

## **Board of Control Operating Rules**

**\_\_\_\_ April, 2015**

This document outlines the Operating Rules for the Joint Works Under the Board of Control (BOC) for the Wood River Valley Irrigation District #45 (WRVID45) & the Triangle Irrigation District (TID) in accordance with Idaho Code Section 43-13250

The BOC is comprised of representatives from the TID and WRVID45 for control, operation and maintenance of the Joint Works of the two districts. This includes reviewing and approving construction or maintenance work as needed to deliver the water owned by the respective district members.

The TID and WRVID 45 hold their own regular monthly meetings during which time members have the opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns with their respective board. Their BOC representatives may raise relevant questions of water delivery at Board of Control meetings, which shall be held not less than quarterly. The business of water delivery is the sole duty of the BOC.

The Third Party Services Agreement, adopted by the BOC , WRVID45 & the TID on April \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, states that WRVID45 and TID are each responsible for their proportionate share of expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of Joint Works. The BOC shall provide oversight for operations and maintenance of Joint Works and shall incur no expenses of its own. Exclusive WRVID45 and TID works as delineated by the Joint Works map are maintained by the relevant district. The individual districts are responsible for assessments and managing their budget, any staff, insurance and any other necessities of a political subdivision.

The BOC may use third Party contractors to perform the duties on behalf of the BOC for the Joint Works as outlined in the Third Party Service Agreement.

Field personnel (Watermaster & Ditchrider) are not authorized to act outside of the operating rules or instructions of management. This includes, but is not limited to head gate adjustments, measurement standards, local ditch repairs and policies regarding exceptions that may be made or procedures that are followed to enforce BOC regulations. Field personnel are instructed to refer all such questions to his or her supervisor or to the BOC.

### **Management and Measurement of Water**

1. Deliveries will only be made to land on which assessments are current and no interest or penalties are still owing.
2. The BOC requires standardized measuring devices and control devices on all deliveries. The BOC, in order to manage water delivery, must know how much water is to be delivered to members. No water shall be withdrawn from a ditch, pipeline, flume or other conveyance system before the withdrawal rate is measured via a weir or meter or other BOC approved methods/means; this includes pumping from a pipe or other sealed conveyance that exits from the delivery and measuring device.
3. All water deliveries must be equipped with head gates and weirs or other approved distribution control devices. Headgates and weirs or other approved distribution control devices where not existing, shall be installed at the landowners' expense.
4. Members must take delivery of his/her water at all times, unless arrangements have been made and approved by the BOC. If a delivery is found to be flooding back or not taking water, the water delivery will be turned off.

5. The Watermaster makes adjustments if notified by phone 24 hours in advance.
6. The Watermaster delivers water to the "top" of private systems.
7. The BOC has no obligation for delivery of water, construction, or maintenance of private systems beyond the private diversions' head gate/weir or measurement device.
8. At his/her own expense, water users are required to maintain and update his/her irrigation equipment as necessary and as required by the district, including any changes or structures necessary to deliver water. Structures should be of a permanent type and must be approved by the BOC.
9. Water may not be pumped directly from your delivery or weir box unless prior written approval is obtained.
10. It is the patrons' responsibility to clear and maintain their own headgates.
11. If you have a specific need you must contact your respective district Board of Directors (BOD) with any general topics regarding the BOC. The Watermaster may be contacted on minor/ daily operation topics, but at his/her discretion, may refer the customer to their respective Irrigation District Director.

#### **Watermaster and Ditch Rider**

1. The Watermaster will make all delivery adjustments, changes and shut offs.
2. Each delivery will be checked at least weekly or at frequencies as may be required.
3. All headgates shall be locked and operated only by the Watermaster. Tampering with headgates, weirs, risers, or any other water conveyance or measuring system in any way is subject to prosecution.

#### **Easements and Right of Ways**

1. Easements and Right of Ways may not be blocked and no encroachments, crossings, or other uses will be allowed that will interfere with the operation and use. This includes fences, gates, trees or bridges or any structures or obstructions. If you have a specific need you must contact your Irrigation District Directors. Any unauthorized encroachment interfering with operations and maintenance will be removed by the landowner or by the BOC with the cost being charged to the landowner. The BOC and on behalf the respective districts will monitor joint works easements & right of ways in accordance with Title 42, chapter 11& 12 of Idaho code. The BOC representative(s) shall inform both districts of a situation and the districts shall cooperate with the BOC to address.
2. The easements are owned by the respective districts and are private and exclusive. The easements are operated and maintained by the BOC for the distribution system.
3. Construction of roads, pipelines, transmission lines, telephone lines, bridges, flumes, fences, gates, pumps, or any other structures on the right-of-way may not take place without the prior written approval of the BOC. Construction must be deemed to be adequate to protect the interests of the WRVID45 and TID.
4. The BOC shall not be liable for any damages resulting directly or indirectly from anyone trespassing or using WRVID#5 and TID property or facilities.
5. No livestock pasturing is allowed on right-of-ways unless prior approval is obtained from the BOC

#### **Tail Water and Waste**

1. Tail water (the excess irrigation water that runs off or by the intended parcel) is the responsibility of the person whose land it runs off and may not be welcomed by receiving parcel owner. Written agreements may be established confirming any permits for receiving tail water, or that the final receiving partner accepts said tail water.
2. Tail water may considered waste water.

**Safety**

1. The BOC reserves the right to shut down or withhold deliveries in order to perform maintenance necessary for the safety or efficient operation of the system.
2. No person shall wade, swim, or bathe in the canals, laterals of the Joint Works.
3. No sewage, garbage, yard prunings, refuse or chemicals shall be dumped into any Joint ditch or canal at any time.

**Pumping**

1. Water must free fall from delivery and measuring devices into a storage device, pond, ditch or catchment before it is pumped. Pumping is conducted at the water user's risk and the BOC assumes no liability for damages to pumping equipment or other damages as a result of turbulent water, fluctuation in flow, or other causes.
2. The BOC recommends low pressure shut offs on pumps because of turbulence and varying flows.

**Public and BOD Participation and Comment at BOC meetings**

The BOC finds that for the most efficient meetings that public comment will not be allowed. Irrigation District Directors will be provided the opportunity to comment upon request. The parties shall discuss BOC related topics with their respective Irrigation District Director(s). The respective Irrigation District BOD will vet the topic and as appropriate forward the topic via their BOC representative to BOC .

**Ammendment of This Agreement**

The Board of Control Operating Rules shall be reviewed annually in January or as needed.

## Governing Agencies

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF CONTROL

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIANGLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT #45

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_