

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

November 22, 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 November 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Brett Nielson	Eric White
Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; and Michael W. Horton, Secretary.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on November 16, 2016.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on October 25, 2016, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Ausman, 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 Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	476.76
AT&T	94.64
Owyhee Irrigation	49,303.20
SDAO	14,045.50
OWRD	3,758.04
Nichols Accounting	<u>1,860.00</u>
TOTAL	\$69,538.14

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. Corn, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton, LLP	\$4,164.04
SDAO	9,044.50
OWRD	2,220.28
Owyhee Irrigation	49,565.56
AT&T	40.06
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	337.22
Nichols Accounting	<u>1,860.00</u>
TOTAL	\$67,231.66

OWYHEE DAM HISTORIC RESERVATION PROPERTIES TOUR WITH USBR.

Mr. Chamberlin said that staff members from USBR came over and did a tour of the dam with regard to its historical properties. He reported on the specifics of the tour and said that it went well. He then explained some requirements for maintenance processes for the dam and some of the buildings in the compound since it is on the historic register.

ELEVATOR AT DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said the people who will be doing the repair work on the elevator at the dam will be here next week. He explained historic preservation issues with regard to the elevator.

BOAT RAMP AT DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will be meeting with USBR staff next week with regard to the boat ramp at the dam. He said that the concrete for the ramp itself has been poured. He said erosion protection concrete still needs to be poured. He then handed out a copy of the letter which he sent to USBR regarding the boat ramp. Mr. Chamberlin said that the area manager for USBR informed him that they have staff working on the boat ramp issue.

OWYHEE BASIN STUDY. Mr. Chamberlin said that when he meets with USBR next week, he will again request the Bureau to move forward with an Owyhee River Basin Study.

WEATHER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he recently attended a meeting at which weather forecasts were presented. He gave the Committee members each a handout on precipitation outlook. He said that weather experts are not in agreement. He said some experts

are saying that the winter may be comparable to the winter of 2014. He said some experts are predicting that temperatures over the winter will be colder than they have been the last two years but higher than normal.

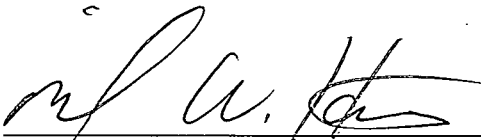
OWYHEE DAM BUDGET REVIEW. Mr. Chamberlin said that he wants to wait on a budget review for work to be done at the dam and dam compound until the elevator inspection is completed.

TUNNEL BOND NEGOTIATIONS. Mr. Horton updated the Committee on negotiations with Oregon Department of Energy on the Tunnel Bond. He reported on numbers which were given to the department calculating potential net income. He said that just before the meeting he received a phone call from John Hobbs at SELP who said that the Tunnel Bond debt has not been included in Oregon Department of Energy's refinancing attempts. He said this is because they are only refinancing tax free issues.

B2H POWER LINE UPDATE. Mr. Horton and Mr. Chamberlin updated the Committee on the status of the B2H Power Line process.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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