

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
August 5th, 2025**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., August 5th, 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 July 8th, 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. Director Clark updated the board on current BOC actions regarding this project. Director Clark sent out Drawings with a request for preliminary estimates of intent to bid to eight companies. We received only one response from Sluder Construction (Chad Sluder). Mr. Sluder had many good ideas for handling the river flow around the project area.
 2. Director Clark and Water master John Wright met with Garrett Construction (concrete contractor) and Chad Sluder at the Low Head Dam project site and discussed the project.
 3. The BOC had another phone meeting with JUB last Tuesday to answer questions regarding the concrete construction portion of the plans & bid. It is of importance to know that the concrete work represents the major portion of the work proposed to complete the project.
 4. At this time the district is short of funding for project and behind in acquiring necessary permitting. So, Director Clark requested an additional BOC meeting for August 6th to review a new Time Schedule. JUB has submitted an extension for the grant we have and a new app for another grant through IDWR for 1.9 million. This grant is part of the Aging Infrastructure Program and would cover 50% of the project cost. John Wright & Greg Clark have been pushing for the project to proceed starting this fall. However, due to budget & permitting this will not occur.

6. The BOR has asked for a budget update, Scope of work update and Extension of the Project to 2026.

b. Gardner Pipeline Letter of Comments Review & Approval:

1. This project is pursuing more funding.
2. Director Clark was so busy with the Low Head Dam Project that the Letter of Comments was not accomplished. So he asked that this item be pushed to the September meeting.
3. Director Casey has requested that the plans for this project include a Recharge element.

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 held in July.14th, 2025 at 9 am. Most of this meeting was over the BOR WaterSMART Grant (Low head Dam Project) which Director Clark has just reviewed.
2. John Wright gave an update of the canal system with which patrons are receiving water, his maintenance work, and the Lateral 75 Subdivision pond work.
3. John Neely was present to answer all questions regarding the project of resealing the pond now that all the work is completed with enlarging and building dock supports.
4. The water master is inquiring into the purchase of a tractor for the district to continue his maintenance work.
5. Next BOC Meeting will be October.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. He was able to assist Lateral 75 Subdivision management with acquiring enough water to fill the pond so they could proceed with resealing the pond after all the enlargement work and dock supports installation were completed. It took some phone work but patrons gave permission for the last of their irrigation CFS flow could go to refilling the pond. The sad part was that after all the work the resealing process failed. Lateral 75 Subdivision management will address this project next spring.

2. The Treasurer reminded Mr. Wright that the BOC cannot give him permission to speak to legal counsel because they do not have authority to have legal counsel within their budget. It was determined TID would handle any legal cost, though it was verbal only via a phone call. And that D45 would also help pay this legal cost.
3. Again, Ms. Spinelli, Treasurer clarified that for the D45 to be obligated to pay their 14% portion of this legal bill there would need to be a motion made by the D45 directors directing Ms. Spinelli to pay this bill with funds from what line item # within our budget. The bill cannot be addressed to the BOC.
4. Our Surface water irrigation system has been shut down. No patron is receiving surface water.
5. Mr. Wright will be receiving a knee replacement operation on August 11th, 2025. He will be unavailable to work for six to eight weeks. Ms. Spinelli asked that the directors receive a doctor's notification that he can return to work before he is permitted to be physically back at work.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Checks for Secretary, Treasurer, and BOC.
2. Working on Delinquent Notices to be filed with the State.
3. Fidelity Title contacted our water district per our email and Ms. Spinelli was able to answer their enquiry.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Notified directors that this year it is Division One Director to be filled. Riley Berman is currently representing Division One.

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

a. WRVID#45 Letter of Opinions/Contingencies for Cove Ranch Subdivision moving a ditch for Review & Approval:

1. Director Clark presented the current draft of this letter. Director Berman indicated that he would like a stronger stance against moving the ditch because of practical application. There is no guarantee that the ditch can run as well or better if it is moved. Maintenance cannot increase. The overall opinion is that the subdivision needs to design around the ditch, cut the # of lots or move them around the ditch in its current location. Moving the ditch is not the practical solution.

2. Director Casey reiterated again how she felt that at the June TID meeting Director Gardner was pushed heavily by Cove Ranch entities to give permission for the ditch to move. Director Casey also felt that there needed to be more legal counsel sought for guidance in regards to the districts preferred stance of not moving the ditch running through this development. This moving the ditch will set a very bad precedence for the future of the water district. Directors approved this document be published on the WRVID#45 website for all patrons of the joint managed surface water district to have access for reading.

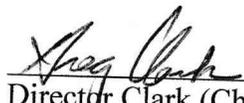
3. The water master Mr. Wright agrees with Director Casey that the ditch should not move. However, he also indicated that TID held to verbiage that they may agree to abandon the ditch where it lies but they hold that they have not agreed to the new proposed location. This is still to be determined.

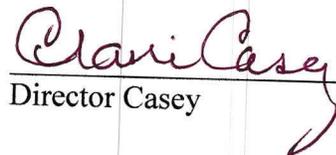
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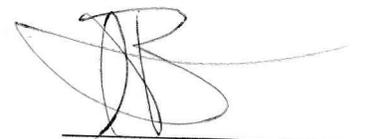
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be September 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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