

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

October 18, 2022

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on October 18, 2022, 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 members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	Chris Landa
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; John Eells, Manager of South Board; Gregory Clark, OID Alternate; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Jay Gibbs and Lynn Larson, NRCS; and Linda Henderson, Member of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 13, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Eric White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES. The minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting of the Joint Committee were mailed out prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

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.

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

Owyhee Irrigation District	\$28,146.25
Spiegel & McDiarmid, LLP	4,485.82
Five Rivers Law, P.C.	<u>910.00</u>
Total	\$33,542.07

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 listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Owyhee Irrigation District	<u>\$28,023.78</u>
Total	\$28,023.78

FERC. Mr. Horton explained the work the Washington D.C. attorneys have been doing for the Owyhee Project on both relicensing the hydroelectric plants and dealing with the entity which has filed an application for pump back storage.

HYDRO WATER YEAR REVIEW. Mr. Flynn summarized the past hydro production year. He said that power rates were bumped up slightly which helped the Dam Power Plant make a bit of net income. He said there is 17,000 less acre feet of water in the reservoir than at the end of last year. He said that storage when the water shut off was 50,485 acre feet. He said that the long-term weather forecast is for slightly warmer weather with normal precipitation.

MAIN TUNNEL INSPECTION. Mr. Flynn said there will be an inspection done on the main tunnel next week.

ELEVATOR INSPECTION. Mr. Flynn said that the elevator inspector is coming on Thursday to do a general inspection. He said that this inspection will not be a weight inspection.

RING GATE REPAIRS. Mr. Flynn said that the repairs on the old concrete on the ring gate have started. He said the old concrete in the section that will be worked on this off season has been removed. He explained the repair process planned for this off season.

SIGN AT PARK AT DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Flynn said that a draft sign has been put together to put up at the park at the day use compound. He said he is going to run the proposed language passed John Eells before bringing it before the Committee.

PLANNED WORK AT DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Flynn gave a summary of work which is planned to be done at the Dam Compound. He said that the roof on the pump house is being repaired, along with the roof on the woodshop.

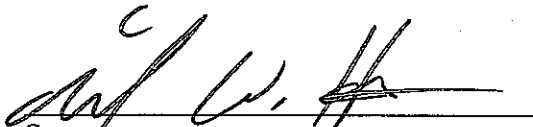
IDAHO POWER TRANSFORMER WORK. Mr. Flynn said that Idaho Power has finished work on their transformer. He said that while the work was being done, power to the Tunnel Power Plant was shut off and staff had to use the generator for power. He said that the bill for fuel used to run the generator will be sent to Idaho Power.

OWYHEE DAM INSPECTION. Mr. Flynn said that USBR staff visited the dam and did a visual inspection of cracks in the concrete. He said they will be monitoring the cracks inside the dam.

OFF-SEASON HYDRO WORK. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Eldred reported on planned off-season work on the hydros. Repair work will be done on switch gear.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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

October 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on October 18, 2022, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:28 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Frank Ausman
Gregory Clark	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Linda Henderson, Member of the Public; and Lynn Larson and Jay Gibbs, NRCS.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 13, 2022.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 20, 2022, 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. Horton handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Flynn said that this is the new format for the financial report. He pointed out that adjustments were made as the new report is just getting started.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. A motion was made by Director Corn and was seconded by Director White to pay the bills. A vote on the motion was had and it passed unanimously.

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. Flynn said that the trash rack is the only planned repair for the off season.

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

AT&T	\$53.69
CenturyLink	1.36
Owyhee Irrigation District	20,518.00
Tefkinity	<u>42.95</u>
TOTAL	\$20,616.00

NRCS. Jay Gibbs with NRCS reported on the next steps on the watershed plan project. He said the agreement between OID and NRCS has been signed and that an RFP going out by OID will be the next step. The RFP will be to hire a third party to write the watershed plan. He said that writing of the plan will take one to two years. He said that once the plan is written, then there will be another RFP for survey and design work. He said that once that is done there will be an implementation phase for a potential \$25,000,000 project. He said he does not anticipate a lot of controversy from environmental groups during the watershed plan writing phase.

