MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
October 6th, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., October 6th, 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 September 15th, 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. About 60 days into construction on the Low Head Dam Remediation Project and it is estimated that it is 95% complete with the concrete phase of the project. Concrete pouring has gone well and anticipates another week to finish all concrete pours.

   2. The contractor will move into the Earthwork phase above & below the dam. They are focusing on the contouring the banks on each side of the river below the dam area along with installing tree root balls 15-20 of them to stabilize the west bank.

   3. Director Clark presented the first Change Order for $33,000 for the project. This will be to cover the installation of a 7 foot high by 10 foot long concrete wing wall on the west end of the dam. The wall will then angle into the bank upstream for 12 feet and downstream for 6 feet. There will be fill & riprap behind the wall. This needs to be built to prevent the water from going around the dam on the west side. There is already a wall on the east side.

A. There is a 20% contingency within the original grant funds to assist in paying any change orders issued.

B. Project Bigwood contribution to the budget should be $113,000. . And Trout Unlimited has been able to contribute $85,000 which is $10,000 more than originally anticipated.

4. Water Master, John Wright, reminded the directors that the gravel work done every fall to help encourage the main flow of the river towards the head gates will still need to happen. The new dam work & design has not eliminated this step of river water management.

5. Water Master, John Wright, explained how 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.

6. Director Clark did a quick review of the anticipated second Change Order that will happen. There is another area at the head gate that will need construction to stop water leakage. At the east side of the head gate there has developed a cavern underneath the headgate structure. The current solution is to fill this cavern with concrete. We are waiting for the contractor to present the formal change order #2 for this work.

b. **BOR WaterSMART Grant (Financial Status):**

1. Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli has created four line items on the BOC Budget to account for transfers from each grant and payments/expenses out of the two grants received to cover the Low Head Dam Remediation Project costs.

All the grant money is deposited into a new bank account labeled Grant account money. So no grant money is intermingled with other BOC budget financial actions.

2. Director Gardner has paid JUB $110,302.47 from the grant account and she has paid the Contractor $108,555 from the grant account.

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:

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c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. 2 checks for signature, Secretary, Treasurer.
2. Ms. Spinelli reached out to Valley South Storage for quote of the 2027 cost for another year of storage. Ms. Spinelli had not heard back at this time.
3. Ms. Gower reminded Ms. Spinelli about the transferring of money from which line items to transfer into Tree Work line item to cover this year's cost.

Within the 2026 BOC budget, Line Item #B2 Tree Cutting has $7,000 and John Wright needs $10,000 for the work to proceed. Ms. Spinelli is looking at line item #B3 Special Projects or lie item #A2-2 Ditch Rider for the motion to transfer the extra amount of $3,000 needed to have the $10,000 for the tree work.

Director Clark made the motion to approve the funds ($1,115) needed to cover cost spent over budget under the BOC budget Line item #A3-4 Job materials would be transferred from Line Item #A2-2 Ditch Rider. Director Casey seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Director Clark made the motion to approve ($655) from Line item #42-2 Ditch Rider be transferred into Line item B3 Special Projects to make this line item have $3,000 to match with the $7,000 in line item #B2Tree Cutting for the necessary $10,000 for the tree cutting project to proceed. Director Casey seconded, motion passed.

Ms. Spinelli asked the directors for their permission to transfer the funds designated in the 2026 budget of $2,500 each into the Reserve & Capital Accounts.
Director Casey made the motion to approve this action requested by Ms. Spinelli. Director Clark seconded. All directors verbalized their approval motion passed.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Handed out copies to all directors of an email received by WRVID#45 from a Brett Feichtinger for upgrading our current maps on the website to interactive maps. The directors will review the information and perhaps contact the owner of Feichtinger Asset Mapping with questions and this item will be placed on the January Agenda for discussion.

2. Received all the paper work necessary for Claire Casey to be approved in January as our WRVID#45 Director for Division Two.

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

a. Water Bank App.- Eastfield at Bellevue Farms HOA:

Eastfield HOA of Bellevue Farms has asked to renew a five year water bank application.

Director Clark made the motion to approve this water bank application. Director Casey seconded. All directors verbally approved, motion passed. Certificate of Action with a 23% hold back was signed.

Ms. Gower, WRVID #45 Secretary will forward the PDF copy of the signed Certificate of Action to Ms. Balcos, Secretary for the Eastfield HOA.

b. Idaho Power Encroachment Approval:

Director Clark described the proposal from Idaho Power to work within the district's canal system ROW. There would be three utility crossings upgrading some underground power lines within the Bellevue Farms subdivision. He provided the directors with maps of the areas affected.

Director Clark proposed that he & water master John Wright walk the areas indicated by the maps to inspect for clarifications. Certificate of Action Approval will be discussed & approved at the next district meeting.

c. WRVID#45 2027 Budget Discussion:

Director Clark walked the other directors through the WRVID#45 proposed 2027 budget noting increases & decreases.

Line Item: Insurance UP

Legal	Down
Storage	UP
Office sup.	same
Postage	same
Office comp.	same
Postage	same
Website	Ms. Gower will reach out & ask Streamline
Treasurer	UP
Secretary	UP
Workmans comp	same
Dis.37	same
Advertising	same
Safety pro.	UP
Reserve acc.	Same
Capital acc	Same

It is estimated at this time that the WRVID#45 budget would increase for 2027 by approximately $1,291. Roughly a 5% increase.

Director Berman made the motion to move $1,000 from Line item #4Legal to Line item#9 Computer/software to cover the cost of a new computer for the WRVID#45 Secretary usage. Director Casey seconded, motion passed. Ms. Gower will have $1,200 for purchasing a computer this year under the 2026 budget.

Director Casey made the motion to increase the pay for Treasurer & Secretary to $600 a month starting in the 2027 Budget. Director Berman seconded, motion passed. (6% increase).

Director Casey gave a quick review of the Safety Programs budget & supplies. She has a few booklets left but to have enough for all the third graders we present this water safety presentation to the district she would need more booklets.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be October 27th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for BOC & WRVID#45 2027 Budget approvals.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Director Clark (Chairman)

Director Casey

Director Berman

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