

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

October 22, 2019

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on October 22, 2019, at the District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd, Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	Jerry Nagaki

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, District Patrons; and Rob Bair, District Employee.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on October 16, 2019.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 17, 2019, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed and discussed the report. Pickup purchases were discussed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists and asked questions. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The Mitchell Butte Power Project financial report was in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the trash rack needs work. Mr. Horton read from an email from Tyler Sweet with regard to corrections to the financial statement.

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

AT&T	\$86.70
Tekfinity	42.95
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
Total	\$254.65

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel Power Project. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Horton read from an email from Tyler Sweet with regard to the Tunnel and Dam bank accounts and advising District staff to give some thought to potential repairs or costs needed between now and next April in considering how much money could be paid towards the bond. Director Corn said that the Joint Committee should be able to make a large payment towards the bond in November.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin presented a list of accounts payable for the month. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable for the Tunnel Power Project as follows:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$224.76
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	496.75
Brian Richins	3,250.45
Nichols Accounting	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,341.96

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Dam Plant was run until October 15.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin presented a list of accounts payable for the month. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project as follows:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$170.58
Nichols Accounting	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$520.58

EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE. Rob Bair said that he is attending the meeting on behalf of the Employee Committee. He handed out the Committee's proposal for wage increases for 2020. The employees are requesting a 1% increase in hourly rate for all employees, along with a

3% incentive increase to be determined by annual evaluation. The employees would also like to request that the HRA amounts remain the same for 2020 at \$4,250 for individuals and \$8,500 for families. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will be meeting with the insurance agent on health insurance in a couple weeks. He said that he will check with Tyler Sweet on the potential PERS increases. The potential impact of the Oregon Pay Equity Act on incentive pay increases was discussed.

DIRECTOR POSITION. Mr. Horton explained that after publishing notice of submitting petitions for Director position for the Fifth Division, only one petition was filed. He explained that Oregon law provides that in such event, an election is not necessary and the individual submitting the petition can be appointed as a director. He said that Jerry Nagaki submitted the only petition for the Fifth Division. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried appointing Jerry Nagaki as director of the Fifth Division for a 3-year term beginning the second Tuesday in January, 2020.

MALHEUR SIPHON UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin said that this Friday will be the final, final, final Bureau walkthrough on the Malheur Siphon. He explained about finish work being done. He said that staff will be working on a couple of expansion joints after the walkthrough.

SNIVELY SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said that staff will be doing inspections with climbing ropes on the Snively Siphon. He said that they have been talking to a company about doing some repair work on the Kingman #2 Siphon and may talk to that company about the Snively Siphon depending upon staff inspections. He said they may also have the company look at the ring gate. Staff will also be inspecting Tunnel #1, Black Willow, Owyhee Siphon, and the Dead Ox Pumping Plant intake and grating.

NEW BUILDING. Mr. Chamberlin said that the moving into the new building is still ongoing. He said that Ontario staff were here in Nyssa today for the first day. He said that some job descriptions and duties are being changed.

OFF-SEASON WORK. Mr. Chamberlin said that District staff have started working on drains. He said there is red rock to be hauled out of the canyon. He said that Vista View demolition needs to be done.

SALE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY. Mr. Chamberlin said that he requested proposals from realtors on selling the District property. He said that he received quotes from Mel Beck Realty and Waldos, but nothing from Malheur Realty. He said that Mel Beck Realty said they would list the property for \$127,500 while Waldos recommended a listing of \$110,000. He said that Mel Beck Realty quoted a commission of 6% and that no commission quote was given from Waldos. The Directors discussed the proposals and after discussion, a motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried accepting Mel Beck Realty's proposal and authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to notify Richard Beck that the asking price start at \$150,000. Mr. Chamberlin said that he had a gentleman ask him about the lot across from the new building.

IDAHO POWER DAM SUBSTATION WORK. Mr. Chamberlin said that Idaho Power's planned work at the substation at the Dam has been delayed. He said that one of their components did not arrive. He said the work may not be able to go until next month. He said the estimated time to complete the work is three weeks.

WATER SPILLING. Director Corn asked about spilling below the reservoir. He said the gauging station is showing a spill of 50 cfs. Mr. Chamberlin explained the current spill amount. Director Corn expressed worry about setting a precedent about higher flows beyond what the District agreed to with the Bureau.

PUMP BACK STORAGE FERC FILING. Mr. Chamberlin said that a company called Owyhee Energy, LLC, has applied to FERC for a study on a pump back storage at the Owyhee Dam. He said it is similar to the pump back storage proposal that was filed on a few years ago. Mr. Chamberlin then handed Mr. Horton the filing and asked him to investigate and determine if any comments need filed with FERC.

TRIBAL VISIT. Mr. Chamberlin said that a new liaison with the tribe has been appointed by Reclamation. He said that he was notified by the liaison that the tribe is requesting a visit to the Dam.

POTENTIAL FEDERAL LEGISLATION. Mr. Chamberlin said that a group led by Senator Wyden has been putting legislation together regarding potential wilderness around the Owyhee Dam. He said that the Duck Valley Tribe is now wanting to participate.

GOVERNOR BROWN'S WATER VISION COMMITTEE. Mr. Chamberlin said that Governor Brown's Water Vision Committee is coming to Ontario to have a meeting on Monday. He asked if any of the Directors are willing to attend the meeting.

WINTER RELEASES IN RIVER. Winter releases into the Owyhee River, along with power operations, were discussed.

OWEB CHANGES. Potential changes at OWEB were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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