MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

May 19, 2026

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on May 19, 2026, 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 Joint Committee Members were present:

- Gregory Clark
- Eric White
- Frank Ausman
- Bret Nielson
- Joseph Davis
- Chris Landa

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, Hydro Manager
- Carl Seiders, South Board Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Bruce Corn, OID Alternate
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Darla Sebasto, Member of the Public

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on May 14, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on April 28, 2026, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman to approve the minutes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

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.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable as listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Landa seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

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. Corn asked if the Tunnel Power Plant will run to the 1st of August and Mr. Flynn said that he thought that it would.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Landa to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

WATER USAGE.

Mr. Flynn said that more water is being used this year than at the same time last year and that there is less water coming into the reservoir than last year also. He said that he and staff will be meeting with Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement District staff to discuss the old MOU on water usage. The Committee members discussed the water rights and contracts with Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement District.

DROUGHT.

Mr. Corn said that given the current weather conditions and the drought that we are in, he asked the Committee to consider shutting off the reservoir water on October 1 in order to conserve water for the following year. The matter was discussed.

FERC RELICENSING AND H.R. 7487.

Mr. Horton explained that a proposed bill in Congress which would shift authority over hydro power projects on USBR projects from FERC to USBR has recently passed out of committee and to the House of Representatives' floor. Mr. Horton and Mr. Flynn explained the proposed bill and its potential impact on the relicensing of the hydro facilities. They explained that if the bill were to become law, that the districts would have more options when the current hydro power licenses expire. They explained that the entire licensing process and costs with FERC may be avoided completely. They explained that a cost analysis would need to be done to see if potential lease of power privileges from USBR would be more expensive than the annual fees currently being paid to FERC. They explained that they learned of this bill through the law firm they have been working with back in Washington D.C. on the FERC relicensing process. The Committee members discussed the matter. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nielson that Mr. Horton and Mr. Flynn be authorized to investigate the bill further and move forward with support of the bill if they find it potentially beneficial to the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark. A vote on the motion was had and all Committee members present voted in favor of the motion.

DAM COMPOUND.

Mr. Flynn explained that he did an analysis of the remodeling of the Dam Compound recreation area and the total cost was $51,000 for the recreation remodel. He said that the extra revenue generated in 2025 from the remodel was $18,258. He said the remodeling project should pay for itself by next year. Camping by the Dam Compound was discussed.

DAM TENDER TRAINING.

Mr. Flynn explained that Dam tender training is going well.

LIABILITY INSURANCE CHARGES.

Mr. Flynn said that the liability insurance charges were reverted back to how they were being charged last year as requested by the Joint Committee last month.

LIDAR GRANT.

Mr. Flynn said that an application was filed for the Lidar Grant.

BOAT INSPECTIONS.

Mr. Flynn said that ODF&W apparently found some money to potentially pay for boat inspections for boats going to the Owyhee Reservoir. He said that a boat inspection station will most likely be located at the Wildlife View Point on the reservoir. The Committee members discussed quagga mussels and their potential impact on the Owyhee Project facilities should they get into the Owyhee Reservoir.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED: