

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

*March 17, 2026*

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on March 17, 2026, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 1:00 p.m., Eric White, Chairman of the Joint committee presiding.

The following Joint Committee Members were present:

- Gregory Clark
- Eric White
- Frank Ausman
- Bret Nielson
- Joseph Davis
- Chris Landa

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, Hydro Manager
- Carl Sieders, South Board Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Bruce Corn, OID Alternate
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Darla Sebasto, Member of the Public
- Chris Gerando, Member of the Public
- Rob Wagstaff, Member of the Public
- Craig Froerer, Member of the Public
- Lance Peterson, Member of the Public

## MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on March 12, 2026.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on February 17, 2026, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson to approve the minutes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

## TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

### Tunnel #1 Financial Report.

Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that all of the maintenance has been done other than oil is needed.

### 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. Nielson to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

## OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

### Owyhee Dam Financial Report.

Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members.

### Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable as listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Landa to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

## WATER ALLOTMENT.

Mr. Flynn said that last month the allotment was set at 3.3 feet per acre. He said there is currently enough water in the reservoir to supply 3.4 feet per acre. He said that unless the watershed gets a lot of rain, the reservoir will not allow a 4 foot per acre allotment this year. He said that 3.5 feet per acre could be done if the pumps are started right away. The matter was discussed and after discussion, Mr. Nielson made a motion to set the allotment at 3.5 feet per acre. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landa. A vote on the motion was had. The motion passed with all Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

## TURN ON DATE.

The turn on date for reservoir water was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that he has not received any calls wanting water yet. Mr. White said that his area could use water by April 1. Mr. Landa said that South Board thought that the 6<sup>th</sup> of April would be a good start date. Mr. Wagstaff, Mr. Froerer, and Mr. Peterson each said that they could live with the water being turned on April 6. A motion was made by Mr. Landa to turn on the water on April 6. Mr. Ausman seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was had. The motion passed with all of the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

## OID STAFF RESTRUCTURE.

Mr. Flynn explained how staffing at OID is being restructured. He said that it will affect the dam and hydro operations. He said there are two new dam tenders. He said that one will be living at the

dam compound full time, while the other one will commute. He explained how Steve Smith will provide training to the new dam tenders, OID staff who help out at the dam, and potential outside contractors.

DAM COMPOUND WORK.

Mr. Flynn said that the washroom at the dam compound is almost done. He said there is still some electrical, ditching, trenching, and cleanup to do.

VEHICLES FOR DAM TENDERS.

Mr. Flynn said that he is looking at getting a couple of vehicles for the dam tenders.

OWYHEE FIELD DAYS.

Mr. Flynn said that Owyhee Field Days is coming up next month. The matter was discussed.

DATE OF NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next Joint Committee meeting was set for April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

IDAHO POWER WORK AT DAM.

Mr. Flynn said that Idaho Power still has not started their work below the Owyhee Dam. He said they have also not gotten back to Steve Smith.

B2H POWERLINE.

The Committee members discussed construction on the B2H powerline.

INSURANCE PAYMENTS.

Mr. Flynn explained the timing of payments of the hydro insurance premiums affect how they show up on the financial statements.

CHRIS GERANDO.

Mr. Gerando asked how much water would be released on the start date into the Owyhee River. Mr. Peterson said that Old Owyhee Ditch will probably take between 100 to 150 cfs around April 1. Mr. Gerando asked about campsites and parking at the Dam Compound. Mr. Flynn said that the goal is to open up the campsites on July 4. He said that parking by the picnic area will be affected during construction. He explained why the parking has been moved back. Mr. Flynn said that he will measure to see if there is enough room for a small parking area near the picnic area.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED: