

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

September 21, 2021

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on September 21, 2021, at the 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
Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Chris Landa	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Outgoing Manager of the Hydro Projects; Clancy Flynn, Incoming Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Jerry Nagaki, OID Alternate; John Eells, South Board Manager; and Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, members of the public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on September 17, 2021.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on August 17, 2021, were reviewed by the Committee members. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out financial reports for the Tunnel Power Project which were reviewed by the Committee members. Chairman White said that the Committee may not want to make a bond payment this year. The Committee discussed possibly making an interest payment. It was determined that the matter would be discussed next month.

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

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton	\$1,757.50
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	226.16
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$2,358.66

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out financial reports for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which were 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. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$170.76
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$545.76

ELEVATOR TESTING. Clancy Flynn reported that testing was done on the elevator and that a brake was out of adjustment. He said that the brake was adjusted and the elevator works. He said the door rollers and switches will need to be fixed or replaced which may require the whole elevator to be replaced. Mr. Chamberlin said that management has determined that the public will not have access to the elevator. Mr. Flynn said that during the testing, they were informed that the elevator needs to have an evacuation plan which is being put together. Mr. Chamberlin said the Committee may need to start looking for a grant to replace the elevator. He said the company doing the testing is not sure how much longer the elevator will be viable with the costs of the door rollers and switches. Mr. Flynn said that they are looking at a generator to use for the elevator if the power goes out. He said they are looking at used military generators.

RING GATE REPAIR. Mr. Flynn gave an update on the ring gate repairs. He said that the concrete pumper truck will be able to access the ring gate. He said the Bureau of Reclamation will be inspecting the ring gate in October. Mr. Chamberlin said that staff is prepared to do 60 feet of repair work this off season and the ring gate concrete is being prepped for that work.

BUOY LINE FOR TUNNEL INTAKE STRUCTURE. Mr. Chamberlin reported on a plan for installing a buoy line for the tunnel intake structure. He said that he did not get any calls when the boat ramp closed. He said they plan on opening the ramp back up when the water shuts off.

TUNNEL #1 SUBSTATION POWER PLANT UPGRADE. Mr. Chamberlin said that Idaho Power is wanting to upgrade the substation switch gear on the Tunnel #1 Power Plant like they did on the Dam Power Plant. He said this may result in some startup issues which may require an upgrade to some of the switch gear on the Owyhee Project's side.

HYDRO OFF-SEASON WORK. Mr. Chamberlin reported on planned off-season work on the power plants. He said that he does not anticipate any big expenditures.

STAFFING AT OWYHEE DAM. Mr. Flynn reported that one of the dam tenders is wanting to move back down and become a ditch rider for Owyhee Irrigation District. He said that they will begin looking for a replacement.


CURRENT DROUGHT SITUATION. Mr. Chamberlin said that he and Mr. Flynn are being bombarded by federal agency calls and demands for meetings with regard to the ongoing drought. He said these calls and meetings are taking a lot of management time away from the project and do not seem to be very productive.

B2H POWERLINE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he has not heard anything about the status of the B2H Powerline.

USBR SURVEY READINGS AT OWYHEE DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said that he received a call from the Bureau of Reclamation regarding some survey readings which are showing something going on with the dam and movement of the dam in very small increments. He said such movement is expected, but that the Bureau staff are saying that the current movement was outside of the expected parameters. He said they then looked back and it turns out there was similar movement in the year 2006, which had similar weather. He said the movement is very, very slight and is toward upstream.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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

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

September 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on September 21, 2021, at the District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:45 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Jerry Nagaki
Eric White	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Outgoing Manager; Clancy Flynn, Incoming Manager; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; and Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, members of the public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on September 17, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. President Jerry Nagaki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 17, 2021, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The lists were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

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 there is still one unit running. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is not aware of any needed major repairs, except for the weed rack which should get repaired this off-season.

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

Tekfinity	\$42.95
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$167.95

KINGMAN LATERAL. Clancy Flynn reported on prep work for the repairs for the lateral. He said that he did look into borrowing or renting a gunnite machine, but was unable to find one. He said he did find a new machine for sale for about \$58,000. Director White said there are other projects needed done this year where such a machine could be used. Mr. Flynn said there are many other places it could be used in future years. Director Corn asked about the life expectancy for such a machine. Mr. Flynn explained that at the other place he worked, the machine had lasted for over 20 years and was still going when he left there. He said that cleaning and maintenance of the machine helps it last. Director White asked about South Board of Control sharing ownership or use of such a machine. Mr. Flynn said he will check with the South Board manager to see if they are interested in going in together on a purchase. Director Tschida asked if the budget would support the purchase of a machine. Mr. Flynn said that it would. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried authorizing the purchase of a gunnite machine and further authorizing the manager to inquire with South Board of Control if they are interested in going in as joint owners on such a machine.

FEEDLOT LATERAL PIPING PROJECT. Mr. Flynn reported on the status of the Morgan Feedlot Lateral Piping Project which will be installed this off-season. He said that funding did come in to cover the cost of most of the pipe.

TRASH RACK AT DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT. Mr. Flynn gave an update on the manufacturing of the trash rack for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant. He said that Aqua Systems is manufacturing the trash rack. The Directors discussed the trash rack project.

TRASH RACK AT COW HOLLOW. Mr. Chamberlin said that the trash rack installed at Cow Hollow is working good. He said the trash rack that Aqua Systems had in California has been picked up, but it is still in the yard as there have been too many other projects this off-season.

MENDIOLA FIRE BLM LETTER. Mr. Flynn reported on a letter which he wrote to BLM regarding their demand for payment for fire suppression with regard to the Mendiola fire. He summarized BLM's response to his letter and he said he did not find the response acceptable. He said he and Mr. Chamberlin met with Mr. Horton to come up with some strategies to address BLM's position. He said the Bureau of Reclamation has been contacted about being brought into the discussion with BLM.

DROWNING IN NORTH CANAL. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Chamberlin reported on an elderly lady drowning in the North Canal.

MANAGER TRANSITION. Mr. Chamberlin said that the transition from him as manager will go into effect on October 1, with Clancy Flynn becoming the manager on that date. The matter was discussed.

WATER STORAGE. Mr. Flynn said that the project should end the season with about 60,000 acre feet of water in the reservoir. The Board members discussed the crop year.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. Director Ausman said he had a water user complain to him about the District's response to a request relating to a leaking pipeline through the Esplin place. Mr. Chamberlin explained that the pipeline was an old concrete pipe that cattle have torn up over the years. Mr. Flynn said that they came to the District saying they must get the pipeline fixed this year and he explained that the District does not have money in the budget to take care of it this year. Mr. Chamberlin said the pipeline has been patched in the past and that it will eventually need to be replaced. Mr. Flynn said that the landowner was told that if the landowner could get the pipe, the District could get it installed. He said he and Mr. Chamberlin are still in discussion with the landowner with regard to the situation. Mr. Flynn said he will follow up on this matter.

Director Tschida reported on a concern with regard to a large pile of garbage that a property owner placed near a drain and he is afraid that it may end up in the drain.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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