MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
September 15th, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., September 15th, 2026, 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 establishing a quorum.

3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for August 18th, 2026 was correct. On a motion made by Director Casey, seconded by Director Clark, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

   a. **Low Head Dam Remediation Project Status Report:**

   1. Construction started on the Low Head Dam Remediation Project August 10th, 2026. John Wright & Director Clark have been spending a lot of time at the site keeping tabs on how Schreder & Brandt and their staff are proceeding with the scope of work. Mr. Wright feels it is moving on the slow side and Director Clark noticed frequent changes in personnel for many positions. The position of site manager had exhibited lack of knowledge and subcontractor management skills.

   2. Concrete pouring going well and anticipate another week to finish all concrete pours. There should be a full day of concrete pouring on Thursday, which would be to close off the main structure in the river with a top slab of concrete. This slab will cure for a week to 10 days.

   3. JUB has had staff (engineer) on site every day during rebar and concrete placement activities.

   4. There are two unforeseen issues discovered as work progressed that will need JUB to add to the Scope of Work.

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A. The west side of the dam crossed deep into the west bank and crosses the property line into Larry Plots property. It has been determined that a stem wall/wing wall will be built on the top of the dam on the westside of the river. This will truncate the dam on the west end near the river bank.

The contractor needs to submit their pricing for these changes to the scope of work.

B. The east side of the dam has the issue of water infiltration coming into the structure on the south east side of the headgate. There has been considerable work done to capture & re-route this water away from the dam. This will require additional excavation and core drilling in order to fill the void created by the water leak with concrete.

5. Once the slab of concrete cures on top of the dam the next step will be bringing 20 dead trees into the area to stabilize the banks downstream of the dam along with fill boulders & gravel (heavy quarry rock).

6. Amanda Bauman is proposing that the by-pass canal be fitted with a culvert and head gate at the end of usage. The by-pass canal will be utilized as a fish escape after the D45 main head gates are closed at the end of irrigation seasons. TU can rescue fish through the culvert back into the river instead of using nets & buckets. Project Bigwood would need to fund the installation of the culvert or pipeline & head gate.

b. BOR WaterSMART Grant (Financial Status):

1. Director Gardner put together two pay requests to the BOR for the funds to cover these two invoices. The funds arrived Monday into the grant account for $218,858.

Check one to JUB for $110,302.47

Check two to Schreder & Brandt for $108,555.00

2. Another grant is going through TU review. They asked for the terms of payment for review which Director Clark put together a draft of those terms and sent to Director Gardner. Once this grant is passed the district would receive $75,000 for the budget account to pay invoices for the remediation project.

c. Water master Benefit Package (Written Policies):

-No Draft prepared at this time.

d. 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 of October 20th, 2026 at 8am

The main topic to cover:
2027 DRAFT Budget discussion & approval
The BOC will then need to send the DRAFT 2027 Budget to District Boards (TID & WRVID#45) for FINAL APPROVALS.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright is requesting that the District Boards approve his contracting tree service for tree removal and clean up on the Upper main canal between Hwy 75 and the Main diversion gate. He is looking into the BOC 2026 budget for $10,000.

2. Ms. Spinelli is the BOC Treasurer and works with Director Gardner of TID to manage the spending of the BOC budget. At this time she can verify $7,000 in the correct line item for contracting this work to be done. She will communicate with Director Gardner to locate unspent line item amounts that can be transferred to the correct line item to reach the desired $10,000 amount for the tree work project to occur this calendar budget year.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Handed out the financial reports.
2. 4 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer, the BOC which reaches 85% of proposed budget from D45, and ICRMP Payment.
3. Ms. Spinelli filed delinquency notices with the State.
4. Ms. Spinelli received interest payments from the two State accounts and reported that the district has $41,000 balance for one account and a $23,000 balance for the other.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Regarding Website changes Director Clark requested that more time be given to the directors to review this information and please put this discussion on the January or February agenda for 2027.

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

a. 2027 Budget discussion & preparation:

There will be a full 2027 budget review & discussion line item by line item at the October 6th meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next regular meeting will be October 6th, 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 7:45 p.m.

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Director Clark (Chairman)

Director Casey

Director Berman