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

## April 17, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 17, 2018, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:47 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

| Bruce Corn   | Frank Ausman                             |          |
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| Dan Tschida  | Eric White (who joined the meeting at 8: | 04 p.m.) |
| Jerry Nagaki |  |          |

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; and Larry Meyer Newspaper Reporter.

<u>MINUTES</u>. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held on March 9, 2018, and March 20, 2018, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

<u>DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT</u>. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a monthly financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that incurred charges are slowing coming in. He said he made a big deposit today. He said most of the payments have come in in the last ten days. Mr. Horton stated that the Income Statements still needs to be explained by Tyler Sweet. Mr. Chamberlin said that lots of gopher tails have come in.

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>. The Directors discussed the District's heavy equipment.

<u>DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. The Directors asked questions about some of the bills which were answered. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

### MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

<u>Financial Report</u>. A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the weed rack got plugged up and an alarm did not go off, so there were some problems with the plant. He said the matter has been resolved and that there is now one unit running and they are getting ready to start the second unit.

Accounts Payable. The agenda listed accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the following accounts payable:

| Century Link             | \$284.97   |
|--------------------------|------------|
| AT&T                     | 91.15      |
| Riverside Inc.           | 5,600.00   |
| Nichols Accounting Group | 120.00     |
| Total                    | \$6.096.12 |

LOCKET GULCH SPILLWAY. Mr. Chamberlin reported on a problem when filling the system at the Locket Gulch Spillway. He said the winds put a lot of weeds into the system and there was a major plug. He said the plug got cleared out, but that the "shark's teeth" were knocked down. He said there are still lots of tumble weeds out in the desert. Director White reported on an issue with a drain in his area.

MALHEUR SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said the bid has gone out for the Malheur Siphon and the opening for the bids are scheduled for May 4. He said that the wrinkle work and the span refurbishing work have been taken out of the request for bids, along with bolts which the District will be providing. He said the length of the project has been changed from two years to one year. He said this should save in mobilization and demobilization costs associated with the second year. The siphon project was discussed by the Directors. Mr. Chamberlin said there will need to be a special board meeting once the bids are in and reviewed by the engineer and attorney.

<u>WATER TURN ON</u>. Mr. Chamberlin explained the process of filling the system this year. The matter was discussed by the Directors.

SDAO BOARD TRAINING. Mr. Horton reminded the Directors that there is a Board training in Ontario on May 2<sup>nd</sup> being put on by SDAO. The training and those members planning on attending were discussed.

<u>FICA MODERNIZATION PLAN</u>. Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on the FICA Modernization Plan. He said the grant which they are working off of was increased by \$80,000. He said he thinks that was necessary once they learned the size of the project.

<u>OWYHEE FIELD DAY</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that Owyhee Field Day is scheduled for April 25 and 26 at the Dam Compound.

LONG BOOM EXCAVATOR. Mr. Chamberlin said that he received quotes on a long boom excavator lease. He said that he got proposals on a CAT and John Deere machines. The Board members reviewed the quotes and noted that the quote from CAT came in less than the John Deere. After discussion, a motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to enter into a lease agreement on the CAT machine. <u>PUMPING PLANTS</u>. The Directors discussed the operations of the pumping plants in the District and in the South Board area. Actions of the Joint Committee with regard to the pumping plants and water usage were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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

April 17, 2018

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, on April 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Chris Landa, Vice-Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank AusmanJerry NagakiChris LandaBruce CornDan Tschida (OID Alternate)

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary; and Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on April 12, 2018.

<u>MINUTES</u>. The minutes of the meetings of the Joint Committee held on March 20 and March 30, 2018, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

### TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

<u>Tunnel #1 Financial Report</u>. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. The report was reviewed by the Committee members.

<u>Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable</u>. The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable listed on the agenda for the Tunnel #1 Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

| Oregon Idaho Utilities        | \$99.72       |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton | 853.75        |
| Nichols Accounting            | <u>325.00</u> |
|                               |               |

# TOTAL \$1,278.47

### OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

<u>Owyhee Dam Financial Report</u>. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. The Committee members reviewed the report.

<u>Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable</u>. 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. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of following accounts:

| Oregon Idaho Utilities | \$98.90  |
|------------------------|----------|
| Nichols Accounting     | 340.00   |
|                        |          |
| TOTAL                  | \$438.90 |

<u>OPERATION OF DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT</u>. The Committee members discussed the operation of the Dunaway Pumping Plant to conserve stored water. Costs of operating the plant versus saving water was discussed. Mr. Landa said that the water situation is better off than he thought it was going to be after last month. Crop water usage was discussed. Mr. Ausman said he would like to be on the conservative side on keeping water in the reservoir. The low stream flows in the Owyhee River were discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said the Joint Committee has been doing a great job of drought pre-planning. After a lengthy discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried to start supplementing Old Owyhee, Nyssa-Ontario, and advancement from the Dunaway Pumping Plant in management's discretion for the conservation of stored water in anticipation of a future drought.

<u>OWYHEE WATERSHED FIELD DAY</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Owyhee Watershed Field Day is scheduled for April 25 and 26 at the Owyhee Dam Compound.

STORAGE AND STREAM FLOW REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin said there is currently 584,000 acre feet in storage in the reservoir this morning. He said the snow pack is all gone except for the way up high snow. He said that stream flows are predicted to be at 35 to 40 percent of normal.

<u>HYDRO ELECTRIC REPORT</u>. Mr. Chamberlin gave a report on the power plants. He said they are running good, but they are having some bug-a-boos with the computers.

<u>QUAGGA MUSSELS</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that USBR staff wants to come out and possibly put in place exposure and mitigation plans for quagga and zebra mussels. The Joint Committee discussed prevention measures and the lack of resources available.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

APPROVED: