

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

April 7, 2019

A special 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 April 7, 2019, at 12:20 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	Brett Nielsen
Dan Tschida	Chris Landa

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manger; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Jerry Nagaki, OID Alternate; Larry Meyer, Argus Observer Newspaper Reporter; Dylan Mitchell and Monty Culbertson, Old Owyhee Ditch Company.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Chamberlin said that public notice of the meeting was given as required by Oregon law.

WATER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he finally received a forecast from Reclamation. He said that as of April 1, they are forecasting 474,000 acre feet of inflow into the reservoir. He said that the current storage is 448,000 acre feet. He said that Old Owyhee requested some water to begin flushing out the river and that when the water was turned out into the river, the Dam Power Plant was turned on.

TURN ON DATE. The Committee members discussed the date to turn on irrigation water. Chris Landa said that South Board wants the water turned on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. Mr. Corn said that OID can probably wait until the 15<sup>th</sup> for water. Mr. Landa said that it is pretty dry in the South and they did not get the rains like the North end did. Mr. Culbertson said that Old Owyhee will most likely turn on April 11 or 12. Mr. Eells said that he would like permission for the South to go on the 8<sup>th</sup> with him having discretion to turn on later depending upon the weather. He said a lot of the soil in the South is very sandy.

After discussing the turn on date, a motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried that South Board is authorized to start water on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and OID is authorized to start water on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, with each start date to be possibly later depending upon the weather conditions and demand as determined by each manager.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PLANT. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried ratifying the turning on of the Owyhee Dam Power Plant. Mr. Eldred said that the Tunnel Power Plant is ready to go.

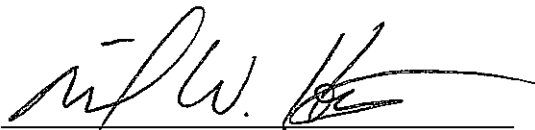
RECREATIONALISTS ON OWYHEE RIVER. The Committee members discussed the impact of recreationalists on the Owyhee River, specifically their impact on operations and infrastructure. Mr. Nielsen noted that the garbage cans along the river are overflowing. Mr. Chamberlin said that BLM is responsible for those, but he doesn't think they are going to begin having them cleaned out until later this spring. He said the Owyhee Project is taking care of the garbage at the boat ramp.

Mr. Chamberlin reported on a meeting he attended with the local fishing group.

MR. CORN COMMENTS. Mr. Corn said that he received a phone call from a water user in OID requesting that water be turned on the 8<sup>th</sup> so that he can get water soon enough as he has an issue with his ditchrider not making the water available as quickly as he should according to the water user.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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