

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
November 11th, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., November 11th, 2025, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
2. **ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark and Director Casey were present; Director Berman attended via phone call-in.
3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for October 7th, 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. Still on hold due to the 44 day long government shutdown.
 - b. **Clearwater Landscaping Gift Certificates:**
 1. Director Casey made contact with the current General Manager for Clearwater Landscaping.
 - a. Matt Hoskins has no more involvement with the landscaping business
 - b. The new General Manager is a lady by the name of Kathy Whitworth.
 - c. Ms. Whitworth confirmed that the WRVID#45 is welcome to continue having access to the building for their monthly meetings.
 - d. Director Casey asked that the treasurer to issue a \$200 check to her for purchasing gift baskets to be placed at the general office to say thank you for the monthly meeting access. Ms. Casey feels that a gift basket for all employees is the best choice.
 - 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 on October 20th to review and agree on budget numbers for the 2026 budget.
2. There is a deadline for requesting materials for the presentation of canal water safety presented to third graders within Blaine County every spring. The suggestion was made to include the fourth graders for the presentations.
3. There was also the suggestion to contact day care centers and bring to their attention NOT to escort the pre-school children down to any irrigation canals to play in the water. This was encouraging children that these canals and ditches were safe areas to play when they are NOT.
4. The plan was presented to utilize JUB assistance and apply for a \$218,000 loan to assist the water district with Low Head Dam project funds. The Board voted to follow thru with this action.
5. The last County Commissioners meeting to address the passing of the Cove Subdivision will be November 20th at 10 am. At this meeting it will be noted to the Commissioners that the district wants the new ditch to be lined.
6. The TID has enlisted the help of an attorney to contact the development team for Cove Ranch for this moving of the ditch through the planned subdivision. The Attorney will be thorough to cover all points mentioned by D#45 and others at the BOC meeting and develop a refined agreement for moving the ditch.
7. The next meeting will be January 13, 2026 at 9 am.
8. Ms. Spinelli addressed the BOC pursuing a \$218,000 load. Her understanding of the BOC is that it is not a state recognized entity regarding the district that has financial coffers of its own for pursuing and SIGNING for loans. The BOC itself can not pursue/sign for a loan, it would have to be TID & WRVID#45 that are the entities entitled to sign for the loan. The BOC cannot incur legal fees on its own; only the TID & WRVID#45 are of statute to incur legal fees on the behalf of the patrons.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. He received an email from a patron regarding a hazardous cottonwood tree near her home along the main canal. John contacted her and indicated he would inspect the area and find a plan to deal with any hazard he observes.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Invoices for 2026 assessments will be in the mail by Thursday, November 13th.
2. Transfers of funds into the Capital & Reserve accounts have been finalized.
3. Delinquent notices & leans have been reported or released with the State.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Have noted on the agenda for a line item indicating the need to pursue writing the benefit package (time-off/vacation days) for the water master position. Special now that the position is salaried and paid year round. .
2. Asked John Wright for photos of the low head dam showing the deterioration.

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:

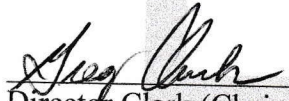
1. Director Clark presented the current draft of this letter. Director Berman indicated that he would like a stronger stance against moving the ditch because of practical application. There is no guarantee that the ditch can run as well or better if it is moved. Maintenance cannot increase. The overall 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 and will be discussed at TID's next meeting in November

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

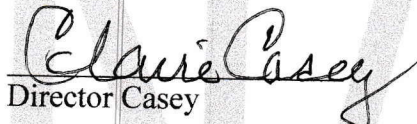
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be December 9th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. This will be the Board of Corrections meeting.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey

Director Berman

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