

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
June 16th, 2026**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., June 16th, 2026, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark, Director Casey and Director Berman were present establishing a quorum.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for May 12th, 2026 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Gower
Chris Smith, Griffin Ranch HOA

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOR WaterSMART Grant (Low Head Dam Remediation Project):

1. The Districts have received the Flood Plain Alterations Permit on May 18th from the Bellevue City P & Z.

Director Clark encountered a scam while working with an email sent to Director Gardner in charge of applying for permits and the City of Bellevue. He wanted everyone to be aware that there are people monitoring the permit applications for projects such as the Districts' and devising ways to get companies, entities, and individuals to fall for their false wire transfer emails to steal money. We will review all future invoicing associated with the Low Head Dam Remediation Project with extra caution.

2. The District received the last outstanding Permit which is the Stream Channel Alteration Permit from IDWR. That was issued on June 10th, 2026. He also sent this information to the WRVID#45 Secretary for filing in the meeting records.

This permit stresses:

- a. the disruption or introduction of silt into the river
- b. cannot start work before July 15th, 2026
- c. must have fencing constructed around the site for erosion & sediment control

- d. must submit plans for the coffer dam by July 15, 2026 for review and approval by IDWR.
3. Next step is a meeting with the Contractor, Schreder and Brandt, on Friday at 10 am, June 19th, 2026. It will focus on:
- Prep work prior to construction
 - Review of Permits and Cofferdam plans
 - Minimizing impact to Howard Preserve
 - Anticipating starting construction in 6-8 weeks from June 16th, depending on river flows.
4. Project Bigwood has procured 2 of 3 grants, one for \$10,000 and one for \$113,000 which they plan to apply to the Districts' construction budget for the Low Head Dam Project. With this help it reduces the amount short on covering the expenditures from \$220,000 to only \$110,000. The Districts (D45 & TID) will only need to consider borrowing through the IDWR loan program to cover \$110,000 budgeted shortfall.
5. All the root ball tree trunks needed for the project will be supplied by Hillside Ranch. This will be 20-24 30ft spruce trees.
6. The start date of August 1, 2026 is still looking good, and the Districts are committed to keep 50 cfs of water down the river to maintain minimum flows during project construction.
- b. **Water master Benefit Package (Written Policies):**
- No Draft prepared at this time.
- 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 is scheduled for July 21st, 2026.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

Mr. Wright reported that the Ski pond at the Highway 75 subdivision had finished installing their new lining for the new enlarged pond. With most other water users were in first cutting & baling of alfalfa this allowed for excess water to help refill the pond quickly. There is a small leak at the overflow pipe for the pond, but the location is not extremely detrimental or causing a major problem.

Mr. Wright is currently mowing along many of the main canals.

Mr. Wright also met with Shelly Miller, County Commissioner Lindsay Mollineaux and Idaho House Rep. Mike Pohanka at the intersection of Glendale Road and Highway 75 to discuss safety concerns and items that could be done at this time to encourage safer driving at this intersection.

Mr. Wright monitors the laterals for removing trash & debris build up that slows the flow of water and also clearing diversion boards that are left in the main canal.

Mr. Wright provided a Website for river flow monitoring and flow predictions: Big wood Forecast of Curtailments Idaho Water Resource Research, U of I. The Website (www.iwrri.uidaho.edu) provides forecasted curtailment predictions for water right years based on high, median, and low stream flows that are forecast at the end of April for the calendar year. This could be a useful tool for forecasting expected curtailments early in the irrigation season.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. 3 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer and purchase of stamps
2. Ms. Spinelli is absent but sent the financial reports with Secretary Gower for distribution the directors.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. No action to report at this meeting.

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

a. Pre-Construction Kick-Off Meeting – May 13th, Schreder & Brandt Office, Hailey ID

- 1 Attendees were Carolyn Atkinson and Andy Cabianca of Schreder & Brandt Contracting & Construction Company, Jordan Parker of JUB, Amanda Bauman of Project Bigwood, Director

Casey of WRVID#45, Director Clark of WRVID#45, John Wright, Watermaster, and Alex Kokke of Trout Unlimited.

Both WRVID#45 directors suggested that there be Bi-weekly meetings during construction and weekly review meetings for the construction company to report accomplishments and status of job according to the proposed construction time line.

b. the Proposed Water Delivery Operating Standards:

1. Mr. Wright read through the three new operating standards being proposed and his explanation of why they are needed. Mr. Wright feels they are written in very broad terms and are focused on new patrons within the water district that are learning how the delivery of water is handled.
2. Director Clark put the proposed standards in a word document for review by TID & WRVID#45 directors. He would like the directors to take a long look at the three proposals and then go through comments at the next meeting. TID & WRVID#45 will include their comments to the BOC.
3. After public comments and some discussion it was clear that the main issue of concern centered on the third proposed standard concerning water balance and dealing with ditch loss within the system. It is not physically possible to supply all water rights concurrently. The Watermaster would like to establish a water balance expectation to communicate to water users.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Gower offered the following comments: This is all well and good, but, I choose to remind the Directors that the water rights are real property and it is not held as shares like the Twin Falls Canal Company. The water rights belong to owners of the property and the district needs to be careful about 'you can only guarantee 60%. 60% has never been the norm on this system', this implies that there is a ditch loss factor of 40% for all water rights from top to bottom of every leg of the system every day of watering.

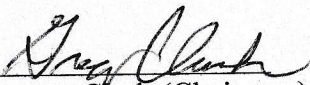
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

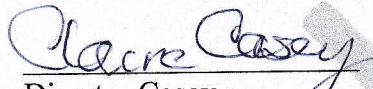
Next regular meeting will be July 14th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Director Clark (Chairman)


Director Casey

Director Berman

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