

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45  
August 6th, 2024**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., August 6th, 2024, 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.
  
3. **READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for July 9th, 2024 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. **BOR WaterSMART Grant:**
    1. Phone meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the District staff and JUB. They discussed ‘;How to keep moving forward with the Low Head Dam under the existing grant awarded to us. The overall feeling is that the changes to the design are not that major and that JUB & construction time can continue forward under this grants projected cost.
    2. On July 15<sup>th</sup> a letter from JUB to the BOR was sent explaining the goal to continue with the design of the low head dam refurbishment under the existing grant. So far little feedback received.
    3. Ms. Spinelli added that we needed an extension to be filed in a timely manner to the water district does not incur financial burden. Along with any loss of committed money to assist the water district for the 25% we need to pay for ourselves.
    4. Director Clark will check with Sarah Gardner about the extension request and other committed money for assisting us with the total cost of this project.
  
  - b. **Water Master Access Permission Letter:**
    1. No further work has been done on drafting this letter. Mr. Wright will proceed with preparing a draft document for the directors to review at a later meeting.

## 6. REPORTS:

### a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. Next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with Review of the 2024 budget and discussion of 2025 budget.

### b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Mr. Wright was unable to attend due to his scheduled knee surgery.

### c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Three checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary, and \$1,000 for BOC.
2. Provided copies of the Balance sheet & Profit and Loss of the WRVID#45 2024 Budget.
3. CORRECTION of Budget Line Item changes for the BOC 2024 Budget.

It was stated in the July Meeting Minutes that John Wright, water master for the district has procured a garage space to store tools & equipment that he uses for maintenance work on the canal system. The BOC has agreed to contract payment to Mr. Wright the cost of this storage space.

To do that it was determined that the BOC would transfer the funds of \$1,200 from Annual Business Line Item #10 Website Work into a new Line Item # Storage to handle the cost of storing these tools & equipment till the end of 2024 fiscal year. TID has passed this motion.

“The CORRECTION should read that there would only be \$200 moved from Line Item#10 Website into the NEW Line Item # Storage to cover this cost till the end of the 2024 budget year.”

The directors determined that John Wright needs to present a bill for the storage cost before Shirley pays him any money. Also, the bill will determine when and how often Shirley will need to pay John for this storage cost.

### d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

Continuing with the list below, the directors were given copies of the ‘Watermaster/Ditchriders Handbook’ adopted January 12, 2017. They will review it and pass on recommended changes or additions to D45’s BOC board representative Director Casey. Ms. Casey will present these changes to the BOC for discussion and updating the Handbook at the board’s October meeting.

1. Directors review WRVID#45 Logo for a header on Letters & Documents. DISCUSSED
2. Diversion Standards
3. Directors review WM & DR Handbook. Do we want this located on the website?
4. BOC Operating Rules. Do we want this located on the website?
5. Part Three of Budget. "Irrigation District – Maintenance/upgrades to Assets". Do the directors want this back into the budget package?

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

### **a. Cove Ranch Subdivision Presentation:**

Greg Travelsted, Samatha Stalnecker (Opal Engineering) and Brick Blackburn were present to explain their concept and design for a subdivision on the northern most lot within the Cove Ranch property named the Cove Springs North for 50 homes on 191 acres. They also brought the next subdivision proposal that was put together for the Mike Lovas property situated between Gannett Road and Kingsbury Lane named Midnight Subdivision for 24 homes on 148 acres.

**The Main Reason:** for addressing WRVID#45 & TID is to ask for memorializing the ownership of the current irrigation ditch that runs through the Cove Ranch as belonging to Cove Ranch and all maintenance, liability, and location of this ditch is solely determined by Cove Ranch owners.

1. Once the water is diverted into this ditch at the diversion on the east canal along Gannett Road it is under control of Cove Ranch because it is only supplying water to the ranch, it is not shared with any other WRVID#45 or TID properties for receiving their water rights.
2. The water district has not been responsible for any maintenance requirements on this ditch for 30 years. The water master has not had to enter the Cove Ranch to monitor water flow for many years.

### **Water Issues:**

1. Midnight Subdivision has ground water rights to service the open space irrigation and two lined ponds. The two southern lots are left for agriculture usage and will be serviced by the surface water pond already established at the SW corner of the parcel.
2. The Cove Ranch North subdivision will have a community deep well water system for all 50 homes. The subdivision HOA will retain ownership of the surface & ground water rights to the 191 acres. The HOA will be the recipient of the surface water assessment billing.
3. Water measuring devices (digitrac) are suggested to be added to the diversion gates from the main east Gannett canal for accurate measuring of surface water to guarantee patrons below Cove Ranch are not impacted with lack of water delivery.
4. Each home owner in Cove Ranch North will be metered for their consumption of landscaping water use.

There is some TDR transfer of building movement from the southern lots to the northern (current) lots of Cove Ranch. There is an estimated 500 acres of Cove Ranch that could be developed into subdivisions.

Samantha will try to send us the Engineering study on the water analysis, Water Report from Brockway Engineering.

Greg Travelsted will be at the September meeting to present the agreement for review.

**b. Project Bigwood presentation by Amanda Beauman:**

Ms. Beauman was unable to attend and asked that we move her presentation to the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

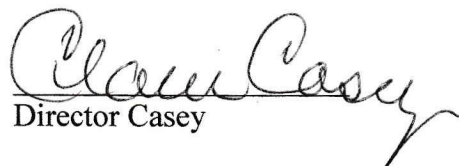
**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

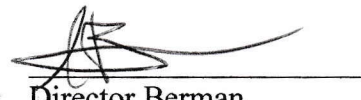
**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Director Berman made the motion to adjourn and Director Casey seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

  
Director Clark (Chairman)

  
Director Casey

  
Director Berman