

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

March 20, 2018

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Oregon, on March 20, 2018, at 11:10 a.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Chris Landa	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Brett Nielson

Also present were: John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Linda Henderson, OID Patron; Darla Sebasto, OID Patron; Mr. Sebasto and Mr. Eldred, OID Employees; Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer* Newspaper Reporter; Andy Peutz and Monty Culbertson, Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement Company.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on March 15, 2018.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on February 20, 2018, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A correction to the minutes was made with regard to the drought declaration year. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as amended.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Manser handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. The report was reviewed by the Committee members.

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. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$375.72
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	1,398.70
Sage Engineers	9,483.18
Owyhee Irrigation District	69,646.17
Horton Fluid Power	880.39
Nichols Accounting	<u>340.00</u>

TOTAL                      \$82,124.16

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Manser handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. The Committee members reviewed the report.

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. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried approving payment of following accounts:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$262.14
Sage Engineers	9,483.18
Owyhee Irrigation District	20,289.18
Nichols Accounting	<u>340.00</u>

TOTAL \$30,374.50

WATER ALLOTMENT. Mr. Manser provided a water storage and stream flow report. He noted that Old Owyhee is entitled to their full allotment this year. He said that there appears to be sufficient water in the reservoir for full deliveries of four acre feet. The Committee members discussed the allotment and how much carryover there may be at the end of the season. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman and was seconded by Mr. Corn setting the allotment at four acre feet and providing that no access water be allowed this year. Mr. Nielson asked if the water situation changes, if the Committee could later on pass a motion allowing access water and the consensus of the Committee was that it could. A vote was then had on the motion which passed unanimously.

WATER TURN ON DATE. The Committee members discussed setting a turn on date for the water. Mr. Landa said that the South Board was getting calls for water until the rain started that is now coming. Mr. Manser said OID has not received calls for water yet. Mr. Eells said he was getting calls until the rain started. Mr. Eldred said that OID can be ready to deliver water by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried that the Joint Committee have a special meeting on March 30 at 10:00 a.m., to set the turn on date for some time between April 2 and April 16.

TUNNEL #1 BATTERY BANK REPLACEMENT. Mr. Manser reported that some of the batteries which act as a backup to the backup generator at the Tunnel #1 Power Plant need replaced. He said that staff will be revamping the system with lighting and other changes in order to reduce the amount of energy the backup systems will need to produce. He said that the cost estimate for the battery change out is between \$21,000 to \$61,000. Mr. Eldred said that the batteries have been used as backups on occasion over the years. He said he is confident that the current batteries can be used as is for this season. The Committee members discussed the need for a backup to a backup and the possibility of using another generator instead of batteries for a backup and the cost of that. Mr. Manser said he will investigate using a generator as a backup to the backup generator instead of batteries.

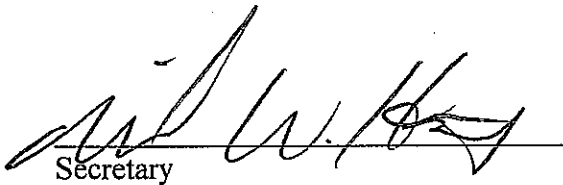
JET FLOW CONDUITS. J.L. Eldred reported on repairs and the touching up of coatings on the inside of the jet flow conduits. He said he is very pleased with the coatings. Mr. Manser said that staff is trying to do touch ups ever year.

ELEVATOR REHAB. Mr. Manser handed out quotes on the elevator rehab. He said that they would like to have the work take place in June. The work would be on just the cables and not the controls. The quote is for \$57,500. Road work to the Dam Plant was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried authorizing the work on the elevator with the expense to be paid 80% out of the hydro funds since the elevator is used primarily to access the Dam Hydro Plant.

OID ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA. Mr. Manser handed out the proposed agenda for the upcoming OID annual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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

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

March 20, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on March 20, 2018, at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Oregon, at 10:00 a.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Eric White	Dan Tschida (who joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m.)
Jerry Nagaki	

Also present were: Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Linda Henderson, District Patron; Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter; and Cliff Sebasto and J.L. Eldred, OID Employees.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held on January 30, 2018, and February 20, 2018, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Manser handed out a monthly financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed the report. Director White noted that the income statement shows a full collection of assessments. Mr. Manser will check with Tyler Sweet at Nichols Accounting to get clarification on the income statement.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. Mr. Manser explained the recent vehicle purchases. The use of vehicles for the hydro projects was discussed. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director White, 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. Past reimbursement to the District from the Mitchell Butte Project was discussed.

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

Verizon	\$20.20
Century Link	238.29
Sage Engineers	9,483.18
Owyhee Irrigation District	53,140.24
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$63,001.91

MALHEUR SIPHON REPAIR. Mr. Manser said that the advertisement for new bids should go out next week. He said that the awarding of bids should be around the time of the next Board meeting. Director Ausman said that District staff needs to get with USBR on using USBR reserves for the project.

KINGMAN SIPHON. Mr. Manser said that the Kingman Siphon Project is completed. He explained the work which was done. He said the post work inspection has been done and it looked good. He said a bill for the work has yet to be received. He said the company that did the work can do all of the District siphons. Mr. Eldred said that he would like to see the inlet of the Malheur Siphon coated. Director Corn suggested that the District look at doing a siphon a year and perhaps have a budget line item for such work.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Manser gave an update on Mr. Chamberlin's status. He said approximately \$700,000 has come in on the incurred charges. He gave an update on ditching and cleaning. He also gave an update on off-season work which was done to get ready for water delivery. Mr. Eldred reported on automation and headgate installation work which was done. Mr. Manser said that he has not yet gotten quotes on a long boom. He then gave an update on spraying weeds. Encroachment of District right-of-ways and trees in the right-of-ways were discussed.

SEUBERT EXCAVATION WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION. Mr. Manser advised the Board of a water rights application which Seubert Excavation filed with Oregon Water Resources Department for a storage right for mining purposes. He said staff will continue to monitor the application and will comment on the application if a comment period is opened up. Mr. Horton said that District staff will need to investigate when the comment period will be and that USBR will also need to be notified.

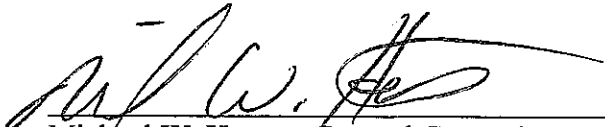
POLICY HANDBOOK. Mr. Manser said that the estimated cost to print and mail the Policy Handbook out to water users would be around \$3,500. He asked the Directors if they want the handbook mailed out or want it on the District website. The Directors discussed the matter and it was the consensus of the Directors to publish the handbook on the District website and have some copies available at the District office for water users to pick up.

SDAO BOARD TRAINING. Mr. Horton said that SDAO has a board training session scheduled for Ontario during the month of May. He encouraged the Board members to attend.

The matter was discussed and after discussion, all of the Board members said they would try to attend.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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