

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

March 5, 2024

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on March 5, 2024, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 10:00 a.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	Bruce Corn
Gregory Clark	Bret Nielson

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel; Dan Tschida, OID Alternate; and Carl Sieders, South Board Manager.

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

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. reported that public notice of the meeting was given.

SNOW FLIGHT REPORT. Mr. Flynn reported on his recent snow flight. He said that Eric White went with him. He said that it is about the same as in January, but that the snow is being blown around. He said there is a lot of snow up there. Mr. Flynn showed a video of their flight. The Committee members discussed the snowpack situation.

WATER RELEASES. Mr. Ausman said the Committee should be conservative and try to make sure the reservoir fills this year. Mr. Horton read from the Dam Power Plant operation policies.

The Committee discussed trying not to flood any ground, but also making sure to store a 2-year water supply. Mr. Flynn said that Mud Flat is currently at 120% of snowpack. It was noted that current storage in the reservoir is at 532,234 a.f.

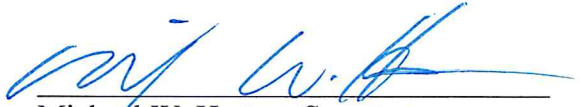
A discussion was had on releases and Mr. Nielsen made a motion and Mr. Clark seconded it to leave the releases at 250 a.f. and call a meeting when the Committee gets the USBR report, after the next snow flight, or if inflows exceed 5,000 cfs. A lengthy discussion was had. It was the consensus of the Committee members that Mr. Flynn should fly again when he can. Committee Members Landa, Corn, Clark, and Nielson voted in favor of the motion. Committee Members Ausman and White voted against and the motion passed on a vote of four to two.

Mr. Flynn said that he did look at potentially running water through the Tunnel to spill some water, but that is not a viable solution. He said that the radial gate still needs to be installed to replace the old one that has been removed.

Mr. Flynn said that the ring gate is operating and is currently floating. A discussion was had on protection options for the Dam Power Plant road if the ring gate is used to release water.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, Secretary

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