

**MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WOOD RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT #45
July 9th, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m., July 9th, 2024, at the meeting place, Clearwater Landscaping, Kingsbury Lane, Bellevue, ID.

- 2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Director Clark and Director Casey were present.

- 3. READING AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES FOR:** Director Clark attested to the meeting minutes for June 11th, 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 18th, 2024 for the District staff, JUB, and BOR. Discussed the results of the Interaction Analysis completed by JUB. The BOR questioned whether the scope of work with the new proposed changes would be covered by the current budget approved. And if the district would be wishing to pursue re-applying under a different program to cover the cost of the changes to the design.
 2. Upon further discussion with JUB, JUB prepared a Memo to send to the BOR explaining where we are at with the project and why/how the district is planning to move forward with the project under the existing grant. The BOC read and approved this Memo during their July meeting. The Memo should be sent the week of July 7th-13th.
 3. There will be a meeting Friday July 12th at 8:30 am at the head gate between the BOC, JUB & TU rep. Jim Gregory regarding JUB's work of the Low Head Dam with modified design changes.
 4. Sarah is still waiting for approval to submit invoices to the BOR for payment of work completed by JUB on the design plans.

b. Keith Myers Proposed retaining wall & canal easement:

1. John Wright sent out a drawing of the proposed property line changes and location of the proposed retaining wall.
2. Director Casey & Director Clark walked the site a couple weeks ago to get a better understanding of the topography involved with the property line changes and magnitude of the proposed retaining wall length & height.
3. TID did approve the motion to allow Mr. Myers to build the retaining wall and the new division lines dividing the current lot into three lots.
4. Director Clark made the motion to approve that Mr. Myers be allowed to build a retaining wall PER the drawing & contract submitted. The retaining wall can be built 14 feet from the high water line on the main canal that runs through this lot that Mr. Myers wished to re-plot. The only condition is that existing trees remain in place.
Director Clark votes Yes on this motion.
Director Berman was not in attendance; however, Director Clark had spoken with him and received his vote via email. His vote was recorded as a Yes.
Director Casey voted No. She thanked Mr. Myer with all his work for the district. However she feels the retaining wall cannot be built without damaging the slope. She was opposed. Director Clark declared that the motion passed. The final permission document was created by Mr. John Wright and the signed copy will be sent to Mr. John Wright, Water Master of the BOC.
5. Director Berman made the request that the distance of 14 feet is standardized as the distance for irrigation access along all the canals within the districts system.

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. Discussed Keith Myer's proposal.
2. Discussed the BOR WaterSMART grant.
3. A party of people part of a New Cove Ranch Subdivision Develop Team attended the BOC meeting presenting the mapping, location, details of a new subdivision they are proposing to be built on 191 acre parcel of the Cove Ranch that butts up to the southern boundary of Griffin Ranch and Gannett road.

The BOC asked many questions to gather a clear understanding of how this subdivision would or would not impact the water district. Brockway Engineering out of Twin Falls, Idaho is proceeding with analysis of the proposal.

4. 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 they 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.

TID has passed this motion. Director Clark made the motion to accept this line item change to the BOC budget. Director Casey seconded the motion. The motion passed

Mr. Wright will be handling the cost of insurance for this storage space.

b. John Wright, Water Master:

1. Priority Cuts - 1886 water rights on Wed. July 3rd, 2024
- 1884 water rights on Sat. July 6th, 2024
- 1883 water rights on Tues. July 11th, 2024
- Senior water rights of 1882 & 1880 still receiving

2. As of July 11th, diversion for system is at 90 cfs.

3. John Wright will have knee replacement surgery and has been given the first three weeks of August for medical absence. After some discussion it was agreed by all Directors that they request a doctors written approval before Mr. Wright is allowed to return to physical work on the canal system. No canes, No walkers, No crutches will be accepted for assistance for his return to work.

c. Shirley Spinelli, Treasurer:

1. Three checks to sign, Treasurer, Secretary, and \$1,000 for BOC.
2. Sent the Balance sheets for the Reserve account. The original goal was to acquire the amount of one year of expenditures.

d. Bette Gower, Secretary:

Nothing to report at this time.

I have several items to present at later meetings.

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. NO NEW BUSINESS:

b. :

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9. SETTING DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be August 6th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11. ADJOURNMENT: Director Casey made the motion to adjourn and Director Clark seconded. Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Director Clark (Chairman)



Director Casey



Director Berman