

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
227 Baseline Road, Bellevue, Idaho 83313

- **The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Roll call to establish quorum**
 - A roll call was made, and a quorum was established.
 - In attendance: Sarah Gardner (BOC Board Member), Mike Lovas (BOC Board Member) by phone), John Stevenson (BOC Board Member), Clair Casey (BOC Board Member), Megan Stevenson (Secretary), John Wright (Water Master), Greg Clark (D45 Chairman), Justin Stevenson (South Valley Ground Water District representative), and Amanda Bauman (Project Big Wood representative).
- **Approval of Minutes (action item)**
 - Sarah Gardner moved to approve meeting minutes from January 2025, Clair Casey seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's report**
 - The treasurer's report was circulated by email and reviewed, no discussion.
- **Update from Amanda Bauman, Project Bigwood**
 - Fish Counts - PBW and ID Fish and Game have tagged 500 fish, another 500-1000 will be tagged this week, installing monitors in various canals for fish counts.
 - Update on Bypass Canal Lining Project – preliminary data shows that the targeted section of the Bypass Canal Lining Project is gaining water rather than losing water as previously thought. Discussion ensued regarding water loss in either or both the Big Wood River bed or the Bypass Canal in this section. This issue is tabled until we have more information.
- **Update on Myers lot line proposal**
 - John Wright and Sarah Gardner updated the BOC on the Myers proposal – Myers will be going before City of Bellevue on April 14th to discuss the lot line shift, the City of Bellevue has received a letter letting the City know what the TID and D45 will allow, the letter still needs to be notarized.
- **Update on BOR/JUB project/ (action item)**
 - Greg Clark updated the BOC on the project plans and construction. Next steps are to have drawings updated and secure project bids. Greg suggests having JUB help secure the bids.
 - Current total cost projection is approximately \$1.5 million. Right now, approximately \$1.1 million for the project from BOR and the State of Idaho has been secured, leaving yet \$500,000 to be raised
 - Amanada Bauman suggests BOC looking into 'sandwich' grant opportunities from NRCS (RCCP, Equip Water Smart, etc.) for further funding.
 - Sarah Gardner will report back on where exactly funding for the project stands.
- **John Wright: Update on system including Pivotrac, Cove subdivision, Pat Purdy's piping proposal, job description**
 - Pivotrac – the technician John Wright has been using just lot job with Pivotrac, question now is who will be the new technician, another question is the availability of the records, John Wright is looking into whether the records will be made available to BOC.

- Cove Development - the subdivision is now owned by both Preston Ziegler and Brick Blackburn/Cove Ranch. John Wright is not in agreement with the current plan to relocate the ditch that goes across the land planned for development, discussion ensued regarding the historical use of the water, John Wright suggests that the BOC oppose the relocation of the ditch.
 - Pat Purdy's Piping Project/Gardner Pipeline – this project was brought up before and died, John Wright is questioning why it is coming back up, Justin Stevenson reports that it is because there is now funding from CIEF available to pay for the project
 - Ward Grey/Night Hawk Farm property – there is a van parked on the right of way, John Wright suggests that the van be moved. There are also rescue sheep guard dogs in a corral that are very close to the ditch and are aggressive. John Wright is seeking the BOC's support in asking for the van and dogs to be moved away from the ditch.
 - Job Description – John Wright has made updates and rewritten the Water Master job description and would like the BOC to read and approve his changes. Once this has happened Bettie Gower will post on the D45 website.
 - Additional point by John Wright –he suggests that both districts should adopt a policy that states that they are not obligated to deliver more than 60% of each water right
- **Set date for next meeting**
 - July 8, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.
 - **Adjourn meeting**
 - A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. was made by John Stevenson, seconded by Clair Casey, all voted in favor, the motion carried.