

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

August 31, 2021

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on August 31, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at Owyhee Irrigation District office, at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon to discuss water shut off. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Bruce Corn	Dan Tschida
Brett Nielsen	Chris Landa

Also present in person were: Jay Chamberlin, Outgoing OID Manager; Clancy Flynn, Incoming OID Manager; John Eells, South Board Manager; Jerry Nagaki, OID Alternate; Chris Lammons, South Board Employee; Monty Culbertson and Dylan Mitchell; Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement Company Staff; and J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster. Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel was present by conference telephone.

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

WATER SHUT OFF DATE. Jay Chamberlin said that OID has been getting phone calls as to when the water will shut off. John Eells and many of the Joint Committee members said they have been getting asked as well. Mr. Chamberlin said that he thought it would be good for the Joint Committee to get a date out there as to when the shut off will occur so that the patrons can make their plans.

Mr. Chamberlin said that OID has about 20,000 acre feet of water yet to be delivered on the books. He said that the delivery system is not at free flow yet, but is getting close. He said there is currently 112,361 acre feet of water in the reservoir. Mr. Flynn said that looking at historic uses, the South Board should run out of water on September 29 and OID around the first of October. Mr. Eells gave a report on the water needs for the South area and projected usage.

The Joint Committee members discussed setting a potential shut off date. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman to shut off the irrigation water, including the pumping plants, on October 1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielsen. A vote on the motion was had. Committee members Frank Ausman, Brett Nielsen, Eric White, Bruce Corn, and Chris Landa voted in favor of the motion. Committee member Dan Tschida voted against and the motion passed on a vote of five to one. Mr. Tschida said that the reason for his no vote is that he thinks the water should be shut off earlier in order to conserve water for next year.

WATER USAGE. J.L. Eldred updated the Joint Committee on water usage in the Owyhee Irrigation District. Mr. Chamberlin said that demand for water has remained high throughout the season.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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