

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

March 25, 2024

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:00a.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Bruce Corn
Gregory Clark	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	Bret Nielson

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Carl Sieders, South Board Manager; Dan Tschida, OID Alternate by phone; Peter Cooper and Ryan Hendricks, USBR; Lance Peterson, OID Patron, JL Eldred, OID Operations Manager, Steve Smith OID Hydro Manager, and Krista Kinzer, OID Office Administrator to take Minutes.

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

MEETING NOTICE. It was noted that public notice of the meeting was given.

Chairman White confirmed the Special Joint Meeting was called after reaching the criteria set at the previous meeting of 5,000 cfs at Rome or 600kaf in reservoir and to review the data from the Snow Flight, flown by OID Manager, Clancy Flynn & Chairman Eric White on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 & decide on maintaining or changing the flow released into the Owyhee River after decreasing it to 250 cfs last week.

SNOW FLIGHT REPORT. Mr. Flynn reported on his snow flight flown 3/22/2024. He reported 12" loss of snow at Succor Creek, flew over mudflat & area has several rocks visible, Cow Lake appeared full. Snow flight revealed a loss in snow coverage.

Clancy Flynn reports the April forecast is predicting colder than normal weather. He is guessing we will not see a huge influx in flows due to the current snow pack & weather predictions. Predicting 1,000 cfs – 4,000 cfs flows until it heats up.

USBR CONDITIONS REPORT. Peter Cooper from USBR presented forecasts from 2 websites predicting a cold weather at night & minimal precipitation over the next 10 days indicating a slow in flows until the weather heats up above 70 deg.

JL Eldred, OID Water Master, reported current burn plan & status as well as the new gate, WB gate, & Pumping Plants status. Reports all will be done & ready for water start April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

After discussion lasting approximately 25 mins, a motion was made by Chairman Eric White, second by Mr. Ausman and unanimously carried to maintain current flows released by the Dam, Schedule a Special Joint Board Meeting for Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and schedule an additional meeting earlier than Friday in the event reservoir above 650kaf OR flows from Rome increase above 6,000 cfs.

Mr. Neilson, South Board of Control Board Member asked when they could begin receiving water to charge pipelines. The consensus of the Committee Members is to allow South Board & OID Managers to discuss & make a final decision on this matter.

Chairman Eric White requested to add discussion about water start plan to Friday's agenda. Chairman Eric White requested to invite Old Owyhee Manager, Monty Culbertson to Friday's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Krista Kinzer, OID Office Administrator

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_