

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

July 8, 2003

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 8, 2003, at the Twilight Cafe & Lounge, 212 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 1:00 p.m., Bruce Corn, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Fred Schilling
Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Larry White	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Tom Zittercob, Hydro-Electric Supervisor; and Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. President Corn stated that the actions of the Joint Committee need to be ratified. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Schilling, and carried unanimously that the recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee at its meeting on July 8, 2003 pertaining to the following items be approved and the officers of the Owyhee Irrigation District be directed to execute the documents necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Joint Committee, and further, that the staff, including the Project Manager of the Hydro Project, be directed to carry out the steps necessary to perform under the motions adopted by the Joint Committee: 1) setting water allotment at 2.75 acre feet.

HISTORY BOOK. Mr. Chamberlin said that he spoke with Gene Stunz who recommended that Director Schilling meet with the news media to discuss the book. He said that some local copies of the book have been selling. He said that it is important to get the word out that Mr. Stunz is not benefitting financially from the book. He said that Mr. Stunz will now only be coming to Board meetings if asked.

HYDRO REPORT. Tom Zittercob reported that only three total megawatts are coming out of both Mitchell Butte and the Dam Power Plants. He said its going to be a bad summer. Mr. Chamberlin said that this may be a good time to start negotiating with Idaho Power on the Power Sales Contract as Idaho Power is in need of generation sources.

President Corn asked if a pump is turned off at Dunaway if the voltage situation with the dam would be helped. Mr. Zittercob said that it may help but there are no guaranties because the power is not dependable at all from Idaho Power. President Corn asked if anything else could be done. Mr. Zittercob said that the transformers are adjustable and have already been turned up as high as possible. He said that the problem with having them turned up so high is when the power straightens out, there is then too much voltage through the system.

Mr. Chamberlin said that Power Engineers are going to do an assessment at Dunaway to determine what it would take to have all of the pumps running.

Director Ausman asked if there are problems with water users snitching water in the short water year. Mr. Chamberlin said that no more than usual but some users have had their systems locked down. Mr. Chamberlin said that the ditch riders are starting to wear down.

Director Schilling asked if moss control chemicals have been applied lately. Mr. Chamberlin reported that they had and that one last application will be made at the end of this month.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned by President Corn at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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

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June 17, 2003

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on June 17, 2003, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:55 p.m., Bruce Corn, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn  
Frank Ausman  
Jerry Nagaki

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Boyd Esplin, OID Patron; Duane Drydale, OID Patron; and Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Chamberlin reported that he gave notice to the news media as to the time, date, and place of the meeting on June 11, 2003.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of Directors held on May 20, 2003, had been mailed to each Director prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report prepared by Nichols Accounting Group for the month of May. The Directors reviewed the report. The report shows a net loss for the Power Project for the month of May of \$4,715.95 and a net loss for the year of \$71,726.50.

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

AT&T	22.16
Nichols Accounting Group	234.00
Staples	19.98
Malheur Bell	131.06
Riverside Electric	<u>1,200.50</u>
Total	\$ 1,607.70



President Corn questioned the Riverside bill. Mr. Chamberlin said that he thought that the bill was for bearings for a wicket gate. He said that he will investigate and verify the reason for the bill before the check is sent out and then provide the Board with an explanation at the next meeting. A motion was made by Director Nagaki and seconded by Director Ausman that the accounts payable for the month of June, as listed in the agenda, be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

AUTOMATION UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin said that the automation systems are now up and running and everything is working well. President Corn asked if the Sheep Creek site is automated yet and Mr. Chamberlin said that it is. He said that District staff are just now beginning to gather data from the site. He said that he has a five-year plan to automate other sites throughout the District including Tunnel Canyon. Mr. Esplin said that the automated gate by his place has helped quite a bit. Mr. Chamberlin said that the benefit of the gates will really be noticed when the water situation is better. Mr. Chamberlin said that half of the expense of the gates is being paid by the Bureau of Reclamation for water conservation.

BOUNDARY CHANGES. Mr. Chamberlin said that he and Mr. Horton will be meeting with landowners tomorrow with regard to District boundary changes. He said that the Bureau has identified acres receiving District water which are located outside of the District boundaries.

POWER CONTRACT MEETING. Mr. Chamberlin said that he met with Randy Alphin of Idaho Power a couple of weeks ago. He said the meeting was relating to the scheduled reductions in the power prices. Mr. Chamberlin said that he had an opportunity to explain the hardship which that reduction will have on the Districts. He said that Mr. Alphin is conducive to meeting with Mr. Horton and Mr. Nichols to possibly begin renegotiation of the Power Sales Agreements. Mr. Chamberlin said that Mr. Alphin stated at the meeting that Idaho Power agrees that the deficit accounts provided for in the agreements are not debts that are owed but are merely calculations done to determine power rates. Mr. Chamberlin said that Mr. Alphin told him that the power which the Districts provide fill a need which Idaho Power has. Mr. Chamberlin said that he got the impression that Idaho Power would be willing to meet in the middle on renegotiation of the Power Sales Agreements.

DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Dunaway Pumping Plant went down recently because of low voltage. He said it resulted in two exhaust fan motors burning up. He said that Riverside Electric had two motors in inventory which were used as

replacements. Mr. Chamberlin said that he investigated the reason for the low voltage and learned that Dunaway Pumping Plant is actually on the transmission lines and not on the consumer lines. The voltage in the transmission lines are not regulated as much. He said that one pump had to be shut down in order to stay within the voltage limits. He said that he is trying to make up the water difference by running some additional water through Mitchell Butte. Mr. Chamberlin said that he made contact with Bonneville Power Administration with regard to the low voltage and they promised to check into why Idaho Power is allowing the voltage to drop.

LENGTH OF IRRIGATION SEASON. Director Ausman asked Mr. Chamberlin how long he estimates the irrigation season will last. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is not sure. He said that so much depends upon the whether. A discussion was had on how long the water may potentially last.


HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASES. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the increased cost of employee health insurance.

WATER SITUATION THROUGHOUT DISTRICT. Mr. Chamberlin reported that overall, the water users throughout the District have been wonderful and understanding during this drought year. He said that the lower Shoestring users are reliant mainly on runoff water. He said that drains throughout the District are down quite a bit. He reported that the water level in the Snake River at Dunaway has dropped two feet recently. Mr. Drydale asked about the weeds in the Hyline canal and where they are coming from. Mr. Chamberlin attributed the weeds to recent wind storms.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. President Corn stated that the actions of the Joint Committee need to be ratified. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Nagaki, and carried unanimously that the recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee at its meeting on June 17, 2003 pertaining to the following items be approved and the officers of the Owyhee Irrigation District be directed to execute the documents necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Joint Committee, and further, that the staff, including the Project Manager of the Hydro Project, be directed to carry out the steps necessary to perform under the motions adopted by the Joint Committee: 1) authorizing the payment of accounts payable, 2) leaving the water allotment the same by consensus of the Committee, and 3) setting the prices for the History book at \$24.95 per copy, by consensus of the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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