MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

August 20, 2024

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on August 20, 2024, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White

Bruce Corn

Gregory Clark

Frank Ausman

Chris Landa

Bret Nielson

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Carl Sieders, South Board Manager; Dan Tschida, (OID Alternate); Bruce Cruickshank, Scott Cruickshank, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 14, 2024.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Eric White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES. The minutes of the July 16, 2024, meeting of the Joint Committee were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the Tunnel Power Plant is producing 5.4 megawatts and is running full out.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable report included in their packets. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable for the Tunnel #1 Power Project.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the plant is running at about 4.8 megawatts. Mr. Flynn said that there have been a few outages due to trees. He said those trees have since been trimmed down.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable report included in their packets. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project.

<u>WATER USAGE</u>. Mr. Flynn made a presentation on the water usage for the year so far. The potential carryover of water to next season was discussed.

<u>TENTATIVE SHUT OFF DATE</u>. The Committee members discussed setting a tentative shut off date. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried setting a tentative shut off date for water from the reservoir of October 11.

QUAGGA MUSSELS. Mr. Flynn said that he visited with OWRC about potential legislation to fund another quagga mussel check station. He said that they tried legislation a few years ago, but it went nowhere. He said they are going to try to do something this year. He said that he is currently working on some language for potential legislation. He said he is also going to look at other potential funding sources.

JOHN KEYES TOUR. Mr. Flynn reported on the recent USBR John Keyes tour of the Owyhee Dam facility. He said that the tour went well, but that it is his opinion that USBR did not send the right people. He said that he is going to try to get USBR to change how they select participants.

HYDRO RESERVE ACCOUNTS. Funding of the Hydro Reserve Accounts was discussed. Mr. Flynn asked for some clarification as to how to account for the funds once they are set up. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members that the accounts be set up in such a way that is the simplest for the bookkeeper and satisfies the accountant.

EXCESS WATER. Potential excess water demand was discussed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary

APPROVED:

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

August 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on August 20, 2024, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:28 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn

Gregory Clark

Eric White

Dan Tschida

Frank Ausman

Bret Nielsen

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Bruce Cruickshank, Scott Cruickshank, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 14, 2024.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held July 16, 2024, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. Mr. Flynn noted a needed correction to the minutes in the paragraph titled "KOMATSU". He said that the word "purchaser" should be changed to "repair shop". The minutes were corrected. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as corrected.

<u>DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT</u>. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Flynn explained a discrepancy in the report which is being corrected. He said that the Mitchell Butte unit has a bit of a vibration. He said that the current delinquent accounts total \$74,744. He said there is still some gopher money left.

<u>DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>. A list of District accounts payable for the month, together with a breakdown of credit card charges, were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the accounts payable and credit card charges. Questions on some of the bills were asked and answered. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried to approve this month's accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

<u>Financial Report</u>. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Plant was handed out. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Flynn reported that the \$124,000 shown in the audit as being owed to Owyhee Irrigation District is contributed capital and two bonds. He said that the District could start taking these numbers off of the books as money is transferred back to Owyhee Irrigation District. The matter was discussed and it was the consensus of the Directors to do so. Flows through the power plant were discussed.

Accounts Payable. A list of accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

CRUICKSHANK PRESENTATION. Bruce Cruickshank made a presentation to the Directors on a moss problem in his area on the 0-6 ditch. He passed around photos of the ditch, which were reviewed by the Directors. Mr. Cruickshank said that the moss problem costs his farm money. He said that after he got ahold of his ditch rider, that the ditch was demossed the next day. Mr. Cruickshank said that the ditch needs cleaned with a ditcher. Mr. Flynn said that the District will clean the ditch this off-season and then apply a preemergent. The Directors discussed the issue and how the ditch riders and chemical application manager do their jobs. The right-of-way in the area was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that property owners along the ditch through which the District has right-of-way, will be notified that District staff will be entering the right-of-way when water goes out to begin to clean the ditch. At 8:15 p.m., Bruce and Scott Cruickshank left the meeting.

<u>WAGE COMMITTEE</u>. Appointing a Wage Committee to talk with the Employee Committee was discussed. After discussion, Directors White and Ausman were appointed to the Wage Committee.

KINGMAN LATERAL. Mr. Flynn said that both grant agreements on the Kingman Pipeline Project have been signed. He said that the engineers are now working on the design. He said that the Cultural Resource Survey has been completed. He said that he hopes to get some pipe in this offseason.

<u>PARCEL ACROSS FROM OFFICE</u>. Mr. Flynn said that Richard Beck contacted him about the District selling the parcel across the street from the office. He said that Mr. Beck is wanting to know how much the District wants. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors that the District needs to clear \$500,000 on the sale of the property.

<u>FUEL TANKS</u>. Mr. Flynn said that the second fuel tank is scheduled for delivery next week. He said that the first fuel tank cannot be filled until the fire marshal signs off. He said that a new card lock system has been obtained.

<u>B2H CROSSINGS</u>. Mr. Flynn said that Idaho Power has provided him with plans on the proposed crossings of District facilities. He said that it does not currently look like the crossings will cause too many issues for the District.

<u>KOMATSU</u>. Mr. Flynn said that he is planning to wait to order a motor for the Komatsu until right before it can be installed and then used so that the warranty will still be in place when the machine is being used. He said that there are quite a few motor options around \$14,000 to \$16,000.

KINGMAN LATERAL (Continued). The Directors discussed installation of the pipe for the Kingman Lateral project.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: