

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

August 20, 2019

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on August 20, 2019, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:50 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	Eric White
Jerry Nagaki	Brett Nielsen

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Linda Rowe, SWCD; Monty Culbertson, Owyhee Ditch Company; and Curt Sisson, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, District Patrons.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on August 14, 2019.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 16, 2019, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed and discussed the report.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT. Director Corn asked about aquatic chemical use. Director Ausman said the water quality in his area is much better right now than it was last month. He said that he has no complaints. Aquatic chemical use was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that with the way the weather shaped up, the District will most likely use all of the chemical with none left over.

PUMPING COSTS. Director Ausman asked about next year's estimated pumping costs. He said he thinks there should be a lot less water usage for the rest of the irrigation season. The matter was discussed.

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

NEW PROPERTY. Director Tschida asked when the shop will be moved to the new property. Mr. Chamberlin said September will be the moving month. He said he hopes to have the District Board meeting at the new property next month.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The Mitchell Butte financial report was in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that both units are running and running well. Mr. Chamberlin said that last month's deposit was late and carried over to this month. He said they will be transferring one dollar over shortly.

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

FERC	\$2,773.41
Idaho Power Solutions	367.67
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$3,266.08

13.6 PROPOSED PIPELINE. Linda Rowe made a presentation on a proposed pipeline on lateral 13.6. She said this pipeline fits in the priority area for the Department of Agriculture. She said it would encompass 860 acres. She said there is eight years of data on this lateral. Curt Sisson spoke in favor of the proposal. Mrs. Rowe said that she is looking at doing the project next year. She said there is a good shot at receiving funding because of the location and its proximity to the Fletcher Project. She said if this project goes in, the entire area will be pressurized. She said the project will encompass approximately two miles of pipe. She said that landowner participation is good. She reported that the Clarich Project did not get funded.

Mr. Chamberlin said that the Morgan Avenue Feed Lot Pipeline proposal is also one that is needing done. Mrs. Rowe said that these two projects would be submitted individually. She said that the 13.6 pipeline could be done in two phases. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Vista View Project is also scheduled for this fall and that the Snively and Kingman Lateral repairs also need to be done this fall. The Board of Directors discussed the matter and determined that they need more information. The consensus of the Board is positive. Mr. Sisson said that all of the landowners in the area are on board.

At 8:23 p.m., Linda Rowe and Curt Sisson left the meeting. Director White said that it may be time to start looking for landowner financial contributions for some improvements.

FCA. Mr. Chamberlin said that FCA staff came last week and gave a report on the

status of their work. He said that all of the laterals and turnouts have been plotted. He said they are now working on potential piping and pressurization planning. He said they think that 9.5 gallons per acre would be sufficient on a system-wide basis. The Directors discussed what may come out of the modernization plan and potential issues. Mr. Chamberlin said FCA is still planning on being done by the end of this year.

MALHEUR SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said there is still some dirt work and drainage work to wrap up and then BOR will come out for their final inspection.

SNIVELY SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said that a yard of sawdust was put into the Snively Siphon and that it stopped leaking. He said it is still dry today. He said staff is still investigating a long-term fix.

NPDES DRAFT PERMIT. Mr. Chamberlin said that he, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Manser reviewed Oregon DEQ's draft NPDES Permit. Mr. Chamberlin said the District, along with a couple of other districts in the state, are specifically called out in the draft permit for a lack of fish screens. He said that comments were submitted on behalf of the District by OWRC. Mr. Culbertson said that Old Owyhee is one of the entities called out for lack of fish screens. Mr. Horton said that this is just a draft permit and that we will have to wait to see what the final permit requirements are.

OWRC REPORT. Mr. Manser gave a report on a recent OWRC Board meeting. He said at the meeting the recent legislative session was discussed. He said that the session was very contentious and that OWRC worked behind the scenes on a lot of legislation. He said that the OWRC Law Seminar will be held the first of October.

NEW BUILDING SIGN. Mr. Chamberlin thanked Jerry Nagaki for his hard work in putting together the new building signs. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Nagaki and all said the sign looked great.

OPEN HOUSE AND NEW BUILDING. Mr. Chamberlin asked for input from the Board as to when they would like to have an open house at the new building. He explained the move into the new building. The Directors discussed perhaps having an open house in February or March.

