

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

May 18, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on May 18, 2021, at the District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:04 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki
Eric White	Frank Ausman

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney by conference telephone; and Linda Henderson, member of the public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on May 13, 2021.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 20, 2021 and the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 28, 2021, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report for the month. The gopher tail program was discussed. Director Ausman noted that there is a lot of moss in the water which is being delivered.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The lists were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report.

Accounts Payable. The agenda listed the accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Tekfinity	\$42.95
Century Link	25.43
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$193.38

LINDA KURTZ BILLING. Mr. Chamberlin said that Linda Kurtz is requesting to have her water turned on before paying her full bill. Mr. Chamberlin said that she has paid \$5,000 so far, but still owes another \$5,000. He said that she told him that she will have the money in two weeks after her first cutting of hay. The Directors discussed Board policy with regard to not allowing water to be delivered prior to full payment. Mr. Chamberlin explained the situation in detail. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried allowing the water to be delivered with the District being paid the full water billing, with interest, by June 1, and if not so paid, the water will be shut off.

FRAHM BRIDGE DAMAGE. Mr. Chamberlin explained a bridge made out of railroad ties caught on fire when District staff were burning weeds. He said an insurance claim has been turned in and the insurance company is investigating.

NRCS MODERIZATION. Mr. Chamberlin said that during ditch rider training, he met with Lynn Larson this last week about prioritizing winter projects. He said that Jacobson's Gulch and behind the feedlot are the two major projects planned for this winter. He said that Lynn Larson told him that there should be a lot of OWEB money available next year.

DITCH RIDER TRAINING. Mr. Chamberlin said that he met with the ditch riders and advised them to keep an extra eye on water usage so that the landowners can keep tabs on how much water they are using. He said that the tag-out lock-out procedures were also reviewed.

OLD OFFICE BUILDING. Mr. Chamberlin said that the old office building sale closed and that the District ended up with about \$68,000.

OLD OWYHEE DITCH BREAK COST ESTIMATE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he worked up the numbers for a cost estimate for the materials and services which the District provided to Old Owyhee Ditch Company for their ditch break and presented that to Monty Culbertson who thought the amount was fair.

PUMPING PLANT OPERATIONS. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on maintenance and staffing at the pumping plants.

NEW MANAGER. Mr. Chamberlin said that Clancy Flynn will be starting June 7 or 14th. The Directors discussed putting out a news release. Mr. Chamberlin said that he thought that it would be best to do the news release after Mr. Flynn gets his feet under him. He said the employees have been notified of the hiring. Mr. Horton was directed to begin working on the employment contract between the District and Mr. Flynn based upon Mr. Chamberlin's contract.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT**

May 18, 2021

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on May 18, 2021, at the 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	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki
Brett Nielsen	Chris Landa

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel by conference phone; John Eells, South Board Manager; and Linda Henderson, member of the public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on May 13, 2021.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on April 20, 2021, were reviewed by the Committee members. A motion was made by Mr. Corn seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Financial reports for this month and last month were reviewed by the Committee members.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable listed on the agenda for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton	\$684.50
Oregon Idaho Utilities	242.76
Owyhee Dam Hydro	1,940.25
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$3,242.51

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Financial reports for this month and last month were reviewed by the Committee members.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$169.04
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$544.04

OLD OWYHEE WATER USAGE. The Committee members discussed water usage by Old Owyhee Ditch Company from the reservoir. The consensus of the Committee members is that the District needs to conserve water all that they can. Mr. Chamberlin noted that this has been a weird crop year and the Committee members discussed the dry winter as being part of the problem.

DINGEL ACT. Mr. Eells gave an update on the meeting he and Mr. Chamberlin had with Bureau of Reclamation staff about information the Bureau is requesting from the Districts. He said they are asking for a list of everything that is failing within the Districts. He said they are wanting a list, but are not offering money to fix any of the failing infrastructure. Mr. Chamberlin said the Bureau of Reclamation is willing to partner with the Districts in putting the report together and providing estimates for infrastructure repairs. He said the Districts have until the end of 2022 to get the reports in. The matter was discussed and Chairman White noted that the project is going on 100 years old.

HYDRO UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin said that the hydraulic pumps have arrived but will not be installed until the water is turned off as the hydros are running now. He said that the machines have been running good for the most part. He noted that the Tunnel Power Plant started the season with low head.

WATER SUPPLY. Mr. Chamberlin said that stream flows at Rome have been down throughout the entire year. He said the flows are somewhat similar to the year 2015 and are getting close to historic lows. The Committee members discussed the water situation, along with the fact that the entire Northwest is short on water.

PUMP BACK STORAGE. Mr. Chamberlin said that the company proposing a pump back storage at Owyhee Reservoir made a presentation to the Malheur County Court. He went on to explain the objections which the Joint Committee and OID filed with FERC with regard to the application filed with FERC. The matter was discussed.

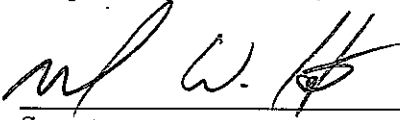
SOUTH BOARD PUMPING PLANT BY HOMEDALE. Mr. Eells explained that the pumping plant by Homedale is being started up and the South Board would prefer to use reserve power through Bonneville rather than paying for power on the open market. He said the Bureau notified him that OID needs to be notified about switching to reserve power. He said the pumping plant will only be run while trying to conserve water in the reservoir. The matter was discussed. Mr. Eells said that he would like to get permission from the Joint Committee to switch to reserve power. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried that operating the pumping plant will save water and by

switching to reserve power will also save money and the Joint Committee hereby approves the Gem 2 Pumping Plant to be switched to reserve power.

USBR INFLOW FORECAST. The Committee members discussed the USBR inflow forecast and operating the irrigation systems in this short water year.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

APPROVED: _____