

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

July 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 17, 2018, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:13 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Eric White
Dan Tschida	Frank Ausman
Jerry Nagaki	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; and Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on July 11, 2018.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 19, 2018, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a monthly financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the new excavator should be here Thursday. He said that fuel costs are hurting the budget but the budget is good on chemical costs.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. Questions were asked and answered on the bills. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, 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. Mr. Chamberlin said that the payments for April and May generation have come in. He said he thinks two units are currently running. He said the computers still have work that need to be done on them.

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

Century Link	\$142.66
Brian Richins	2,125.00
Sage Engineers	11,190.00
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>120.00</u>

Total \$13,578.63

MALHEUR SIPHON UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin said he has a meeting scheduled with the engineer and contractor on the Malheur Siphon Project tomorrow. He said the Bureau of Reclamation has given him a list of items they are wanting in their capacity of supervising the project. Mr. Chamberlin gave a summary of the planned work. He also explained issues he has been having with the Bureau of Reclamation on the project.

WATER CARDS. Mr. Chamberlin said that there was some mis-communication with office staff with regard to water cards. He said they thought the office was going paperless and failed to send out water cards. He said the situation has been resolved and that water cards have now gone out.

LARGE SCANNER PURCHASE. Mr. Chamberlin said that FCA has set up a schedule of gathering information on water seepage throughout the District. He said that as part of their project, staff had been pulling out old maps, schematics, and charts which need digitized. He said that in the past, the District has paid a third-party company to digitize those records. He said the big maps and hydro paper drawings also need digitized. He said a large scanner was purchased for \$2,500 to scan and digitize these items.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. Mr. Chamberlin said that he believes Oregon Water Resource Department still has the District's Water Conservation Plan out for public comment.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Policy Handbook has been very helpful for new landowners coming into the District. He said that overall things are going well in the field.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. Director Tschida asked if the Board of Directors could get a report on South Board water usage for this irrigation season. Director Ausman expressed frustration with the discussion in the Joint Committee meeting on setting a water shutoff date.

WATER SHUTOFF DATE. The Directors discussed the conversation in the Joint Committee meeting about setting a shutoff date for October 5 which is a Friday.

KINGMAN SIPHON. Director White asked if the re-lining of the Kingman Siphon reduced some of the flow through it. Mr. Chamberlin said that some flow was reduced, but not much. He said that it looks like approximately five feet.

MANAGER CONTRACT. Director White asked Mr. Chamberlin about his contract with the District. Mr. Chamberlin said that since we are halfway through the year, he would prefer to discuss his contract in October.

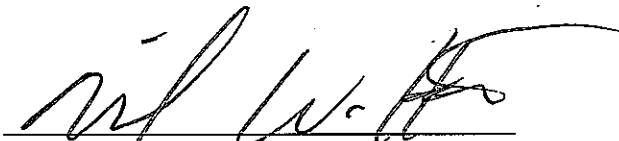
EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 9:12 p.m., the Board entered executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real estate.

The meeting reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

FUEL STORAGE TANKS. Mr. Chamberlin was directed to investigate the costs of fuel storage tanks for the District.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

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

July 17, 2018

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 July 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Bruce Corn	Eric White
Brett Nielsen	Chris Landa

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manger; Dan Tschida (OID Alternate); Michael W. Horton, Secretary; and Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on July 11, 2018.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on June 19, 2018, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, 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. The report was reviewed and discussed 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. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$224.08
Brian Richins	2,125.00
Sage Engineers	11,190.97
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	496.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>390.00</u>

TOTAL	\$14,426.05
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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. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the report.

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. Corn, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving payment of following accounts:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$601.60
Brian Richins	2,125.00
Sage Engineers	11,190.97
Nichols Accounting	<u>340.00</u>

TOTAL \$14,257.57

ELEVATOR REPAIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is hoping to be done with the elevator work next Thursday. The project was explained and discussed.

WATER SHUTOFF DATE. Mr. Chamberlin said he would like to see Joint Committee action on setting a shutoff date. He said he would like the Committee to make a decision earlier this year in order to get word out to water users. He said he would like to see a date set in early October for water conservation and the Owyhee Irrigation District Malheur Siphon Project. He explained the work planned on the Malheur Siphon. Mr. Nielson said he needs to talk to his board before making a decision. Mr. Eells said that he has been getting calls from beet farmers and they want to get water through the 8th or 10th of October. Mr. Chamberlin said that originally an October 1 shutoff date had been discussed. The Joint Committee members discussed a shutoff date in detail at length. Mr. Ausman said that the Committee needs to be in water conservation mode given the current weather outlook. Water needs throughout the District were discussed. Setting October 5th as a compromise shutoff date was discussed. The Committee members promised to discuss a shutoff date with their constituents and try to make a decision at next month's Joint Committee meeting.

BOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. Mr. Chamberlin said that BOR's Comprehensive Review is scheduled for August 1. He said that a BOR team will be coming in from Denver. He said this is the big review that happens about every six years.

INVASIVE SPECIES HOUSE BILL 2486-VOLUNTARY BOAT INSPECTIONS. Mr. Chamberlin said that Representative Findley is looking at new legislation to do boat inspections on the way to the reservoir. Mr. Chamberlin said that he and Mr. Manser visited the boat inspection station in Ontario and he reported on that visit. Mr. Horton read a provision from the proposed house bill which is actually the same bill that Senator Bentz introduced in the Oregon House last year. The Committee members discussed the proposed legislation and expressed their preference for such a bill and that any legislation require mandatory boat cleaning if a boat tests positive for invasive species.

BOAT RAMP AT RESERVOIR. Mr. Chamberlin said the contract that the County has with the Bureau of Reclamation on the boat ramp at the reservoir has expired. He said the problem that has recently arisen has been with garbage service and the restroom at the ramp. Mr. Chamberlin said that the County road boss told him that the County has no money budgeted for the restroom or garbage service. The Committee members discussed garbage and septic pumping costs, along with their desire to keep the ramp open. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried that Mr. Chamberlin start negotiations on behalf of the Joint Committee with Malheur County and USBR on a new boat ramp contract and further authorized Mr. Chamberlin to talk to cabin users and other organizations about the problems with the garbage and septic service to see if those organizations may be interested in supporting those services. Mr. Chamberlin said he will investigate the costs of those services.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____