Lynn Larson with the local NRCS office said that they are currently working on the pipeline for Arabian Drive. He said that lateral 13.6 is the next project they will be looking for funding sources. Mr. Flynn said that District staff are still working on putting together a prioritized list of projects.

At 8:07 p.m., Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Larson left the meeting.

COMBINATION WATER ORDER FORM. Mr. Flynn asked for Board input on the proposed combination water order form which he handed out last month. The Board provided input on whether or not to charge a fee. Mr. Flynn explained how having the combination order form would help the District. The Directors discussed potential details on how combination water ordering might work. J.L. Eldred advised on limiting combination water orders to be on the same ditch ride.

FUEL TANKS. Mr. Flynn said that he checked in with the city on acquiring fuel tanks and having them installed on the District property across the street as a fueling service station. He said that according to the city, such a proposal is allowed in the current zoning for that property. Fuel purchases were discussed.

MARLOW POUNDS PIPELINE. Mr. Flynn said that District staff went out and looked at the leaks in the District pipeline running through Marlow Pounds' property. He said that there were significant wet spots. He said he recommends the District do the project. He said the District does have pipe available to complete the repair. The consensus of the Directors is to proceed with the repairs.

2023 BUDGET. Mr. Flynn presented a draft budget for 2023. He said that the District spent \$1.3 million more in 2022 than it did the previous year. He said he does not anticipate any carryover from this year's budget. He said that the draft budget is for less money than was spent by the District this year. In the draft budget he had three options for potential annual water charges. Option one included an \$11 per acre increase over last year's charge. Option two is an

\$8.50 per acre increase over last year's charge with an additional account fee of \$161. The third option includes significant budget cuts with a \$5.50 per acre increase. The Directors reviewed and discussed the draft budget. Mr. Horton said that an analysis would need to be done to see if the Board could in fact impose a district-wide account fee. Mr. Flynn said that he will check to see if the proposed account fee would be on the number of accounts or on specific entities without regard to the number of accounts those entities hold.

EMPLOYEE PROPOSAL. Mr. Flynn said that he checked on other entities' proposed wage increases and the average increase is 6% to 8% total. The matter was discussed.

DIVISION #5 DIRECTOR POSITION. Mr. Horton said that only one petition for Director for Division #5 was received. He said that Gregory Clark was the only one who submitted a petition. He said that Oregon law provides that if only one petition is received, the Board is to appoint that individual to the vacant director position. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried appointing Gregory Clark to the Director position for Division #5 for a three-year term beginning in January 2023.

DISTRICT PROPERTY ACROSS FROM DISTRICT OFFICE. Mr. Flynn said that he is working on determining the dividing lot line on the property across the street from the District office. He said he has been working with the potential buyer of part of the property.

WATER MEASUREMENT ON KINGMAN LATERAL. Mr. Flynn said that the doppler boat was used to measure water losses on the Kingman Lateral. He said the losses amount to almost 5 cfs.

PUMP BACK STORAGE. Mr. Flynn reported on a public meeting he recently attended on the proposed pump back storage. He said that there was really no new information provided.

BUDGET DISCUSSION (Continued). Automation of the North Canal and its impact on the budget was discussed.

USBR LOANS. Mr. Flynn said that he spoke with the manager of West Extension Irrigation District about a USBR loan that they took out and their interest rate was .75%.

CONFERENCES. Mr. Flynn said there are a bunch of conferences which he is being invited to, but that he is only going to go to the annual OWRC Conference this year.

EMPLOYEE VEHICLE USAGE. Mr. Flynn said that the trucks are being turned in for the off season. He said that District foreman are still using their trucks and their use is justifiable. He said there are a lot of calls for utility locates which the foremen have to go out to. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors that they are okay with the District foreman using District trucks during the off season.

OFFICE STAFF. Mr. Flynn reported on the changes to the office staff. He said the new staff is working really well.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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