

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
April 14th, 2026**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., April 14th, 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 March 10th, 2026 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Berman, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Shelley & Dino Miller
 - Mia & Steve Edsall
 - John Neely
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

1. Director Clark updated the board on the start date of the Low Head Dam Project is planned for August 1st, 2026. Funding has been secured and the water district has signed a Contract with Schreder & Brandt to rebuild the low head dam that helps direct the water from the Big Wood River into our diversion head gate located just downstream from the Bellevue Bridge on Broadford Road.

Water Master, John Wright, indicated that with the involvement of Trout Unlimited and Project Bigwood there is an arrangement for a fish screen on our main canal just after the diversion head gate to be included in the project. This item will reduce the amount of fish pulled or migrating into the irrigation canal system. The new low head dam structure is also designed to allow easy passage of fish up and down the Bigwood River.

Director Clark updated the attending public of an article that is in the final review stage for publishing on our website. The write up will have maps & photos with a short explanation of the planned project. Please check out our water district's website at wrvid45.com. It will be published on the website under the Bulleted item heading 'Projects'.

Director Casey asked about a pre-ground breaking 'Kickoff meeting' between the WRVID#45 board members and Schreder & Brandt Contracting & Construction company. Director Clark declared that was a must have action, and indicated that could happen at one of the WRVID#45 regular meetings or put together a special kickoff meeting on site with the contracting company.

Water Master, John Wright asked that the Director Clark or Director Gardner arrange an on-site meeting of the BOC members with the contracting company sooner rather than later. And also a meeting of the BOC members with JUB to go over a check list of items required before the project begins. He also referred to the pending item of 'How the contracting company would move from the upper end of the dam to the lower reaches of the work zone'.

There is a request by water right holders downstream that there be a minimum of 50 cfs of river flow during the construction time of this project.

Director Clark volunteered to contact Jestin Hurst, the Project Manager for JUB, and make the necessary arrangements for the three meetings indicated to be scheduled as quickly as possible.

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 was scheduled for April 14th; however, it has been postponed until April 27th, 2026.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. The current release of water rights into the system consists of one water right of 12 cfs. All other water rights will begin flowing on April 15th into the canal system. Mr. Wright

plans on directing the flow into the center lateral first; this lateral has an overflow pond at the southern end, and then he will proceed to fill the eastern and western main laterals.

Mr. Wright has been receiving phone calls regarding the bridges on Glendale Road and how difficult they are to maneuver over them. He plans to have a conversation regarding these bridges with the county soon.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. 3 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer and BOC
2. The Flying Squirrel Productions assessment payment arrived.
3. The district has received notification from the State Registry department that they are changing the reporting time for our yearly submissions to the month of July.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Asked Director Berman to complete paperwork for his accepting the Directors position for division one of WRVID#45 for the next three years.
2. Director Clark asked Ms. Gower to send copies of the prepared article regarding the Low Head Dam to the other directors and water master to review. I was to wait for another week before I publish this article on the website.

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

a. Low Head Dam Bid Award Approval:

1 TID Director Gardner executed the Big Wood Diversion Dam Rehab Contract with Schreder & Brandt on behalf of the BOC signed & dated April 1st, 2026.

b. John Neely, Update on Lateral 75 Subdivision Pond:

1. The pond is twice the length as the original pond, it is now 14.7 acres but the depth will be kept the same which is roughly chest high (5').

After all the construction to enlarge and reshape the pond when they went to reseal in 2025 the sealing agent did not work. They are now in the process of lining the entire pond. The process is time consuming and for this large of pond it is very time consuming. He hopes to be done by May 1st and hopefully take water into the pond by May 15th.

Mr. Neely plans to add natural pond plant growth around the edges such as Cattails to encourage bird habitat. He has been in contact with an environmental wetlands biologist to grow and provide plants.

c. Governor Declared A Sever Draught for Idaho:

Sunny Heeley with District 37 has hired Steve Anderson for her assistant for managing District 37 data collections and water meter reading.

IDWR had a meeting April 8th discussing the abundance or lack thereof for agricultural water and availability to farmers, ranchers, and the general population for the state of Idaho. Big Wood Drainage has 79% of normal water. The state outlook is very bleak; the state overall is only 68% of normal, with the snowpack melt very little.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

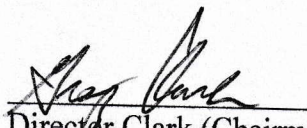
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

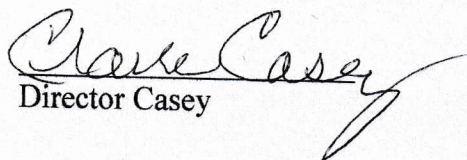
Next regular meeting will be May 12th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Director Clark (Chairman)


Director Casey

Director Berman