

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
December 10th, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., December 10th, 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 November 12th, 2024 was correct. On a motion made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Casey, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

4. BOARD OF CORRECTIONS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. BOR WaterSMART Grant :

1. There was a phone call meeting with the BOR on 11/12/2024 so the district & JUB had the approval to continue moving forward with the design plans. No concerns were voiced from the BOR staff attending the phone meeting.
2. JUB will finish updating the technical design memo and present the final dam elevation with fish passage notch size and position, and hydraulic calculations. They asked for a review & comments by December 23, 2024. Director Clark agreed to this the meeting date with JUB and scheduled it for 9:30 a.m. at his house and expects Director Gardner (TID), Justin Stevenson (TID), John Wright (water master), Director Berman (WRVID#45), Director Casey (WRVID#45), Jim Gregory (contractor representing TU).
3. Director Clark wants to have this meeting so JUB can continue the momentum and keep pushing forward on this project. He would like to have the finished plans with cost estimate by March. Director Clark is watching the grant parameters for usage of funds.

b. Water Bank Lease App m- Flying Squirrel Hwy 75 Sub.:

1. Director Clark reviewed this application and verified that these water rights belong to the Hwy 75 Subdivision land and are currently in the water bank. The request is to pull a portion of each of these water rights out of the water bank for usage during the 2025 & 2026 irrigation season.
2. John Wright (water master) asked that Director Gardner & Director Clark request that Zach Latham contact/manager of this subdivision project attend the TID & WRVID#45 meetings to answer questions from the boards and give the water district a current presentation of where they are at in the timeline/stages of the project.
3. Director Clark will contact Zach Latham and request he attend the January board meeting.

c. Water master Access Permission letter:

1. No action at this time.

6. REPORTS:

a. Claire Casey, BOC Representative:

1. BOC meeting January 14th 2025, 9 a.m.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Money for all of Joe's Backhoe has been doing gravel work in the river the first part of November was re-allocated money with-in the 2024 BOC budget. Money was moved from line items for Contract Labor and Equipment Rental. \$7,000.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Checks for Secretary, Treasurer.
2. Current Balance & Profit Loss accounting sheets.
3. Assessment payments are coming in with some patrons using the Payment icon through the website. Also, Patrons have paid past due penalties.
4. Had an error occur with the website. Shirley worked with Streamline and was able to correct the financial payment records to Blue Host with all this documented to Streamline so they are also aware.
5. Completed the reporting for the District to the State of Idaho.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

Asked Directors for permission to post Year-End Financials in local paper, permission granted.

Check to see if directors had reviewed the Water master and BOC Management plans given to them. No director had reviewed the plans as of this meeting. They requested more time for this reading project.

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

a. Water Bank Application – Alex Dunn (Dean Ranch Subdivision):

Mr. Dunn is a new property owner and his only water right currently held in the water bank has reached its end of 5 year term of storage. He contacted WRVID#45 and requested the information/action he needed to complete to re-new the banking of his water right.

Director Clark made the motion to accept Mr. Dunn's water Bank application with a 20% hold back. Director Casey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Cove Springs North Subdivision:

Under the plans presented to the Blaine County Planning & Zoning Dept. for approval the Cove Springs management team indicated that the current ditch running through this plat of land would have its path altered. TID determined that they would not accept the change to the current ROW. TID legal representative has drafted a letter for P&Z declaring their objection.

John Wright, water master, explained further that this canal is part of the TID canal system and there are currently other patrons of TID that receive water through this canal. TID directors feel changing the canals' location and attaching it to a subdivision would inhibit the flow to the other water users downstream.

If it is determined that there is an efficient alternative for delivering water rights to the TID patrons at the downstream location of this canal in question then this option can be pursued with cost attached to the development of the Cove Springs North Subdivision.

c. Cortez Property Water Right Discussion: (Executive Session)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

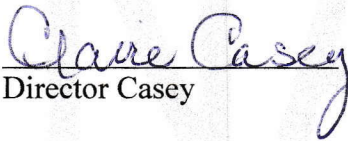
9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be January 14th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

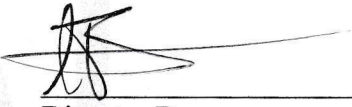
11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Clark made the motion to adjourn and Director Casey seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey



Director Berman