MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
October 27th, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., October 27th, 2026, 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 establishing a quorum.

3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** No meeting minutes to approve.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Low Head Dam Remediation Project Status Report:**

1. Director Clark presented the second Change Order received for the filling of the cavern at the east end of the main head gate. The cost of filling this cavern with concrete was extremely high and he feels this is not acceptable. The BOC board and district directors are trying to cut this proposed Change Order cost.

b. **BOR WaterSMART Grant (Financial Status):**

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c. **Water master Benefit Package (Written Policies):**

-No Draft prepared at this time.

d. **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:

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b. John Wright, Water Master:

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c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Handed out the financial reports.
2. 2 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer

Ms. Spinelli asked that the BOC Board & the two District Boards work together to come up with a written "Benefit Package" guidelines, (vacation times &sick times). She would also like written guidelines of "Wintertime Expectations".

Ms. Spinelli asked about a second $10,000 for more Tree Cutting under the 2026 budget. Director Clark clarified that the BOC asked Mr. Wright **not** to schedule any more tree cutting at this time using the 2026 budget funds.

Ms. Spinelli asked about a credit to the patrons of $2,500. Director Casey made the motion to give the patrons of the district this credit. Director Clark seconded, all approved, the motion passed.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Ms. Gower presented the treasurer with the invoice for the new computer purchased. $1,110.92. The Treasurer will reimburse me for the invoice paid.

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

a. 2027 WRVID#45 Budget:

1. Director Clark presented to all present the proposed 2027 WRVID#45 budget with the comparison of 2026 budget to 2027 budget. This showed an increase of 4.72%. From $26,589 to the 2027 proposed budget of $27,845.

   Ms. Spinelli checked the cost for storage line item and it will stay the same cost.
   Ms. Gower checked the cost for Website support and it will stay the same cost.
   There are no changes to any line items proposed cost and the 2027 Budget was accepted as passed from the October 6th meeting at $27,845.

2. Director Casey updated the information regarding the IDWR's backing of the Water Safety Program. IDWR will no longer supply Booklets/coloring books or stickers for handing out to all the children in the third grade class rooms of Blaine County that Ms. Casey presents the safety program too each spring. The BOC board made the decision not to spend the money to reproduce the coloring books. It was suggested that Amanda Bauman join Director Casey going to all the third grade classes and do the presentation. There will remain $300 in this line item for expenditures for stickers or smaller coloring books replicated. To be decided at a later date.

b. 2027 BOC Budget Review & Approval:

Director Clark presented the final 2027 BOC discussed with final line items & costs determined by the BOC appointed board at their quarterly meeting of October 20th, 2027. Director Clark recommended that this budget be approved.

Ms. Spinelli was able to negotiate a better price for line item #A1-7 Computer Software & payroll of this budget.

1. For the payroll portion of the software she was able to get 50% for a year. This is $44 a month down from $88.
2. For the general software, she was able to get 3 months at 50% off for $74 and $140 the remainder 9 months.

For Section A2 Annual Labor there was a drop of $3,000 dollars with elimination of the Ditch Rider position.

For Section A3 General Maintenance there was a small savings of $1,000 drop of line item A3-9 Contract Labor.

Director Casey made the motion to accept & pass the proposed 2027 BOC Budget at $100,581. Director Clark seconded the motion, all approved, the motion passed.

Ms. Spinelli presented the directors the current BOC budget for 2026 at the end of October. No leeway for any more spending. There is just enough to cover all expenditures.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next regular meeting will be November 10th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Director Clark (Chairman)

Director Casey

Director Berman

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