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

June 20, 2017

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, on June 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Dan Tschida	Brett Nielson
Eric White	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Secretary; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Linda Henderson, OID Patron; Darla Sebasto, OID Patron; Bruce Corn (OID Alternate); Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter; and Brian Richins, CPA-Auditor.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on June 13, 2017.

<u>MINUTES.</u> The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on May 16, 2017, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

## TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

<u>Tunnel #1 Financial Report.</u> Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Plant. He said that the plant is running good with a few hiccups. The Committee members reviewed the financial report.

<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. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

Oregon Idaho U	tilities	\$111.86
AT&T		217.05
Riverside		1,931.14
Nichols Account	ting	<u>1,970.00</u>
Т	OTAL	\$4,230.05

## OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

<u>Owyhee Dam Financial Report.</u> Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Plant. The report was reviewed by the Committee members.

<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. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of following accounts:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP	\$816.25
Oregon Idaho Utilities	305.38
AT&T	81.75
Nichols Accounting	<u>1,970.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,173.38

<u>POWER GENERATION.</u> Mr. Chamberlin said that it has been a good year water wise, but the demand has not been there yet. He said the Dam Plant has run nonstop and has run well. He said the stream gauge below the dam is off and needs to be reset. He said that the Tunnel Power Plant is having some issues with sump pumps and that the PLCs need upgraded.

<u>BOAT RAMP.</u> Mr. Chamberlin said he has been working with the county on the boat ramp. He said that signs are being made. He said once the signs are posted, the next step would be to open up the ramp. Mr. Ausman said that he heard that the state is running out of parking at the upper ramps. Mr. Chamberlin said Malheur County will write a letter saying they support opening the ramp. He said he will then try to get a letter of support from the County Sheriff. The ramp was discussed by the Committee members and their consensus is to have it open.

<u>ROADWAY TO DAM PLANT.</u> Mr. Chamberlin said that the road into the Dam Plant was not damaged too bad by the release of water. He said Idaho Power may need access to the plant but he is not sure when. He said that with the possibility of spilling water next spring, it would not make sense to repair the road unless it is absolutely necessary. He said it is his recommendation to wait to see what Idaho Power's needs will be.

<u>WATER REPORT.</u> Mr. Chamberlin passed around handouts on water storage and stream flows. He also handed out a report on stream flows in the Snake River. He explained the water delivery process in delivering water to Old Owyhee. He said that there is a small unit at Dunaway which has been delivering the water so far rather than running the big pump. He said power usage should be much less because of less water user demand. He said the reservoir level is holding close to full.

<u>2016 AUDIT REPORT.</u> Brian Richins handed out copies of his audit of Owyhee Irrigation District and explained the portion relating to the hydro projects. Included with the report were graphs which Mr. Richins went through as the Committee members reviewed them. Mr. Richins said that the account records are in good shape and the books are in real good condition.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. # Secretary

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