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

September 4, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on September 4, 2015, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 1:05 p.m., Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Jerry Nagaki Bruce Corn Frank Ausman

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, District Assistant Manager; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; and Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer*.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that public notice as to the meeting was given in compliance with Oregon Public Meeting Law.

<u>WATER SHUTOFF</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that he asked for the meeting so that the Board could set the parameters for shutting off the North Canal. He then passed around handouts on reservoir storage and stream flows. Mr. Eldred gave a report on those ditch rides which have been shut off so far and which rides will be shutting off in the near future due to decreased demand. Mr. Eldred explained that the Malheur Siphon is now acting as a spillway. He said there is water in the system to Jacobson Gulch. The current flow in the system is 130 cfs.

Mr. Chamberlin then explained that when the South Board of Control went off, the North system gained head. He then reported on the amount of water being used on the ditch rides which are still getting water. He said the District is now only delivering 1/3 of what needs to be in the canal. He said he had an opportunity to speak with Director White and that Director White said that he would be okay with the Board picking a date to shut off and getting the word out in advance for those users who are still using water to get in one last watering. The matter was discussed in detail by the Directors. Director Corn said that he has received comments on how well the system was managed this year.

Following a detailed discussion, a motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried that the reservoir water deliveries be shut off on September 11 with prior verbal notice getting out to landowners.

<u>PUMP DITCHES</u>. Mr. Eldred said that he is receiving questions as to when the pump ditches will shut off. He said that he would like the Board to consider setting a date at the meeting later this month. The matter was discussed.

 $\underline{\text{OWRC/OWRD TOUR}}.$ Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on the OWRC/OWRD tour scheduled for September 10.

<u>OFF-SEASON PROJECTS</u>. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on planned off-season projects.

<u>PUMPING PLANTS OFF-SEASON MAINTENANCE</u>. Mr. Eldred updated the Board on planned work to be done to the pumping plants during the off season.

<u>GENERAL DISTRICT ISSUES</u>. The Board discussed general district issues with Mr. Chamberlin.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
General Counsel	
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