

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
May 12th, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., May 12th, 2026, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
2. **ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark and Director Casey were present establishing a quorum. Director Berman was unable to call in.
3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for April 14th, 2026 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Shelley Miller was here to update the board on her establishment of “Concern Citizens about South Valley Growth”. The group is trying to be involved with the passage of new housing development within the Bellevue Triangle that are so out of context with the south valley and the established concept of how the area should look & feel (space). She has been gathering group discussions with the county commissioners regarding water, traffic, density, laws & ordinances that need to be tightened up.

Metering of the water for irrigation and domestic well monitoring is the latest point of interest for clarification on how this is managed. Director Clark agreed to participate in discussions in the future regarding surface water metering once the low head dam remediation project has been completed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

1. Director Clark updated the board on the Pre-Construction Kick Off Meeting with Jordan Parker of JUB at 10:30 – Noon on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. JUB will be the Construction Manager for the water district during the Low Head Dam Project. Director Clark is looking forward to meeting the contractor and listening to their mobilization plans. He expects a lot of questions to be asked & answered during this kick-off meeting.

Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli asked about Change Orders and keeping a firm control of this area of the construction.

Director Clark stated that the water conditions this year should be conducive for starting construction in late summer with completion in the fall.

**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 BOC meeting was scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>; however, it was postponed until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

At this meeting Amanda Bauman with Project Bigwood presented a fish screen project that can be performed during rebuilding of the Low Head Dam. The fish screen involves adding a simple apparatus that will use electricity to deter the migration of fish beyond the main head gate into the irrigation canal system. Project Bigwood is providing the grant funds for the fish screen construction.

2. The Water Master, John Wright proposed "Canal Operations Standards" for review by the BOC and Water Districts during the BOC meeting. The objectives of the Standards are as follows:

A. That the canal users should allow for 7 days after the opening of the season to actually receive water as it takes that long for water to fill and saturate the canals and reach the furthest reaches of the season. Users should not expect water delivery on the first day of the season, with is 4/15.

B. The Water Master must be notified before you open your diversion gate.

C. The BOC authorizes the Water Master to deliver no more that 60% of the water right for a user at the top of the lateral so a user at the end of the lateral can receive at least 30% of their allocated water right.

The Next meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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

He will be attending the Water Law Seminar @ Sun Valley in June presented by Paul Arrington.

The prediction is for the river to peak the middle of May, say May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. 3 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer and BOC
2. Asked permission of the directors to issue the June Assessments due date notices for final payments of 2026 assessments.
3. Asked permission to utilize the postage line amount on 'Forever Stamps' before the cost increase goes into effect.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

1. Was thanked by Director Clark for getting the Low Head Dam article published on the Website.

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

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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

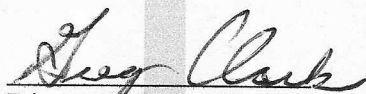
**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

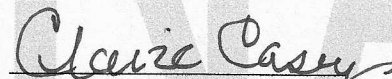
Next regular meeting will be June 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
Director Clark (Chairman)

  
Director Casey

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Director Berman