

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

October 17, 2017

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 October 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Dan Tschida	Eric White
Chris Landa	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Linda Henderson, OID Patron; Darla Sebasto, OID Patron; Bruce Corn (OID Alternate); Linda Rowe, SWCD; Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter; OID Employees: Robert Bair, Brad Goul, and Carl Morton; Cattlemen: Chris Christianson, Brad Goul, Steve McBride, and Dan Andersen.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 11, 2017.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on September 19, 2017, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, 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. The report 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. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Ausman and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$112.20
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	720.00
Cable Huston LLC	1,207.50
SDAO	3,270.01
Nichols Accounting	<u>650.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,959.71

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Plant. The report 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. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving payment of following accounts:

Oregon Dept. of Energy	305.85
Nichols Accounting	<u>430.00</u>
TOTAL	\$735.85

DAM ELEVATOR REPAIRS. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Committee on repairs to the elevator at the Dam. He said that lights in the elevator shaft have been installed. He said the shaft has been cleaned out and that the cables now need repaired. He said the estimated cost of the cables is \$30,000. This cost does not include installation. The Committee members discussed the repairs needed and also the fact that the elevator is a necessary component for operation of the Dam Power Plant. Water infiltration into the elevator shaft was discussed.

PARAPET WALL WALKWAY REPAIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that the parapet wall has heaved up and it does not look good, but it does not appear to be structurally damaged. He said that USBR staff will be inspecting the wall. He said it looks like the damaged concrete will need to be jack hammered out in order to complete the inspection.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PLANT MAINTENANCE. Mr. Chamberlin said that components have been ordered to update the communication system for the Tunnel Power Plant. He said the cost is around \$5,000. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried authorizing the purchase.

TUNNEL POWER PLANT FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM. Mr. Chamberlin said that the CO2 fire suppression system at the Tunnel Power Plant needs to be renewed. He reminded the Committee members that he brought this up in the past. The CO2 presents a hazard to any employees in the plant should the system go off. He said there are respirators available to the employees, however, they have a fairly short time to get the respirators on and then to evacuate the plant. He said the insurance company was asked about allowing the suppression system to be removed and they have given their okay. Mr. Chamberlin read from a letter from the Ontario Fire Chief agreeing with the removal so long as the plant has a fire detection system and fire extinguishers in place. Mr. Chamberlin said these items are in place. He said if the system is removed, he will add some larger fire extinguishers. The matter was discussed in detail by the Committee members. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members to have the CO2 fire suppression system removed. Mr. Chamberlin said he will add some air quality sensors at the plant.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PLANT MAINTENANCE. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Owyhee Dam Power Plant has run really well for the season. He said the Old Owyhee Ditch Company will be shutting off water to their patrons next week and the Dam Power Plant will go off at that time. He said the plant is already beginning to be ramped down.

TUNNEL BOND AGREEMENT. Mr. Horton presented a proposed agreement with the Oregon Department of Energy on the repayment of the Tunnel bond. He said that he had reviewed the agreement and recommends its approval with a few minor changes. He said that the Portland attorney still needs to review it. Mr. Horton made a recommendation to the Committee that they approve the agreement subject to legal counsels' review and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving the Tunnel Bond Agreement subject to attorney final approval and recommending to the individual districts that they approve the agreement.

WINTER WEATHER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he recently attended a meeting with the NOAA weather forecaster who gave the three-month weather forecast. He said that La Nina is building and that the three-month forecast is for above normal precipitation with slightly above or below normal temperatures.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____