

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

October 20, 2020

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on October 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. by teleconference in compliance with Malheur County Covid-19 Resolution. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Jerry Nagaki	Dan Tschida
Chris Landa	Brett Nielsen (who joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.)

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Bruce Corn, OID Alternate; John Eells, South Board Manager; Kenny Kimball, OID Employee; and Darla Sebasto, OID Patron.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 15, 2020.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on September 22, 2020, were reviewed by the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. The financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project was included in the meeting packets which each Committee member received. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Tunnel Power Plant ran until the water was shut off. He said that Tyler Sweet with Nichols Accounting, will present information to the Committee on making a bond payment next month.

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. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton	\$795.50
Oregon Idaho Utilities	114.24
Owyhee Irrigation	34,955.94
Nichols Accounting	<u>375.00</u>

Total	\$36,240.68
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OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. The financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project was included in the meeting packets which each Committee member received. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement Company shut their water off at the same time the Tunnel water was shut off.

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. Nagaki, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$302.66
Owyhee Irrigation	57,525.80
Nichols Accounting	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$58,203.46

RING GATE CONCRETE REPAIR. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the repairs being done to the concrete on the ring gate. He said that they are finding that the whole ring is delaminating all the way around. He said that it has been determined that the best approach is to build a platform to access the structure with a crane. He said this will be a multiyear project. He said that scaffolding is working well. Mr. Chamberlin explained the planned work. He estimates that crews can do about sixty to ninety feet per season. He said the scope of the work has changed significantly now that they have determined that the damage is all the way around the ring gate. Mr. Chamberlin said that the South Board has offered men and equipment to help with the repairs on the ring gate.

OWYHEE DAM POWER PLANT SUBSTATION MODIFICATION. Mr. Chamberlin said that Idaho Power has subcontracted the work out on the substation modification. He said they are planning to do the work the end of October. He said they have submitted a proposed confidentiality agreement with regard to their equipment and plans which they are asking to be signed. Mr. Chamberlin said that he had Mr. Horton review the proposed agreement and that Mr. Horton came back with some changes which have been submitted to Idaho Power.

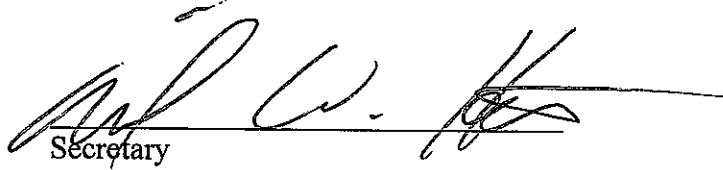
TUNNEL POWER PLANT BATTERY REPLACEMENT. Mr. Chamberlin said that the batteries for the Tunnel Power Plant have been hauled up there. He said that the batteries are now down in the hole. He said they now need to dismantle the existing battery racks.

MALHEUR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR THE OWYHEE ACT. Mr. Chamberlin said that he spoke to Andy Bentz on the status of the proposed Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act legislation. He said the bill is held up in committee right now.

B2H POWERLINE. Mr. Horton said there are no updates to report on the B2H powerline.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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

October 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on October 20, 2020, telephonically due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic in compliance with the Malheur County Resolution on gatherings, at 7:30 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki
Frank Ausman	Eric White
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Kenny Kimball, OID Employee; and Darla Sebasto, OID Patron.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 15, 2020.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 22, 2020, 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. A financial report was provided to each Director in their packets. The financial report was reviewed. Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on the District's PPP Forgiveness application. The matter was discussed.

District Accounts Payable. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The lists were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that two skids of chemical that had been ordered were cancelled. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed and discussed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the trash rack has issues and will be needing repairs, along with some other items in the plant. The Directors discussed the needed repair work with Mr. Chamberlin. Mr.

Chamberlin said that he does not yet have an estimate for the repair work. Mr. Kimball gave an update on the contractor doing the work at the Mitchell Butte Power Plant. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the repair experience current OID staff have with hydro, pump, and machine work.

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

Owyhee Irrigation	\$15,349.74
AT&T	46.93
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,521.67

DIRECTOR POSITIONS. Mr. Horton explained that after publishing notice of the right to submit petitions for Director positions for the Second and Fourth Divisions of the District, only one petition for each division was filed. He explained that Oregon law provides that in such event, an election is not necessary and the individual submitting the petition for the division can be appointed as a Director. He said that Frank Ausman submitted the only petition for the Second Division and that Dan Tschida submitted the only petition for the Fourth Division. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried appointing Frank Ausman as Director of the Second Division and Dan Tschida as Director of the Fourth Division, each for a 3-year term beginning the second Tuesday in January, 2021.

HRA AND FSA ACCOUNTS. Mr. Chamberlin said that the District provides HRA and FSA accounts to the employees. He said that if the Board wants to continue those accounts as they are, that a motion to do so must be passed. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried to continue the HRA and FSA accounts for the employees as they are for another year.

FCA MODERNIZATION PLAN. Mr. Chamberlin said that he had a good conference call with FCA staff this passed month. He said that they plan on doing a virtual presentation on the modernization plan at next month's Board meeting. Mr. Chamberlin explained how the Modernization Plan will help the District with pipeline projects. He said he thinks it will be very helpful and create some real opportunities for the District.

FALL WORK SCHEDULE. Mr. Chamberlin reported on planned fall work. He said that there are currently two excavators working on the high lift and middle lift. He said the excavators will then move to other areas. He said the pipe under the Old Owyhee Ditch is being sleeved right now. He said that he believes the earthquake shook some things up more than was originally thought. He said there are a lot of little issues being identified throughout the District. The handling of spoil and dealing with landowners was discussed.

Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on the work being done at Cruckshank's. He also reported on other planned work for the offseason, including repairing some leaks on the Kingman liner.

COVID-19. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on District operations.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the surplus equipment which was recently sold and what some of it sold for. The Directors were surprised by the good prices the District received for the surplus property.

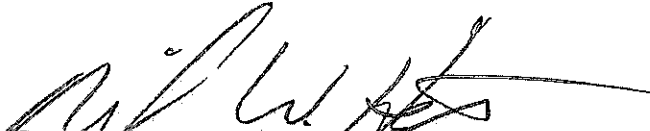
EMPLOYEE PROPOSAL. Mr. Chamberlin said that he was unable to get a quote on the potential cost for health insurance for employees for next year. Mr. Horton advised the Board that his firm recently renewed their insurance at a price 3% lower than last year. Mr. Chamberlin said that Tyler Sweet, CPA, does not think there will be a big increase next year in PERS. He said he will have better PERS numbers next month. Employee retirements were discussed. Mr. Chamberlin reported that Harvey Manser will be retiring the end of the year.

WEATHER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on what he has heard on long-range forecasts. He said he has been hearing mixed forecasts so far.

EXCESS WATER. Director Tschida voiced concern on not allowing excess water when at the end of the season, there was some water in the laterals while the District tried to deliver water to those users who had not used all their water yet and ordered it at the end of the season. The matter was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____