

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

May 2, 2011

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the Twilight Café and Lounge, in Nyssa, Oregon, on May 2, 2011, at 12:10 p.m. Frank Ausman, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Bruce Corn	Dennis Turner
Frank Ausman	David Shenk
Jerry Nagaki	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Kathleen Glenn, legal assistant of Michael W. Horton, Secretary of the Joint Committee; Eric White, OID Alternate; Ron Keester, South Board Manager; Andy Peutz, Owyhee Ditch Company Board Member; Deputy Hunsucker, Malheur County Sheriff's Office; Wes Allison, Nyssa Rural Road District; and Monty Culbertson, Owyhee Ditch Company Manager.

Chairman Ausman opened the meeting for business.

Mr. Chamberlin said that the meeting was called to discuss the recent precipitation and also a letter that was received by Deputy Hunsucker from the Idaho Water Resources Department. Mr. Chamberlin asked Deputy Hunsucker to explain.

SUCCOR CREEK RESERVOIR. Deputy Hunsucker said that he received a letter from the Idaho Water Resource Department regarding the Texas Basin Dam which is also known as the Succor Creek Reservoir. He said that the letter indicated that it is a high hazard dam and warned of a possibility of failure of the dam. He said that initially they thought that it went into Jordan Creek and could affect the District. A discussion was had regarding the possibility of dam failure and how it would impact the Districts under the Owyhee Project. After discussion, it was determined that it would not affect the Districts if failure of the dam were to occur.

WATER RELEASES. Mr. Chamberlin passed around handouts on the Snotel sights and weather forecasts, copies of which are attached to these minutes. The Committee members reviewed the handouts. Mr. Chamberlin indicated that releases were increased and took a little bit out of storage. He said that in comparing to other years, for example, in 1984, at this point in time the District had 640,000 acre feet. By mid-May, they increased the reservoir storage to 700,000 acre feet. He said that in 1983, it was almost exactly the same as we are today at 661,000 acre feet. He said that the storage got to 700,000 acre feet on the May 20, 1983. He

said that 1983 and 1984 are somewhat comparable years as far as snow pack. He said that for both of those years on June 1, they were topped off at 715,000 acre feet. He believes that the District is headed on the right track. He said that the reservoir storage was at 668,000 acre feet last Thursday and Friday. He said in talking with Brian Sauer at USBR, that he believes that there is still a total of 150,000 acre fee of inflows to come in between now and July.

Mr. Corn suggested that the reservoir storage be increased by 10,000 to 15,000 acre feet.

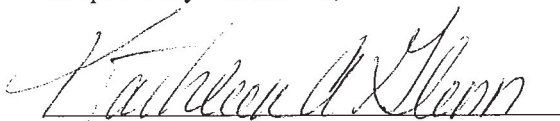
Mr. Chamberlin estimated that in a day or two Wild Horse will be full. He said that the District will get everything that is above it and there is a lot of snow pack still to come off. He said the Owyhee Reservoir will get such full inflows. Mr. Corn asked what kind of flows are coming in. Mr. Chamberlin responded and said that the average temperatures have only been between 35 to 40 degree days and it is not melting anything out. He said that it was just too cold up there. He said that it would take some 70 to 80 degree days here to really get it to start to move. He stated that it would be his recommendation to the Committee that they go ahead and turn the corner and start to bring storage back up again. He said that he believes everything is fine unless we get a rain event or warm temperatures. Mr. White asked what was the time frame before it is up to 700,000 acre feet. Mr. Chamberlin said that if you look at the other comparable years, about the middle of the month they were close to 700,000 acre feet. He said that inflows at Rome have been gradually coming down because of the cool weather.

After discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and passed unanimously to increase the storage in the reservoir to 700,000 in the next ten to twelve days. The motion passed unanimously.

PUMPBACK STORAGE FERC FILING. Mr. Chamberlin indicated that Mr. Horton is working with some attorneys on the FERC filing on the pump back system. He said there are communications going on and that there will be some information at the next meeting. The research and legal fees were discussed. He said that Mr. Horton is getting opinions on what can be done.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Glenn for Michael W. Horton,
Secretary

APPROVED: _____