

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

July 21, 2020

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 21, 2020, at 7:32 p.m., telephonically due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn
Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida
Eric White
Jerry Nagaki

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; and Jake Conde, Attorney.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on July 16, 2020.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 16, 2020, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. A financial report for the District was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed and discussed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the PPP funds came in and the money is in the District account. Director Tschida asked for a review of the PPP program and Mr. Chamberlin explained saying that the District received \$217,000. The matter was discussed.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the payment of the accounts payable. The gopher fund was discussed.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors packets which the Directors reviewed and discussed. Director White made a motion to permit Mr. Chamberlin to move the funds, as set out in the budget, from Mitchell Butte to Owyhee Irrigation District which was seconded by Director Corn. The motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Tekfinity	42.95
Owyhee Irrigation District	14,707.17
Century Link	505.07
Sierra Controls	202.50
Nichols Accounting	<u>125.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$15,582.69

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL. The Directors discussed modifications to the Dead Ox Pumping Plant, including the potential installation of two turbine pumps to the northeast side of the plant. Mr. Chamberlin summarized the plan. He said the ideas is to improve the pumping plant's efficiency and the engineering designs and drawings could cost between \$5,000 and \$9,500. There is a possible grant from BPA that the District might qualify for. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Chamberlin pursuing the grant and authorizing payment for the engineering cost at no more than \$10,000.

NEWELL PIPELINE DAMAGE AND FLOODING. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Newell pipeline was damaged by a third party. A basement belonging to Jim Nicholson and several bales of hay belonging to Ryan Martin were damaged by flooding. He said the third party should be responsible for the damages and the loss of the hay. Jordan Valley had agreed to buy the hay at \$150 a ton, and 30 bales weighing approximately 1300 pounds were damaged. Mr. Chamberlin said the District shouldn't have to pay for the damage as it was caused by a patron, not neglect by the part of the District.

EQUIPMENT TO SURPLUS. Mr. Chamberlin said that a few pieces of equipment should be surplused and auctioned. Director White made a motion declaring the property on the attached list as surplus and that it be disposed of through JBS Auction, which was seconded by Director Ausman. The motion passed unanimously.

NRCS MEETING. Mr. Chamberlin said that Lynn Jensen and Jay Gibbs of NRCS spoke to him and Directors White and Ausman. Director White reported that potential grant funds for the District could provide between three and five million dollars, which would have to be matched by the District dollar for dollar. The board felt they couldn't take advantage of such grant opportunities as the ability to match funds would be unlikely, and federal funds cannot be used to match.

HALL MATTER. Mr. Chamberlin said that Halls have made the payments as required by their agreement so far.

DAMAGE TO MALHEUR SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the Malheur Siphon that was damaged by a young man who was attempting to shoot a sign on District property. He explained that the siphon was repaired and the young man was a minor with no prior history of wrong conduct. The young man worked to pay for the repairs and has shown remorse. Mr. Chamberlin said the District is not seeking any criminal penalties and he felt that the young man would benefit from a tour of the facilities.

RESERVOIR STORAGE REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin gave a report on current reservoir storage and stream flows.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT. Director Tschida asked about chemical treatment for the year. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the ongoing and planned chemical treatment.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. Director Tschida complimented the District on the work done on the Pearson matter.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

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

July 21, 2020

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the Owyhee Irrigation District office at 422 Thunderegg Boulevard, Nyssa, Oregon, on July 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., by teleconference due to the Covid pandemic. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Jerry Nagaki	Dan Tschida

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; and Jake Conde, Attorney.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on July 16, 2020.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on June 16, 2020, were mailed to 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 Power Project was included in the Committee member packets. The Committee members reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the flows through the tunnel are currently maxed out.

Accounts Payable. The agenda listed accounts payable for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the following accounts payable:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton	648.25
Oregon Idaho Utilities	114.08
Nichols Accounting	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$1,137.33

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. The financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project was included in the Committee member packets. The Committee members reviewed the report. There were questions regarding the amount of water that was being put into the river. Mr. Chamberlin said that less water is being released than in most years because it is not needed by Owyhee Ditch Company.

Accounts Payable. The agenda listed accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Nagaki, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the following accounts payable:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	302.34
Nichols Accounting	<u>375.00</u>
Total	\$677.34

UPDATE ON B2H. Mr. Horton addressed the board, saying that the Oregon Department of Energy has proposed an order regarding the B2H power line. Before making the proposition formally ODE asked for commentary by agency partners. The District submitted its commentary, and the proposed order appears to reflect that. ODE shall consult with OID regarding district land that might be affected by the B2H line, evaluate interference, determine ways to mitigate potential negative impacts on water ways, etc. The proposed order is in a period where entities can contest the order, Mr. Horton said there is little to be gained from such action.

Chairman White asked if it was determined where ODE will be installing power poles, as this could have an impact on District-managed lands. Mr. Horton explained that specifics will be addressed later in consultation with the Districts as per the proposed order.

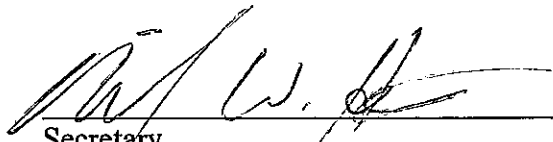
REPORT ON BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ANNUAL INSPECTION. Mr. Chamberlin reported on inspection results from the recent USBR inspection of the dam. Only one inspector made the journey to complete the inspection due to the current COVID-19 situation. The project was reviewed favorably with some recommendations. There are certain suggested repairs that the Committee will need to consider once the current situation and the governor's orders permit the necessary labor to address them. These include breaking open penstock manholes that over time have sealed themselves shut, replacing hydraulic oil in the jet flow valves for the upstream guard gate, and concrete work on the ring gate. Mr. Chamberlin said that the crane in the gate house has some damaged wood and that cracking in the gate house may not support the crane in its ability to do its job and the crane is currently being locked out.

COMMUNICATION AUTOMATION FACILITIES. Chairman White asked if repairs to the communication automation facilities have been completed. Mr. Chamberlin said that they have, but that there is still some tweaking to do.

COVID-19 UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin indicated that Staff have had close calls with exposure to COVID during the recent surge in cases in Malheur County. Precautions continue to be taken and the governor's orders will be followed. The cabins at the compound are remaining shut due to the current situation. There is no time frame to reopen cabins to the public.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____