

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

June 16, 2020

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on June 16, 2020, at the District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd, Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:30 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Eric White	Jerry Nagaki

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, District Patrons; Kenny Kimball, OID Employee; Brian Richins, CPA, and Ray Waldo and Delles Waldo, Insurance Agents.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on June 11, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 19, 2020, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the District did pay more overtime. He said that aquatic chemical use has been down with the recent storms and cooler weather. The Directors discussed the report.

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

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was in the Directors packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the units are running good. He said that good water quality has helped.

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

Tekfinity	\$42.95
AT&T	83.46
Century Link	1.63
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$253.04

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. Ray Waldo passed around handouts on the District's Workers' Compensation insurance policy. He said that the policy renews in June. Delles Waldo explained the handouts and noted that the SDAO rates with multi-line discounts are less than SAIF rates. Both Ray Waldo and Delles Waldo recommend staying with SDAO.

2019 AUDIT. Brian Richins presented the audit of the District's finances for 2019. He passed around copies of the audit along with illustrative charts. He said the audit went well. He said that it was a clean audit with no deficiencies. He went through the charts as the Directors reviewed them. Mr. Richins said he will send a copy of the audit in to the Oregon Secretary of State's office. Director Corn asked if the District's internal controls are good. Mr. Richins said that they are.

DERRICK PEARSON UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he and Directors Tschida and Ausman went out to Mr. Pearson's and met with him and the neighbor and viewed the situation. Director Ausman said that some solutions were worked out. Mr. Chamberlin said a new pipe is now in to help rectify the situation. He said the District has taken all measures that it can and that the District should be out of any conflict between the landowners.

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the District is looking at possibly purchasing variable speed pumps for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant. He said they are looking at a potential grant from BPA. He said that engineering is currently being done. Kenny Kimball explained the planned pumps.

FCA PRESENTATION. Mr. Manser said that FCA wants to go over their project design with District staff and then make a presentation on the three different stages of their district-wide analysis. He said that with the Covid-19 pandemic ongoing, the timing for this is still up in the air.

KINGMAN SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Kingman Siphon repairs seem to be working good so far. He said the Kingman liner is still leaking slightly.

PAYROLL PROTECTION ACT. Mr. Horton said that the Directors determined not to make an application for a payroll protection loan at last month's meeting. He said that funds are still available under the program and that the funds could potentially benefit District

Patrons by helping with District projects or decreasing the annual water charges. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried adopting the follow resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Owyhee Irrigation District apply for a Payroll Protection loan through Bank of Eastern Oregon and Manager Jay Chamberlin is authorized to sign all documents necessary to obtain such loan.

MANAGER POSITION. Mr. Chamberlin was asked about his retirement plans. He said that the District will probably advertise for the position at the end of the water season. He said he is currently thinking about retiring in April of 2021.

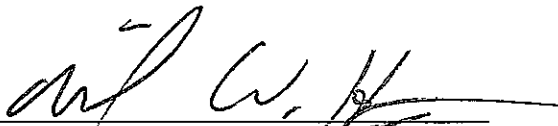
OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING. Mr. Chamberlin said that the old District office building has been looked at by potential buyers.

EQUIPMENT. Director White mentioned a potential auction to sell the rubber tire excavator. Mr. Manser said that the District may still use that piece of equipment. Heavy equipment used by the District was discussed.

PIPELINE AND DRAIN REPAIRS. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on pipeline and drain repairs being done throughout the District. He also provided an update on squatters and vandalism happening along the Owyhee River.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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

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

June 16, 2020

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the Owyhee Irrigation District office at 422 Thunderegg Boulevard, Nyssa, Oregon, on June 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	Bruce Corn (OID Alternate)
Jerry Nagaki	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, OID Patrons; Kenny Kimball, OID Employee; Brian Richins, Auditor; and Ray Waldo and Delles Waldo, Insurance Agents.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on June 11, 2020.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on May 19, 2020, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project which the Committee members reviewed and discussed. Mr. Horton read from an email from Tyler Sweet that said the financial statement does not show any generation for the month because Idaho Power has yet to send out their generation report.

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

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$111.60
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	1,073.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>375.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$1,559.60

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which the Committee members reviewed and discussed.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion authorizing payment of the following accounts payable was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried:

AT&T	297.38
Nichols Accounting	<u>\$375.00</u>
TOTAL	\$672.38

2019 AUDIT FOR HYDRO PROJECTS. Brian Richins, CPA, passed around handouts regarding the audit of the hydro projects which he does as part of the audit of the Owyhee Irrigation District's finances. He went through and explained the handouts and the results of the audit.

EXCESS WATER. The Committee members discussed whether or not excess water should be delivered this season. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried that the allotment be kept at four feet and that no excess water be delivered.

STAFFING AT OWYHEE DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said that he just filled the vacancy at the Owyhee Dam. He said that the new employee starts tomorrow morning. He said the employee will go through training to be a dam tender. He said that once the new employee starts, there will be two dam tenders and a dam superintendent.

FACILITIES AT OWYHEE DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the facilities at the Owyhee Dam Compound. He said that the park opened up on June 1 and the cabins may open up on July 1.

HYDRO OPERATIONS. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the operations of the hydro facilities. He said that there have been no outages as a result of the storms which have come through. He said there has been three inches of rain at the Owyhee Dam since the water was turned on.

COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. Mr. Chamberlin said that the telemetry is currently not working and they are waiting for the automation site to be repaired.

EPA WATER SAMPLES AT OWYHEE RESERVOIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that Owyhee Reservoir was selected by the EPA for water quality sampling. He said the sampling will start some time next month.

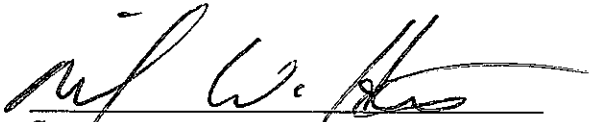
MARTIN LAW CORRESPONDENCE. Mr. Chamberlin read from a letter from Martin Law which the Joint Committee hired to assist with Idaho Power negotiations a number of years back. The letter is a disengagement letter which terminates the engagement of their firm with the Joint Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to sign the disengagement letter.

FERC LICENSE. Mr. Chamberlin said that the FERC licenses for the hydro projects will be ending in about 15 years. He said the Joint Committee will need to start considering starting the license renewal process.

WATER USAGE AND STORMS. Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on water usage as a result of the storms which have continued to come through. He said that usage has been a yo-yo. He said that since the water has come on, a storm has hit the area every weekend.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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