

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

April 21, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 21, 2009, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:40 p.m., Bruce Corn, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Curt Sisson	Jerry Nagaki
Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman (who joined the meeting at 7:53 p.m.)
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, General Counsel; and Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Chamberlin reported that he gave notice to the news media as to the time, date, and place of the meeting on April 16, 2009.

MINUTES. The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 17, 2009, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a monthly financial report which the Directors reviewed.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. The accounts payable for the District were reviewed by the Directors. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on the repairs to the pumps at the Dunaway Pumping Station. A motion was made by Director Sisson, seconded by Director Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as presented.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Generation and Financial Report. The generation report for the Mitchell Butte Power Plant was reviewed by the Directors. Mr. Chamberlin reported that both units at the facility are running. He said that there was a transformer problem that has been repaired and the units are running fine now.

Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin presented the following schedule of accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project:

Malheur Bell	\$244.73
Granger Engineering	481.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>75.00</u>

Total \$801.23

A motion was made by Director Nagaki, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the Mitchell Butte Hydro Project accounts payable.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin passed out a financial report on the Tunnel #1 Power Project for the month ending March 31, 2009. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the plant is currently running and making 3.8 megawatts. He said that he is glad the water was turned on when it was since the whether dried out so much now.

Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin presented the following schedule of accounts payable for the Tunnel #1 Power Project:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$158.31
Granger Engineering	6,617.00
Riverside Inc.	9,290.44
EC Power	886.84
Bolens Control House	149.12
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>383.00</u>
Total	\$17,484.71

A motion was made by Director Tschida and was seconded by Director Nagaki that the accounts payable for the month for the Tunnel #1 Power Project, as listed in the agenda, be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:53 p.m., Director Frank Ausman joined the meeting.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin passed out a financial report on the Owyhee Dam Power Project for the month ending March 31, 2009. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Dam Plant is running okay. Harvey Manser reported on tree trimming and spraying for trees around the power lines.

Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin presented the following schedule of accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project:

AT&T	\$31.79
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	212.33
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP	304.50
U.S. Cellular	114.57
Granger Engineering	6,617.00
V-1 Propane	472.88
Newman Tire	44.95
EC Power Systems	406.48
Riverside Tree Service	4,272.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>303.00</u>
 Total	 \$12,779.50

A motion was made by Director Tschida and was seconded by Director Nagaki that the accounts payable for the month for the Owyhee Dam Power Project, as listed in the agenda, be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

IDAHO POWER BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY PROPOSED POWER LINE.

President Bruce Corn gave an update on proposed Oregon Legislation which would not allow 500 KV lines to be sited on farm ground in Oregon. He updated the Board on how things are progressing with the proposed power line. He said that Idaho Power is looking on all potential routes and that the landowners have had good success in the last couple of months. He warned everyone to remain diligent and not to drop their guard.

BLM NEPA PROCESS ON PROPOSED POWER LINE. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on recent conference calls relating to the proposed Idaho Power Boardman to Hemingway power line.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE CONTRACT. Mr. Chamberlin advised the Board that he plans on getting the ball rolling in May or June on the new office software. He said that he may want to purchase some hardware this month while the prices are down. He said that Mr. Horton is still negotiating the terms of the contract with the software company.

FAMILY LEAVE POLICY. Mr. Chamberlin said that he would like to adopt a new family leave policy which will align with state law. He said that he put sample policies in the Director packets last month and he will work with Mr. Horton to put together a policy document which the Board can adopt in the future.

MIKE WARREN PROPERTY. Harvey Manser reported that the pipeline by Mike Warren's property has been cut off and the pipeline has been rerouted around his property. He said that he documented the removal and District personnel did not touch Mr. Warren's property.

ONTARIO ROAD DISTRICT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Ontario Road District wants to crush gravel and use part of the District property for a staging area. The matter was discussed.

STATE BUDGET CUTS. Mr. Chamberlin reported on proposed state budget cuts. He said that the OSU Experiment Station is on the chopping block and he has been asked to testify on its behalf.

VEHICLE PURCHASES. Mr. Chamberlin said that a vehicle auction is coming up. He said that he will be attending and the District has budgeted for pickup purchases for this year.

DISTRICT INSPECTION REPORT. Harvey Manser said that District staff annually inspect portions of the District. He said that he has put together a report with photos showing areas where work is needed done. Director Ausman suggested that the report book also document repairs when they are made.

WEED CONTROL. Mr. Manser said that the District should have four machines running this fall to clean out the berms in the canal. He said that this lessens weed growth in the canal. He said that there is a promising potential chemical to replace Magnacide that is not licensed in Oregon yet that he is looking at. He said that the Al Garrison line is in and that the Snively Drain line is in and repaired.

PUMPING PLANTS. President Corn asked if the pumping plants will be started earlier this year. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is planning on waiting, watching, and seeing when those plants will be needed to be turned on. He said that the plants are ready to go.

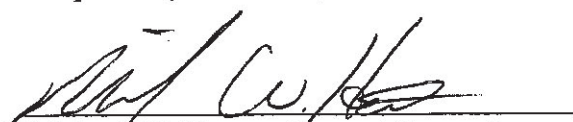
GREEN CREDITS. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is not sure on whether or not the state legislation on green credits will pass. He said that he will check with the gentleman who was proposing the legislation.

DISTRICT BUDGET. Mr. Chamberlin said that payments on annual charges from District patrons have come in slowly this year. He said that the District seems to have more smaller delinquent accounts. He will continue to report to the Board as the season goes on. Director Nagaki said that hopefully the District can stick to the budget this year.

DISTRICT PROJECTS. Mr. Chamberlin said that there is still some cleanup work to do on the Cow Hollow Pipeline Project. He said that he is planning on having staff do that work when things settle down. He said that the settling pond still needs some work and dressed up. He said that the pond is working. He then reported on staffing issues and Mr. Manser said that he is starting to have weeds sprayed at the Ontario end of the project.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_