

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

January 30, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on January 30, 2018, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 10:04 a.m., 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: Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Darla Sebasto, Linda Henderson, Carl Morton, and Steve Hansen, District Patrons; Kris Ward, District Employee; and Tyler Sweet, CPA.

**MEETING NOTICE.** The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on January 24, 2018.

**POLICY HANDBOOK.** The revised draft of the Policy Handbook was reviewed and discussed at length. The Directors and the audience suggested revisions to the draft. Mr. Horton amended certain provisions of the draft. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried adopting the Water User Policy Handbook as amended.

The Directors discussed how to present the handbook to water users and how future changes will be made.

**2018 BUDGET.** Mr. Horton explained how state budgeting laws affect public entities in Oregon and how irrigation districts are treated differently. Tyler Sweet handed out a draft of the budget which he then went through in detail as the directors reviewed it. The draft budget and areas which could be cut were discussed at length. Mr. Manser explained proposed cuts to the chemical portion of the budget and noted that the District will not be able to do a September chemical treatment with the amount in the draft budget as presented.

A lengthy discussion was held on the possibility of staff doing the install on the Vista View project versus contracting out the work.

**KINGMAN SIPHON.** Mr. Manser said the repair work on the Kingman Siphon is scheduled for the week of February 5.

PIPING PROJECTS. The Directors discussed the piping projects which continue throughout the District and how much the District saves in maintenance and ditchrider costs after these pipelines are installed.

2018 BUDGET (Continued). Discussion on the budget continued. Specific items to change on the budget were discussed. Director Corn said an additional 50 cents could be taken out of the Mitchell Butte Project and applied towards the budget. The Directors discussed only doing a \$1.50 special assessment for the Malheur Siphon Project instead of \$2.00. The Directors discussed reducing the amount in the budget budgeted for installation of the Vista View Project by having District staff do the installation.

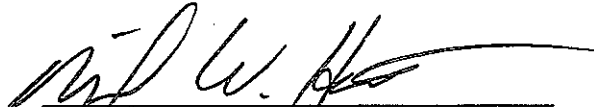
INCURRED WATER CHARGES. After a lengthy discussion on the budget and annual incurred water charges, a motion was made by Director Corn to set the annual incurred charge at \$63.50 per acre, plus \$1.50 per for a special incurred water charge for the Malheur Siphon for a total incurred water charge of \$65.00 per acre, and in addition, a service charge shall be imposed on subdivided and small tract lands consisting of five acres or less at the rate of \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Director White. The Directors discussed the motion and after discussion, a vote on the motion was had. Directors Corn, Nagaki, Ausman, and White voted in favor. Director Tschida voted against and the motion passed on a vote of four to one. Mr. Manser said that he will work on the changes to the budget discussed today to make it align with the annual incurred charge passed today and present it for approval in February.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. Mr. Manser said that staff met with the contractor who is doing the Water Conservation Plan last week. The plan should be available for Board review in February.

MALHEUR SIPHON PROJECT. Mr. Manser said the pre-bid site visit is scheduled for February 5 on the Malheur Siphon. He said that the bid opening is scheduled for February 23 and that there may need to be a special Board meeting shortly thereafter to review and possibly award the contract.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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General Counsel

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