

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45**

July 9th, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., July 9th, 2019 at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping on Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.
- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Casey and Director Johnson were present. Director Clark attended via phone.
- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Johnson attested to the meeting minutes for June 11th, 2019 was correct. Director Johnson made the motion to accept the minutes for June. Director Casey seconded. Minutes for June were passed.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Justin Stevenson with Biota River Study & Implementation: Justin was unable to attend however, John Wright, Water Master went over the main points and handed out the back up documents.

The BOC is in the process of submitting an application for grant money to implement work on the Retaining Wall within the Big Wood River next to the main head gate. If we receive the grant the guide lines for its usage would be attached at that time.

The BOC still anticipates the district (BOC) would need to come up with \$20,000 for this work and the question then is where would this money be coming from. The BOC anticipates that there is \$10,000 in this year's budget on other line items that can be moved to this project line item for this year.

The Treasurer, Shirley Spinelli reminded John Wright that moving that much money around within this year's budget would take approval from both TID & D45 because this action falls under the heading of a 'Revised Budget'. She also reminded John that she would need a copy of the Grant guide lines.

John Wright asked why all the BIOTA information that he sent to all the board members, TID, BOC, & D45 three weeks ago had not been posted on the website? The board of directors determined that posting this information (BIOTA Study, Grant with Guide Lines, and description of the project to be undertaken) would be posted in the future if and when the grant is approved. This would result in the large expenditure and budget revision for the project. The Grant is being applied thru Idaho Water Resource Board.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Silver Spring Ranch Draft Letter:

Years ago Rob Struthers requested a letter for his organic certification application from then Director Jim White of D45. Mr. White turned this request over to John Wright and John wrote a letter. After comparing John Wright's letter for Mr. Struthers and the one written by Payton McCune from Silver Springs Ranch.

Director Johnson made the motion that John Wright would compose a new letter and pass it via e-mail to all TID & D45 for approval and then have BOC issue the letter to Payton McCune of Silver Springs Ranch. Director Casey seconded. Motion passed.

b. Review of Right of Way Pamphlet from IWUA:

No action taken.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. John Wright and Justin Stevenson gave their report regarding the BIOTA Study.
2. The Right of Way Pamphlet was included in the discussion regarding the Baer encroachment along the canal right of way within Bellevue, Idaho. There are several property owners in this same area that have designed various ways of coping with the steep hill and the proximity of the district's main canal. BOC has tabled further discussion of implementing a pamphlet of this nature at this time. They want to issue this information in the most effective way for all Realtors, builders, and property owners living along the canal system.

The original encroachment of the property owner Bayer Construction on our right of way is at the point of legal representation of the water district and legal representation of the property owner issuing letters to clarify what they feel are their legal rights for the clients of each lawyer.

3. The BOC again will hire Jolyon Sawrey to help prepare the 2020 budget for all work needing to be addressed. He will organize the workshops to put together the 2020 Canal Management Living document with the BOC Budget attached for review by D45 & TID for approval. There is a \$500 consulting fee in the 2019 budget for this action.
4. Director Casey proposed to the BOC to have their quarterly meeting to occur the same Tuesday as the D45 meeting in that month. The BOC happily scheduled the October BOC meeting for October 8, 2019, which will be the second Tuesday of October.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Intermountain Gas will be doing work around the top of the 75 lateral of the canal system. This is to move the gas line from over the canal to under the canal by a boring process. The gas line will descend and ascend out of the canal right of way. John will proceed with signing of the encroachment agreement for this work.
2. John has been running the water in the canals at a higher volume than in the past. He felt that higher volume would mean higher maintenance, however that concept has been proven inaccurate. It actually makes things easier and people tend to NOT go around and mess with the gates causing more problems with a change reaction of impacts around the canal system. The volume has been running at 180-190 cfs.
3. The river and the canal are running very clean.
4. Keith Myers has already taken time to review available trees & rocks in the area for usage with the proposed river retaining wall project, pending approval of the Grant application by IWRB.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Financials for July 9, 2019 - Balance sheet & P&L
2. Four Checks for signatures.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

1. Posted John Wright's Water Masters Report titled Ditch Doings for June 21, 2019 to the Website.
2. Did contact Payton McCune with an invitation to join us at our meeting of July 9th, 2019.

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

a. Encroachment along main canal with the City of Bellevue:

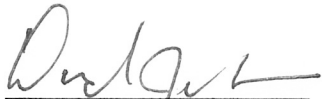
John Wright informed the D45 Directors that he had been contacted by the property owner's legal representation and that the BOC had attempted to respond.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be August 13, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Director Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Director Johnson

Director Casey



Director Clark

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