

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

December 20, 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 December 20, 2016, at 1:05 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Brett Nielson	Eric White
Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki
Dan Tschida	Ryan Criffield (South Board Alternate)

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; J. L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Frank Ausman, OID Alternate; Mark Carpenter, OID Employee; and Larry Meyer, *Argus Observer* Reporter.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on December 14, 2016.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on November 22 2016, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

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

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 Brett Nielson, seconded by Dan Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna	855.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,180.00

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin 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 listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$325.00

ELEVATOR AT DAM. J.L. Eldred reported on the work which was done on the elevator at the dam. He said the elevator passed inspections and load tests. He explained the load testing process. He said that dam staff will be allowed to do some of the maintenance on the elevator following approved guidelines which the elevator company is putting together. He said they are in the process of getting the permit for the elevator. He said they have been notified that they can go ahead and operate the elevator pending the issuance of the permit. He said the permit will be with the state of Oregon and is good for two years. He said the elevator company will do annual inspections. He said some items will need to be replaced. He said the elevator shaft needs lighted. He said the electrical panels are still in working order. Mr. Chamberlin presented a bill for \$15,750 from the elevator repair company. He said \$10,000 has already been paid to the elevator company and that their total billing was \$25,750. Mr. Chamberlin said their quote was between \$40,000 to \$50,000. He said there will be costs for annual inspections. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of \$15,750 for the elevator work and service manual preparation billed by Mobility Concepts, Inc. Mr. Tschida suggested getting some spare parts for the elevator while they are still available.

HYDRO REPORT. J.L. Eldred said the hatch is back on at the Dam Plant. He said there is a new battery charger which needs to be installed. He said the charger was purchased a number of years ago, but was never installed. He said the wicket gates could not be inspected because of the water levels, but he said according to Riverside Electric, there are good indicators that the wicket gates are in good shape.

Mr. Eldred said that on the Tunnel Power Plant, a pipe on the 100 horse-power motor on the dewatering pump went bad. He said a new pipe is being put in at a cost of \$13,500. He said there is also a computer communication issue with the power plant which is being looked into. He said that the pipe work and the pump will be in, in January. He said there are some coatings and testing which will need to be done. He said overall the Tunnel Power Plant looks good.

MEETING WITH BOR AT OWRC MEETING. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the meeting he, Mr. Tschida, and Mr. Horton had with BOR staff at the annual OWRC meeting. He said that on the boat ramp BOR staff are still looking at options but the meeting seemed pretty positive. Mr. Chamberlin said that he further requested an updated Owyhee basin study.

B2H POWER LINE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he met with Idaho Power about pole placement near the Kingman Lateral area. He said BOR staff has finally filed written comments on the proposed power line. Mr. Chamberlin said it appears Idaho Power is willing to move the location of the power lines to avoid the slide area in the Kingman Lateral area. He stressed that the proposed placements are still just alternatives.

OWYHEE DAM BUDGET. Mr. Manser handed out a proposed budget for the Owyhee Dam. He said that it includes an increase in PERS of 25%. Mr. Chamberlin said there is still dam compound electrical upgrading which needs done but which is not included in this budget. Historical District issues were discussed. Mr. Eldred said there may be money available from BPA for lighting at the dam. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried to approve the dam budget.

WATER FORECAST. John Eels said there is over 200,000 acre feet of water in the reservoir. Mr. Chamberlin said that the snotel report from NRCS shows the basin and snow levels at 142% of average. He said overall the basin is off to a good start. He said the long-range forecast is for dryer weather. He said he has heard a lot of praise in the community about how the Joint Committee carried over water in the reservoir.

HELLS CANYON DAM RE-LICENSING. Mr. Horton read an email letter from Al Barker requesting a letter on behalf of the Joint Committee with regard to the re-licensing of the Hells Canyon Dam. The state of Oregon is wanting to require fish reintroduction above the Hells Canyon Dam complexes. The state of Idaho is strongly opposed to Oregon's proposal. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried authorizing Mr. Horton to write a letter on behalf of the Joint Committee expressing their opposition to fish reintroduction above the Hells Canyon Dam Complex.

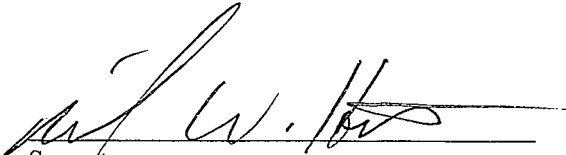
TUNNEL BOND WITH SELP. Mr. Horton updated the Joint Committee on negotiations with the state of Oregon on the Tunnel Bond. He said that he has written an email letter to representative Cliff Bentz requesting some legislative assistance.

NORTHWEST IRRIGATORS OPERATORS' MEETING. Mr. Chamberlin said there will be a Northwest Irrigators Operator's meeting coming up and they will be touring an irrigation district in Yuma, Arizona.

IDAHO WATER USERS ASSOCIATION. Mr. Chamberlin reported that Norm Semanko will no longer be the head of the Idaho Water Users Association.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____