

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

April 23, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 23, 2013, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:05 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Dan Tschida
Eric White	Frank Ausman (who joined the meeting at 8:28 p.m.)
Jerry Nagaki	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; and Max Taggart, Attorney (who joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that notice to the news media as to the time, date, and place of the meeting was given on April 18, 2013.

MINUTES. The minutes of the March 19, 2013, meeting of the Board of Directors were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. Mr. Manser noted that Brule Lehman's title is Environmental Coordinator rather than Foreman. The minutes were corrected. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as corrected.

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a monthly financial report for the District which was prepared by Nichols Accounting Group. The report was reviewed by the Directors. Mr. Chamberlin said that the assessments are coming in slow, but steady. He said there are a fair amount of delinquent accounts. He said that he will need to take a look at them.

At 8:10 p.m., Max Taggart joined the meeting.

Director White asked about the snow survey cost listed on the financial report. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will check into it. Director Corn said that the miscellaneous expenses also need to be checked into. Director White said that he heard that Idaho Power would be shutting off power on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will investigate.

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District's accounts payable for the month was included in the Directors' packets. The lists were reviewed and discussed. Head gate replacement was discussed. Grant reimbursement was discussed. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

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PAYMENT FOR UTILITIES. Mr. Chamberlin said that he would like authorization to pay the utility bills as they come in so that the District does not get the utilities shut off. He said that the timing of the utility bills vary throughout the month and they do not line up with when the accounts payable are paid. The Board of Directors discussed the matter and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize payment of the utility bills with the Board then ratifying such payment when the accounts payable are approved.

At 8:28 p.m., Director Frank Ausman joined the meeting.

SNOW MOODY ROAD PIPELINE. Mr. Chamberlin explained that 300 feet of ditch along Snow Moody Road is being piped. Mr. Manser said that it will be 12 inch pipe and a box. He said that it cleans up a delivery point. Mr. Taggart presented maps of the area which the Directors reviewed. Max Taggart explained that it is partially on his property and he had prepared easements and deeds. Mr. Horton said that he had reviewed the easements and deeds and approves of them. Mr. Manser said that it cleans up an area in the District. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried authorizing the signing of the deeds and easements presented by Mr. Taggart. President Nagaki signed the deeds.

At 8:48 p.m., Max Taggart left the meeting.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The regular monthly financial report was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that they are still getting the repaired unit ready to go. He said that the District has not received a billing for the repair yet. He said that the power plant will be able to operate with one unit.

Accounts Payable. The agenda for the meeting listed the following accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project:

California Electric	\$287.50
AT&T	32.52
Century Link	125.85
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$556.87

A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried that the accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project, be paid.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project for the period ending March 31, 2013. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Tunnel Power Plant unit was started and that they are still tinkering with it.

Accounts Payable. The agenda showed the following schedule of accounts payable for the Tunnel #1 Power Project:

California Electric	\$287.50
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>325.00</u>
Total	\$612.50

A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried that the accounts payable, as presented, for the Tunnel #1 Power Project, be paid.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project for the period ending March 31, 2013. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the power plant unit is in and operating. The repair work which was done was discussed. Pumping and pumping plants were discussed. The need for variable speed pumps at the pumping plants was discussed.

Owyhee Dam Power Project Accounts Payable. The Owyhee Dam Power Project accounts payable were listed on the agenda as follows:

California Electric	\$6,110.69
Verizon	110.56
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP	525.00
Riverside Inc.	145,142.49
Century Link	95.09
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>325.00</u>
Total	\$152,308.83

A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried that the accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project, be paid.

PUMPING PLANTS. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on the extensive repairs made at the pumping plants.

NEWELL PIPELINE PROJECT. Mr. Chamberlin said that a grant for the pipe for phase 2 of the Newell pipeline project has just been applied for. He said that they are looking for a grant for a repeater for automation. He said that there is still enough pipe to go past Carl Lee Hill's property by about a quarter of a mile. Mr. Chamberlin said that he attended a meeting in Washington D.C. last week and that the Federal department heads are pessimistic about the upcoming financial situation. Mr. Manser reported on issues with the new pipeline. Mr. Chamberlin said that overall he is hearing good things from the growers.

HIGHWAY 201 WASHOUT. Mr. Chamberlin said that a culvert had plugged and washed out part of Highway 201. He explained the situation and said that it did not appear to be anything caused by the District. He said that Rod Frahm was running an excavator in the area and it appeared to have caused the plug. The matter was discussed.

WESTERN ELECTRIC COORDINATING COUNSEL BILLING. Mr. Chamberlin said that he received a bill from Western Electric Coordinating Counsel for \$11,000. He said that he has never heard of it before and he will call USBR to see what it is about. Mr. Horton suggested calling attorney Joe Miller if Mr. Chamberlin does not get an answer from USBR.

CANADA TREATY. Mr. Chamberlin said that Norm Semanko has written a letter of concern on the treaty with Canada on the Columbia River. Mr. Chamberlin said that there is an upcoming meeting on the treaty which he will be attending.

HEALTH INSURANCE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he is getting information on increases on the health insurance from PacificSource. He said that he will check with the District's insurance agent and possibly have him come to the next Board meeting.


WATER MEASUREMENT. Director Corn said that Grant 4-D Farms put a pivot in on the Shoestring and that a water patron expressed concern about water measurement for the pivot. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will investigate the matter. He said that Grant 4-D Farms recently paid out on all of its construction charges since it is over the acreage limitations on RRA.

Mr. Chamberlin said that over the last ten years the District has really emphasized water measurement, but that there are still some areas out there that have not been covered yet.

WATER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he has heard from the weather forecasters that it is to continue to be hot and dry. He said that the 3 acre feet allotment is probably where the Districts are going to be at. The water situation was discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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