

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

August 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on August 17, 2021, at the District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:50 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Jerry Nagaki
Eric White	Frank Ausman

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 August 13, 2021.

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

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 20, 2021, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Tschida, 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 Ausman, 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. Mr. Chamberlin said there is still one unit running.

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

Tekfinity	\$42.95
FERC	3,725.78
Owyhee Irrigation District	22,102.70
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$25,996.43

KINGMAN LATERAL. Clancy Flynn said that the Kingman Lateral will have to be repaired this off season. He said a temporary repair had to be made in order to keep water in the Kingman lateral. He went on to explain the planned repairs using gunnite. The possibility of buying a gunnite machine was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that HPV pipe would be the best fix, but that it is way too expensive. Mr. Flynn said that he will look into the cost of a gunnite machine. Mr. Chamberlin said there are some big-ticket items which will need purchased this off season.

FEEDLOT LATERAL PIPING PROJECT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the bid is out for the materials on the proposed feedlot lateral pipeline. Mr. Flynn said the concern is the grant money will not be enough to cover the potential cost increases.

TRASH RACK AT DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT. Clancy Flynn said that the District received three responses to the request for proposals that went out for a trash rack for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant. He presented the three responses and Aqua Systems was the lowest at \$283,300 with limited retrofitting work. He said the bids were just for the rack itself and that District staff will be installing it. He said this would be the first step in automating the Dead Ox Pumping Plant. Mr. Chamberlin said that some labor will be saved by having a trash rack installed. Mr. Flynn said that it will help with employee safety. The planned work to install the trash rack was explained by J.L. Eldred. The matter was discussed and Mr. Chamberlin said there is money in the budget to pay for the trash rack. He went on to explain other work that needs to be done this off season. The timing of all of the projects planned for the off season was discussed. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried to award the contract for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant trash rack to Aqua Systems.

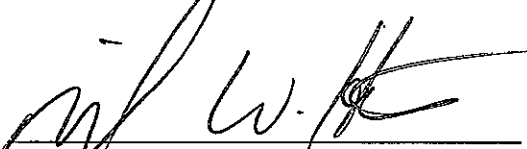
MANAGER TRANSITION. Mr. Chamberlin and that he and Mr. Flynn have spoken and they propose that Mr. Chamberlin step down as acting manager the first of October with Mr. Flynn stepping up to that position. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will continue working for the District and helping out until the first of March. The Directors discussed the matter. The need to fill an office staff position was discussed.

US BANK SIGNATURE CARDS. Mr. Chamberlin presented a proposed Master Service Agreement with US Bank that needs to be signed and have authorized signers sign the signature cards. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried authorizing Jay Chamberlin to sign the Master Service Agreement with US Bank and authorizing all of the Board members, along with Jay Chamberlin, Clancy Flynn, and Michael W. Horton as authorized signers on the account.

MENDIOLA ROAD FIRE. Mr. Chamberlin read a letter he received from BLM with regard to a fire off of Mendiola Road. He said the fire was only on .21 acres of BLM ground and that Adrian Rural Fire Department and District staff were able to contain the fire and get it put out right away. He expressed his frustration with the letter from BLM and said he will take up the matter with them.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

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

August 17, 2021

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on August 17, 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	Jerry Nagaki (OID Alternate)
Brett Nielsen	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; Ryan Nash, South Board Employee; JL Eldred, OID Watermaster; 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 August 13, 2021.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on July 20, 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. The Committee members discussed Old Owyhee Ditch improvement company's water usage.

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

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton	\$1,129.25
AT&T	68.79
FERC	11,092.23
Owyhee Irrigation	42,595.65
Dept. of Consumer & Business	89.60
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$55,350.52

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. The Committee members discussed water releases from the Owyhee Dam.

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

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$265.65
AT&T	10.09
FERC	14,966.48
Owyhee Irrigation	27,683.34
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$43,300.56

RING GATE REPAIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that with the reservoir pool as low as it is, he is wanting to get in and get work done about the time the water goes out. He said the goal is to do 60 to 70 feet of repair work. He said that there may be a problem working in an area they are getting into with a hard curve to get around. He said that the job is anticipated to be a four to five year job with one year behind us. He explained that the hope is to get in with a pumper with the low water levels. Mr. Tschida asked if the concrete shortage might impact the repairs. Mr. Chamberlin said that he does not anticipate problems with getting concrete as the job actually won't take that much.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER POWER ISSUES. Mr. Chamberlin reported that American Falls is going into drought mode the first part of September. He said he does not think that it will hurt the pumping plants that much, but it may affect power availability next pumping season. He said that the B2H power line is still stalled out.

FERC RELICENSING. Mr. Horton reported that he and Mr. Chamberlin had a conference call with the attorneys representing the project with regard to looking at relicensing the facilities through FERC or possibly seeking an exemption and getting authorization through the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Horton explained some of the options available.

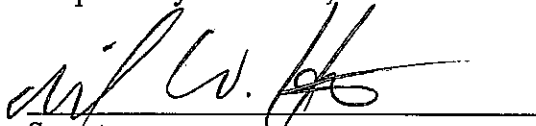
BOAT RAMP AT RESERVOIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will be going up to the reservoir tomorrow to look at the boat ramp which has been getting heavy use. He said he understands the tunnel inlet gate has about five feet of water above it and that the ramp will have to be closed soon. He said that he heard there are issues with the other ramps because of the low water.

BPA CALL. Mr. Chamberlin reported on a phone call he received from BPA about potentially investing in the B2H power line and possibly purchasing power from the Owyhee Projects once the Idaho Power contracts are up. The Committee discussed talks with Idaho Power, potential micro-generation, and solar ground potential.

WATER TURN OFF. Mr. Nielsen said that he has been receiving calls about how long the water will last. Mr. Chamberlin said there is still quite a bit of water on the books, but he believes that water deliveries will be able to go into the end of September and possible the first of October. Chairman White said he believes demand will start to drop off. Clancy Flynn said that there is currently 147,000 acre feet of water in the reservoir.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____