follow-up with TID regarding preferred path forward and requested for this item to be put on the April agenda.

Post Meeting: TID proposed paying the outstanding property taxes (~\$80.00), and D45 board agreed with this approach and to reimburse TID for our share (through email communication).

**c. BELLE RANCH Transfer assessment**

1. This property was a dry lot of 21 acres purchased by the Stevenson family located at the corner of Pero Road and Kingsbury lane. The family wanted to lease water rights from the water bank for this parcel. Which they presented to D45 in 2016 and the district approved.

This year they then presented the Water Right Transfer of those water rights for this parcel to D45. Since D45 had in 2016 approved/consented to the lease of these waters from the water bank to the exact same lot the directors approved the ACTION TAKEN approving the water right transfer at the February meeting. And a copy of the ACTION TAKEN was sent to Brett Stevenson.

2. Director Johnson's understanding is that this was a dry lot with no assessment within the boundaries of D45, and that this dry lot was not transferred into the TID portion of the district at the time of TID's Petition to Partition. Thus is it important that we follow closely these water rights to see that they are assessed. Assuming the water right transfer is approved by the IDWR, Director Johnson's opinion is that it makes sense for this lot to be within and assessed by the TID, since all the transferred water rights originate from ponds of use within the TID.

Motion was made by Director Casey that Director Johnson would request advice from Attorney Waldera on this matter. Motion seconded by Director Johnson. Motion passed.

**d. LONG TERM Meeting location**

Director Casey talked with Matt Hoskins one of the owners of Clearwater landscaping who has moved some of his business from the Bellevue Industrial park to Kingsbury Lane. He has not transferred any of his business offices to the new location. Matt requested time to discuss D45's request of a meeting location at the Kingsbury Lane location with the co-owner. Director Casey will follow up with Mr. Hoskins at another time.

At this time we will continue to use the Ryan's Motor Sport location for as long as acceptable to the owner.

## **6. REPORTS:**

a. **Jolyon Sawrey, BOC Representative:** Not present, no report

b. **John Wright, Water master:**

1. Last fall there was a very short season between live water & snow. So they only had a short time for maintenance work.
2. Keith Myers left last fall to work a fire and this prevented us from doing all the maintenance work we had wanted to do. Mr. Myers is here now and ready to use the excavator or back hoe on the main ditches and canals. The main project being stump debris along the ditches and within the ditches.
3. The fire department has asked that the district not be burning stumps that would burn all night. The fire department requests any burning of that longevity to be monitored the entire time.
4. Truck was sent out for service. Now ready.
5. During the months of January & February Mr. Wright attended 3 different trips to the Burley/Rupert area for education and clinics related to the water master job. He attended the Idaho Water Users Association trade show & clinic for the latest equipment and water use policies and aquifer recharge information. Another was a Ditch Riders Workshop put on by the Department of Reclamation on regular maintenance and damage, and the last one was for an Applicators Workshop for pesticides.
6. Mr. Wright would like to put Water Master Reports directly on the website.
7. In regards to the \$10,000 in the budget for tree removal, Justin Stevenson & Mr. Wright reviewed the area of concern. They proceeded to formulate a plan to have Alpine Tree Services remove obvious trees that pose a risk to the canal or property. So it would be a plan to thin the trees to make the area look good and remove dangers.
8. Mr. Wright expressed concern regarding the amount of snow within the canals pushed there by the city of Bellevue. Secretary Gower reread the report regarding this concern from the February's meeting by Jolyon Sawrey.
9. Director Johnson updated Mr. Wright regarding the commitment agreed to for April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> of acceptance of water from the Idaho Water Resource Board for recharge water.

c. **Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli;**

1. Checked on storage unit. There is not one available in Hailey only one available in Ketchum. Which he would allow us to move into and then move to the Hailey. Payment could be adjusted to fit the time of month that would be better for D45's payment schedule. Also, he would accept pre-payment of 12 months and give us 13 months of storage. Assuming acceptable to Jolyon, who is providing temporary storage, the plan is to wait for an appropriate unit to come available within the Hailey facility.
2. Six checks for signatures
3. Copies of Balance sheets are available, which Ms. Spinelli handed out to Directors. Ms. Spinelli did an explanation of the items listed on the balance sheet and why they are there

or why they are being removed. She also did the report to the State of Idaho which was due by December 1<sup>st</sup>, but since it was completed she sent the report in early.

4. For ICRIMP (Insurance) Ms. Spinelli changed the contact people from Sarah Gardner, Gary Frugard, and put herself and Director Johnson as new contacts, and removed the truck from D45's policy.
5. After meeting with Sarah Gardner and going over all the information regarding the financial split between TID & D45. Ms. Gardner took this information and shared with TID's board at which time TID sent an e-mail requesting that D45 Treasurer send TID a .qbb (backup file) of the D45 QuickBooks for Aug, Sept, and Oct. of 2014 by e-mail to Michael Harris at Pepin [1776@gmail.com](mailto:1776@gmail.com).

Ms. Spinelli recommends that D45 does not follow thru with this request for confidentiality reasons, but that D45 can continue to extract specific reports as may be requested by the TID. Directors directed Ms. Spinelli not to send the Quick book electronic file as requested, and to follow-up with TID.

**d. Secretary, Bette Gower;**

1. Certificate Action Taken was sent to Brett Stevenson

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

**a. TID's request for Quick Books backup files for August, September, and October 2014:**


This was addressed during the Treasurer's report.

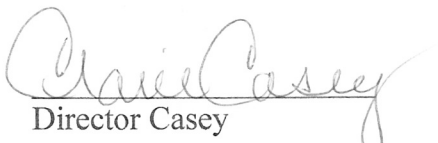
**8. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at 1267 South Main Street, Bellevue, ID

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

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