

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., September 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 July 9th, 2024 was correct. On a motion made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Casey, accepting these meeting minutes was unanimously approved.
  
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cory McCaffrey – Wood River Land Trust, Checking in with the progress for the low head dam rebuild. He had several questions expressed and answered during the BOR WaterSMART Grant discussion.
  
- 5. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. BOR WaterSMART Grant:**
    1. BIOTA stepped away from the position of main engineering firm for this project. JUB stepped in to fill this roll and is the new engineering firm on record for reporting to the BOR.
    2. JUB will be upgrading the Engineering Scope & Cost due to deviations determined as needed for the project to proceed.
    3. BOR has approved all the funds and given the OK for all work completed by JUB or BIOTA at this point can be invoiced and paid.
    4. Director Clark reported that the funding expires at the end of 2025 for this project.
    5. Justin Hurst and Gary Hadly of JUB are hoping to send construction design plans out for bid by the spring of 2025 and construction can be started & completed the fall of 2025.
    6. A fish passage will still be a part of the design.

**b. Cove Ranch Subdivision Diversion Ditch Ownership Agreement**

1. Per John Wright, he stated that it was his understanding, that because Cove Ranch is within the TID portion of the district that the Ditch Agreement would only need TID Directors permission to proceed with the change of ownership of the ditch to Cove Ranch. Director Clark said he would reach out to Sara Gardner for further information.

**c. 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 has 6 weeks into his recovery from a knee surgery.
2. TU has made two very successful fish rescues and John anticipates perhaps one more.
3. The river has reached a low point of 60 cfs and with cooler weather happening is stabilizing and some increase in cfs.
4. John plans to get together with TID director Sara Gardner to work on the BOC 2025 proposed budget to be presented at the Next BOC meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:**

1. Three checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary, and ICRMP first 6 month payment of \$1,303.
2. Provided copies of the Balance sheet & Profit and Loss of the WRVID#45 2024 Budget.
3. Shirley checked on storage cost for 2025 and Valley Storage will be the same rate as 2024 which is \$650.
4. Plans to buy large quantity of stamps before the cost increase takes effect.
5. Asked the directors that John Wright gets a doctors release before returning to work, walking on rough ground with any walking assistance (crutches, walker, or cane) is a liability.
6. Had several questions regarding the PivotTrak billing. It was determined that copies of the billing for this BOC budget item will be given to each of the directors and this discussion will be pushed out to Oct. meeting.

**d. Bette Gower, Secretary:**

The Director Three position is due for this year. Greg Clark agreed to petition again for signatures to fill this position for another three years. I have given him the necessary paper work and will report back at the next meeting.

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?  
**OUT FOR REVIEW**
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. Project Bigwood presentation by Amanda Beauman:**

Amanda was unable to attend and provide the presentation. We have moved her presentation to the November meeting.

**b. Haunted Forest in the Howard Reserve:**

Director Casey attended the Bellevue City Council meeting addressing the application of this event. She reported that Florence Blanchard had contacted her regarding safety comments from previous application reviews. They went over the statement that the water district is concerned about the people going off the trails which are located adjacent to the main headgates and main ditch for the water district and getting hurt.

The approval/final decision on the Haunted Forest was tabled until the next City Council meeting.

Director Casey left them with the suggestion that the event be moved out of the Haunted Forest out of the Howard Reserve away from the river. That they could use the three parks in Bellevue and create spooky activities there.

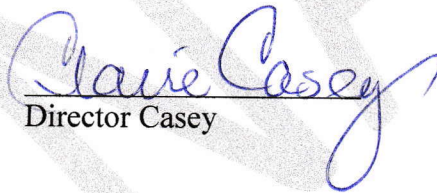
**8. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 7:35 p.m.

  
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Director Clark (Chairman)

  
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Director Casey

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Director Berman