

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

July 19, 2016

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, on July 19, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki
Dan Tschida	Brett Nielson
Eric White	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel; Frank Ausman, OID Alternate; and Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer Newspaper*.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on July 13, 2016.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on June 21, 2016, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel Power Plant which the Committee members reviewed.

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. Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Brian Richins, PC	\$2,050.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,375.00

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. Mr. Corn asked about the Line Bond Payment Account being funded before the Dam Repair and Replacement Account. Mr. Horton said that he believes it is the way the agreement is written, but he will check into the matter further with Tyler at Nichols Accounting Group.

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 following accounts payable:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP	\$1,950.00
Brian Richins, PC	2,050.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,325.00

OWYHEE WATERSHED COUNCIL. Mr. Chamberlin said that a Owyhee Watershed Council meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2016.

OWYHEE DAM BOAT RAMP. Mr. Chamberlin reported on a recent meeting with the USBR Area Manager at the boat ramp. He said a gate has been installed at the ramp. He said buoys still need to be installed by the tunnel intake structure. He explained work which needs done on the ramp itself. He said that USBR will continue to investigate what can be done at the ramp further. Various Committee members gave reasons why the boat ramp should be kept open.

B2H POWER LINE. Mr. Horton gave an update on the B2H Power Line status. He said that he and Mr. Chamberlin have been involved in reviewing the draft EIS Statement. He said that once the cooperating agency review process is completed, that the Statement will go out for public review and comment.

SELP TUNNEL LOAN. Mr. Chamberlin said a meeting is scheduled with SELP representatives on August 23. He said he would like to reschedule the Joint Committee meeting to that date. The Committee members confirmed the date change. Mr. Horton made a recommendation that the Joint Committee bring in Tom Grim, a Portland attorney, to help with the negotiations. The consensus of the Joint Committee members is to have Mr. Grim brought on.

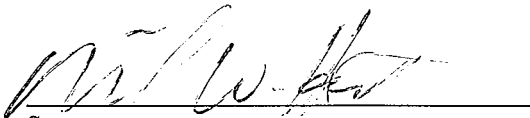
GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ON SNOW MELT OUT. Mr. Chamberlin reported on his recent meetings with a graduate student who is doing research on snow melt out and its impact on stream flows.

WATER SHUTOFF. The consensus of the Joint Committee members is to put a discussion on setting potential shutoff dates on the agenda for next month's meeting.

WATER ALLOTMENT USAGE. Mr. Chamberlin said that it looks as if the project users have used about half of their water allotment so far.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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

July 19, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 19, 2016, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa Oregon, at 8:00 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Jerry Nagaki	Bruce Corn
Dan Tschida	Eric White
Frank Ausman	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; and Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer Newspaper*.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on July 13, 2016.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 21, 2016, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the District prepared by Nichols Accounting Group. The Directors reviewed the report. Director Corn asked if the District is having a normal year on delinquent accounts and Mr. Chamberlin said it is running about average.

DISTRICT STAFF FEE SCHEDULE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he has been having an issue with one of the title companies requesting information and then not following through on notifying the district of real property sales. Mr. Horton stated that that the Board adopted a policy a couple of years ago on fees to be charged for providing copies and other documents. Mr. Horton said that the fee schedule is also to be used for public records requests.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. A Rotor Rooter bill was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Chamberlin explained the service was for a plumbing problem in the District office in Nyssa. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving and ratifying payment of the accounts payable as presented.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The financial report for the month for Mitchell Butte Power Project was in the Director's packets. The report was reviewed by the Directors.

Hydro Report. Mr. Chamberlin said that one unit is running right now.

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

AT&T	\$46.79
Brian Richins, PC	2,050.00
Century Link	132.68
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$2,339.47

BENTGRASS. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the Malheur County Weed Board's action on bentgrass. He said that a committee has now been formed to look further into the matter and the committee is having surveys done.

NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL. Mr. Chamberlin said the application for a permit has been submitted to DEQ. He said the matter is now out for public comment.

MALHEUR SIPHON REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin said that MWH Engineering did their survey work looking at the draw area. Mr. Chamberlin said that more holes need to be drilled at a cost of \$37,500. He said of that amount, \$10,000 would be paid to the driller and the other \$27,500 would go to MWH Engineering. Mr. Chamberlin explained that MWH Engineering also said that there was an additional amount potentially owed to them for the extra work which they have done. Mr. Chamberlin said that amount is still being negotiated. A motion was made by Director Corn, and was seconded by Director White authorizing the additional drilling and payment to MWH Engineering of \$27,500. Director Ausman asked about the other amount claimed owed. Mr. Chamberlin explained that amount has not yet been determined. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a vote on the motion was had and the motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin said that a screen has been installed on 43.2 and it can now be operated in an emergency situation. He reported on getting complaints on aquatic plants and algae. He further reported on a ditch washout and other issues which he has dealt with over the month.

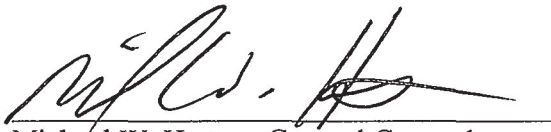
NYSSA RURAL FIRE SUBSTATION. Mr. Chamberlin said that the ground on the fire station has been staked out. Mr. Ausman updated the Board on building plans.

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT. Mr. Manser reported on Riverside Electric's idea of installing a new pump at Dead Ox Pumping Plant. Mr. Chamberlin said that he received an estimate for a trash rack at Dead Ox and it is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. He said this would save in labor costs.

DIRECTOR TSCHIDA. Mr. Chamberlin expressed appreciation for Director Tschida going to the boat ramp meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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