FISH SCREENS. Mr. Culbertson expressed concern about fish screen requirements. The Directors discussed fish screens along with potential small hydro facilities.

LINDA HENDERSON COMMENTS. Linda Henderson said that it looks like a parking lot was being installed by the lower lift next to the canal. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is not aware of any such thing and will take a look.

WATER SITUATION AND STORAGE. The Directors discussed the current storage level and potential water situation going into next year.

LAW OFFICE BOARD ROOM USAGE. The Directors thanked Mr. Horton and his law firm for the use of their building for irrigation Board meeting usage. Mr. Chamberlin said their goal is to meet in the new building next month.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

August 20, 2019

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, on August 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	Rick Smith
Dan Tschida	Brett Nielsen

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Jerry Nagaki, OID Alternate; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Curt Sisson, Linda Henderson, and Darla Sebasto, OID District Patrons; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; and Linda Rowe, SWCD.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 14, 2019.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on July 16, 2019, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project which the Committee members reviewed.

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. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Dept. Of Consumer & Business	\$89.60
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	244.54
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	368.00
FERC	6,943.98
Nichols Accounting	<u>350.00</u>

TOTAL	\$7,996.12
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OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which the Committee members reviewed. Mr. Corn noted that the report has the wrong number in it for the Owyhee Dam monthly income throughout. He said that it looks as if Mitchell Butte number was given. Mr. Chamberlin said he will notify Nichols Accounting of the necessary corrections.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion to have the financial statement corrected and to authorize payment of the following accounts payable was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$170.37
FERC	12,762.07
Nichols Accounting	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,282.44

BOR DAM OPERATIONS TRAINING. Mr. Chamberlin said the Bureau of Reclamation will be having a two-day training for Dam operations which eight employees will attend.

B2H POWER LINE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he and Mr. Horton attended a recent B2H Department of Energy Siting Council meeting and expressed concerns over the power line placement. Mr. Horton said that he and Mr. Chamberlin also sent in written comments opposing the proposed placement of the power line where it crosses the Owyhee River. Mr. Chamberlin explained the process of the Department of Energy and the hearings. Mr. Chamberlin said that an Idaho Power representative did meet with the landowners along the river, but not with the irrigation districts.

BUDGETING FOR POWER SERVICE TO DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Chamberlin said the transformers and copper wires at the Dam Compound need replaced and he wants to start budgeting for that. He explained the planned repairs and said a possible BPA grant is available. Mr. Nielsen recommended underground wiring which Mr. Chamberlin said that is what they are planning for.

POWER MEETING LAST WEEK. Mr. Eells reported on a power meeting which he attended last week. He said the letters on the Palisades Project had an effect and that BOR will be doing the repairs over a two-year period during the off season and as a result, rates will remain through 2023 at 27 mils.

DAM POWER HOUSE ROAD. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is planning to start putting the road back in which goes to the power house this Monday. He asked the South Board to help with trucks and a loader. He said Idaho Power will be out revisiting the site the first of September.

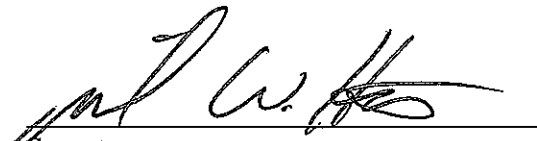
BOR LETTER REGARDING STAFF ACTIONS DURING STORM EVENT. Mr. Chamberlin read from a letter from BOR complimenting and thanking staff at the Dam Compound for their work and help during the storm event and rockslide.

RECENT OREGON LAWS PASSED. Mr. Chamberlin advised the Committee on laws which Oregon recently passed. One of the bills includes continued grant funding.

OWYHEE MOUNTAINS DRAFT BILL. Mr. Chamberlin reported on a meeting he attended on a potential bill affecting the Owyhee Mountains. He said the group which met was put together by Senator Wyden who was putting the bill together with regard to recreation in the Owyhee Mountains. The bill not only includes the Owyhee Mountains, but the Owyhee Highlands and the area around the Owyhee Dam. The Committee members expressed their unhappiness with the proposed bill.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_