

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
October 7th, 2025**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., October 7th, 2025, 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.

- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for September 2nd, 2025 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Berman, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. BOR WaterSMART Grant (Low head Dam Project):**
 1. Due to the government shutdown this stops all action regarding the BOR grant and any government action.
 2. There is an outstanding Invoice from JUB for the amount of \$37,595 for work related to design work and preparing the bid package. TID director Sarah Gardner did try to connect to the governmental portal to make payments from our grant. However, this portal was not functioning.
 3. On August 1, 2025 JUB submitted an updated/revised Aging Infrastructure grant application which was sent to IDWR to increase the grant through IDWR from a 30% matching grant to a 50% matching grant. Since this action is via the State this request is hopefully proceeding as indicated.
 4. It was estimated that the Districts will be \$200,000 to \$300,000 short on funding for completing construction cost of the Low Head Dam Project. So, it was discussed and determined with JUB's recommendation, at the last BOC meeting that the district should apply for a loan for \$219,000 for a period of (5-30years) at a rate of 4.9% to cover the expenditures anticipated to complete the project.

Director Clark & Director Casey went briefly over these points with Director Berman so he had the current information regarding the project cost.

6. Director Berman made the motion that WRVID#45 support applying for the loan this October. Thus, having adequate (operating capital) to pay expenditure of the Low Head Dam project. Director Clark seconded. Motion passed

b. Gardner Pipeline Project:

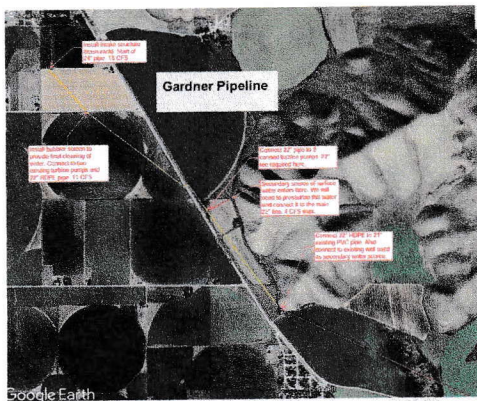
1. Water master Mr. Wright has been on site following the progress of this project. Most of the pipeline has been laid and buried from Browning Lane to Sara Gardner's house. Control structure is next to being installed.

Mr. Wright's assessment of the benefits regarding the project is:

There should be significant increase in delivered water to Gardner property.

Over flow water will utilize the old ditch and flow south of Gardner property to a over flow Pond just across the Gannett road.

There could be some difficulty managing the delivery of water to Carl & Barbara Browning.



2. This whole project has been directed by Pat Purdy. He applied to NRCS for the grant, paid the outstanding percentage, and has been in charge of all construction.

c. 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:

1. The next BOC meeting will be held in October 20th, 2025 at 9 am. Most of this meeting will be discussing the proposed 2026 BOC Budget.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Received his doctors' approval to return to work. His doctor determined he was physically able to walk the rough ground along water canals and handle driving equipment.
2. The last project for the year is managing the cleanup of the upper canal ROW between the Main Head gate & Hwy 75 just south of Bellevue. He plans to spend \$10,000 and hired Hawks Tree Service for this work.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Absent from the meeting. Currently out of town until October 18th.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. I was able to collect 12 signatures on Director Berman's Nomination Petition for the Division One director Position. The Blaine County Election clerk passed all the signatures thus making Mr. Berman the only applicant for this position. He will read his Oath of Office at the January meeting.
2. Presented the article written by Michelle Stennett and published in the Mountain Express regarding priority water rights and how they function in this valley. I asked for permission to add this articles content to our website. It has valuable information. Directors all agreed to this request.
3. Informed the directors of the current problem with our website and Streamline not following through with covering our hosting costs for the website. Shirley needs to finish up with Streamline when she returns.
4. Also, pointed out the list of webinars being presented thru Streamline. Director Clark agreed to join me with the Webinar of Content Creation on November 5, 2025. The plan is a new Project page regarding the Low Head Dam Project with information regarding construction time, cost, photos, and back ground why the water district needed to do this project.
5. Took the time to research Benito Martiniz at 10773 water rights and is there a way he could extend watering his property until the month of September. I reported to the directors that he would have to purchase or lease ground water rights from the water bank.

6. Reviewed the Cove Ranch Subdivision and its water usage and how it might be affecting the entire water district in regards to the Big Wood River Ground Water Management agreement.

“The moment that agricultural land is moved into a subdivision project do the regulations that effect it as agricultural land under the Conjunctive Management plan implemented in 2017 simply go away and the rest of the agricultural land owners with water rights have to pick up the slack for the absence of the water rights for the 191 acres that formally under the management plan had stipulations on how they were used to not affect cfs flow into Silver Creek or the over pumping from the aquifer?”

I felt the answers to this question should be addressed before the next meeting on October 14th, 2025 before the County Commissioners and their vote to approve this subdivision.

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

a. BOC Budget review:

1. Director Clark presented several line items that need to change for the 2026 annual budget:

Insurance	same
Rental Storage	Increase
Office Supplies	Increase
Computer software	Increase
Surveyor/engineer	Keep it or Not
Pivot Trak	Increase
Workman Comp	Big Increase
Ditch Rider	Decrease
Special Projects	May decrease

2. Water Master Salary TID and WRVID#45 Directors agree on a significant Increase (20% change to level monthly salary year round)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:


9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Special meeting will be October 21st, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to review the BOC budget and finalize the 2026 annual budget

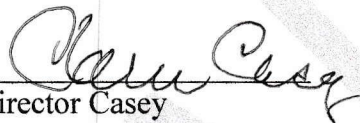
Next regular meeting will be November 11th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey

Director Berman

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