

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

April 19, 2022

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 19, 2022, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:00 p.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
Dan Tschida	Brett Nielsen

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; John Eells, South Board Manager; Darla Sebasto, Linda Henderson, Bryan Bachelder, Greg Clark, and Jerry Nagaki, Members of the Public. A reporter from the *Argus Observer* was also present.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on April 14, 2022.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the March 31, 2022, meeting of the Joint Committee was mailed out prior to the meeting. Mr. Landa noted a correction to the minutes which was then made. A motion was made by Mr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as corrected. The minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting of the Joint Committee were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. Chairman White noted a correction to the minutes. The minutes were corrected and a motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as amended.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the power plant will start on Thursday. He said that currently there is 500 cfs running through the tunnel.

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

Nichols Accounting Group	\$425.00
Five Rivers Law, P.C.	999.00
Owyhee Irrigation District	<u>34,011.12</u>
Total	\$35,435.12

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the power plant is running really good.

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

AT&T	\$39.25
Nichols Accounting Group	425.00
South Board of Control	2,127.12
Bruce Corn	853.84
Frank Ausman	817.60
Jerry Nagaki	312.00
Dan Tschida	858.00
Eric White	794.08
Owyhee Irrigation District	<u>32,838.66</u>
Total	\$39,065.55

WATER ALLOTMENT. Mr. Flynn said that there is 313,000 acre feet of water in the reservoir right now. He said there is enough water for a 2.3 feet per acre allotment now, but that the reservoir is still gaining. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Ausman, that the allotment be raised to 2.3 feet per acre. Discussion of the motion was had. Mr. Corn said that the runoff is so much better than last year. He then asked about pumping from the shoestring and the impact it would have on setting the allotment. Mr. Flynn said he would have a guestimate, but he is not willing to commit to a firm number yet. He said he will run the figures to try to get to a better estimate. After discussion, a vote on the motion was had and it passed unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING ON ALLOTMENT. The Committee members discussed having a special meeting to relook at the allotment. After discussion, it was determined that the meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, at 9:00 a.m.

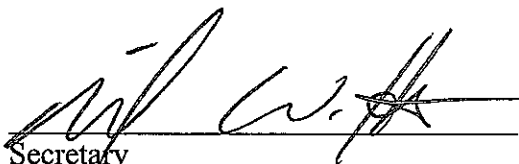
OWYHEE FIELD DAY. Mr. Flynn said that Owyhee Field Day will be held on April 28. He said there will be smaller numbers than previous years.

DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Flynn said that the new dam tender is set to start on Monday, the 25th. He said he is looking on having the office at the dam remodeled so that the backup dam tenders can have a place to stay to give the regular dam tenders a bit of a break. He said the remodel would involve installing a bed, shower, and sleeping quarters.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CONCERNS ON RIVER TEMPERATURES. Mr. Flynn said that staff from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife made a presentation to him on their concerns on the operation of the Owyhee Dam Power Plant on downstream river temperatures. He said that they are asking about changing up some of the releases in the summer to get cooler water into the river. They are proposing that some of the releases come from the jet flows instead of the power plant. The matter was discussed in detail. Mr. Horton explained the current FERC license on operation of the dam power plant and a 1983 agreement with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on operation of the Owyhee Dam Power Plant.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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

April 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 19, 2022, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:36 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Frank Ausman

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Jerry Nagaki, Outgoing Director; Bryan Bachelder, Greg Clark, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public; and a newspaper reporter from the *Argus Observer*.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 19, 2022, 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. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Director Corn asked about the entry of undeposited funds on the financial report. He said there is quite a difference from last year. Mr. Flynn said that he will investigate and report back.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. Questions were asked and answered on some of the bills. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

WATER ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE. Mr. Flynn said that in moving to the new water accounting software, there is \$43,658.07 of old bad debts on the books which he would like to see written off so that it does not foul up the books in the new program going forward. He said the debts are decades old and none of them have liens or other ways to collect. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried that the old bad debts totaling \$43,658.07 be written off of the District books.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Flynn said that one unit is running as of today. The second unit is being repaired. He said the trash rack did not get repaired yet.

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:

AT&T	\$47.47
Nichols Accounting Group	185.00
Tefkinity	42.95
Century Link	183.89
Owyhee Irrigation District	<u>130,747.93</u>
TOTAL	\$131,207.24

KINGMAN LATERAL. Mr. Flynn said that he has sent the grant application in for piping the Kingman Lateral. Director Corn said that Congressman Bentz advised him that if he gets in the majority in Congress, he will want to have the District be able to have some shovel-ready projects ready to go. He said that he also mentioned the Nyssa Arcadia Drain water rights. President Tschida asked Mr. Flynn about getting a grant writer.

USDA WATERSHED GRANT AGREEMENT. Mr. Flynn said that Mr. Larson advised him that they do not have the Watershed Grant Agreement ready for review yet. Director Ausman voiced his frustration with the process.

DIRECTOR VACANCY. Mr. Horton said that the Malheur County Court will fill the Board vacancy by direct appointment on April 27.

USBR WATER SMART GRANT. Mr. Flynn said that he is working on a grant application to automate six sites on the shoestring. Director Corn asked about other sites which could be automated along the North Canal during low water years. Mr. Flynn said that he will look into that and that he may be able to modify the grant application. He said that the grant application requires a resolution of the Board and that he will try to have the resolution ready for a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26 for the Board's review.

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Flynn said that the new Dead Ox trash racks are working like a clock. He said that they have been able to eliminate a day shift employee position with the automation.

COW HOLLOW LANGEMAN GATES. Director Corn asked how the Langeman gates on the Cow Hollow system are working. Mr. Flynn said they are running, but there are a few little things that need worked out in the programing.

JACOBSON GULCH AUTOMATION. Mr. Flynn said that there are some bugs being worked out on the Jacobson Gulch automation.

DITCH BREAK IN KINGMAN AREA. Mr. Flynn reported on a ditch break from gopher holes in the Kingman area. He said that Director White helped out with his backhoe. He said that once the system is primed, staff will go back in and trench the area.

PRIMING SYSTEM. Mr. Flynn gave report on bringing water in throughout the system. He said that currently water is in the main laterals and that the rest of the water will be brought in by Friday.

STAFFING. Mr. Flynn reported on District staffing. He said that staffing levels are good as of right now. He said that later in the season, the District will need a couple more seasonal employees.

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Flynn said that there will need to be some curbing installed at the Dead Ox Pumping Plant to keep trucks from damaging the new trash rack system.

SALE OF DISTRICT VACANT LAND. Mr. Flynn said that the earnest money on the vacant land is now in escrow.

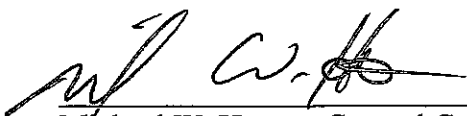
KINGMAN LATERAL. Director Corn asked how the repairs to the Kingman Lateral are holding up. Mr. Flynn and Director White said that they may not know until the District has a full water year.

DITCH BURNING. President Tschida asked for public comments. Linda Henderson asked Mr. Flynn if he plans on having more training on burning ditches. She said that there was an incident near her place that concerned her. Mr. Flynn said that the staff has had training. He said that a spark did get away and burnt a bit of a hillside. Linda Henderson asked about the District obtaining extra hand-held fire fighting equipment. Director Ausman said that the Nyssa Rural Fire Department may have a fire truck available in the future for sale which the District may be able to purchase. He said he will check into it.

BLM MENDIOLA FIRE. Mr. Flynn said that he finally got an agreement with BLM on settling the Mendiola fire incident. He said that a check has been sent off.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____