

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

April 26, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 26, 2022, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 9:20 a.m. Dan Tschida, President of the District presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Frank Ausman

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; and Dan Hart, Member of the Public.

GRANT APPLICATIONS. Mr. Flynn said that he has grant applications ready to go for the Shoestring and North Canal automations. He said that for both of these projects the District contribution which be around \$50,000. He presented two proposed resolutions to move forward with the grant applications. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2022-1 and Resolution 2022-2 both of which are attached to these minutes.

BOARD VACANCY. Mr. Horton said that the County Court will be making its decision on the board vacancy. He then updated the Board members on election and nomination procedures.

GEM 2 PUMPING PLANT. Mr. Flynn said that the South Board has yet to start the Gem 2 Pumping Plant. The Directors discussed the situation and their consensus is that the South Board does need to get the Gem 2 Pumping Plant started to conserve reservoir water.

NEW DITCH RIDERS. Mr. Flynn reported on the new ditch riders and said they are needing help from water users in getting certain systems explained. He said that their training is ongoing. He said that the new ditch riders need to be able to go through and identify head gates. He then explained the concept of consolidated water ordering on some laterals in the District.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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

**OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Shoestring Canal Automated Gates Phase One**  
**Resolution 2022-1**

WHEREAS, the Owyhee Irrigation District is actively seeking to automate as much of the canal system as possible annually; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the benefits that canal automation brings to operations including safety and water savings; and

WHEREAS, the Shoestring Canal (aka Ontario-Nyssa Canal) captures considerable return waters while only having some automated wasteway gates; and

WHEREAS, said lateral provides service to an estimated 5,491 irrigable acres; and

WHEREAS, by adding automated gates the District will more efficiently use these return waters and conserve water to ensure reliable service to these acres; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has available WaterSmart grants to help with financing small-scale water efficiency projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Owyhee Irrigation District authorizes a project to add six automated gates to the Shoestring canal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Owyhee Irrigation District authorizes the pursuit of Reclamation WaterSmart, Small-Scale Water Efficiency monies to help cover the cost of said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Owyhee Irrigation District is capable of and commits itself to providing the funds/in-kind contributions outlined in the grant application and to work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

Dated this 26th day of April 2022.

**OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

  
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**Dan Tschida, Chairman**

**OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
North Canal 32.2 Check Addition  
Resolution 2022-2**

WHEREAS, the District has difficulty with deliveries at times due to insufficient head;  
and

WHEREAS, the laterals and turnouts on the North Canal between mile 31 and mile 32  
are the most impacted by this problem; and

WHEREAS, said laterals and turnouts provide service to an approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres;  
and

WHEREAS, adding a canal check with an automated gate will ensure reliable service to  
these acres during these conditions; and

WHEREAS, additionally the District recognizes the benefits that canal automation brings  
to operations including safety and water savings; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation has available WaterSmart grants to help with  
financing small-scale water efficiency projects.

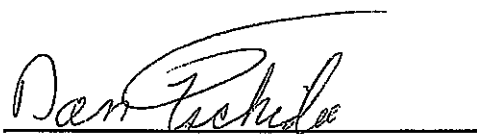
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Owyhee Irrigation District authorizes a  
project to add the 32.2mi check and automated gate to the North Canal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Owyhee Irrigation District authorizes the pursuit of  
Reclamation WaterSmart, Small-Scale Water Efficiency monies to help cover the cost of  
said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Owyhee Irrigation District is capable of and commits  
itself to providing the funds/in-kind contributions outlined in the grant application and  
to work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or  
cooperative agreement.

Dated this 26th day of April 2022.

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