

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

November 17, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on November 17, 2015, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 2:10 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Jerry Nagaki	Bruce Corn
Dan Tschida	Eric White
Frank Ausman	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Larry Meyer, Argus Observer Newspaper; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; and Brandon Shartner, OID Foreman.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on November 12, 2015.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 20, 2015, were handed out to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Tschida, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out financial a report for the District for the month of October. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Manser answered questions of the Board members with regard to the report.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District's accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed and discussed the lists. A question on the costs of having the hoists rated was asked. Mr. Eldred explained that the cost is for all of the hoists throughout the District being rated. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving and ratifying payment of the accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Reports. The financial report for Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Director's packets. The report was reviewed by the Directors.

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

AT&T	\$77.66
Verizon	95.56
OWRD	932.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$1,215.22

SNIVELY SIPHON. The Directors inspected the Snively Siphon and a portion of the Kingman Lateral this morning prior to today's meeting. Mr. Chamberlin handed out an engineering report on a possible fix on the Snively Siphon. He said that GSI Geo Stabilization International wants to drill test holes tomorrow. Their proposed engineering fix would be to tie the slide area back into the mountain. The proposed fix and the need to have the slide area fixed prior to the water coming in was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that he had two different engineering firms come up and look at the area. He said that GSI proposes doing a design build repair. He said the other engineering firm agreed that GSI's proposed fix is the preferred fix. He said the other firm would only do the engineering and then the work would have to be contracted out. He said it looks like GSI will be able to do the repairs at a lesser cost utilizing the design build approach. He said that GSI has more expertise than USBR in these type of fixes. He said they did similar stabilization work at Black Canyon. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Snively Siphon is critical to delivering water to the entire project and that if the slide area is not stabilized immediately, great harm will come to the District. The Board discussed the matter and noted the emergency situation. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried declaring that an emergency exists and authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to contract with GSI to complete the repairs at a reasonable cost.

EMPLOYEE PROPOSAL. Director Ausman was brought up to speed on the Employee Proposal which was made during September's meeting. A motion was made by Director White and was seconded by Director Corn to accept the Employee Proposal. Director Tschida asked about the 457 plan which was included in the proposal. Mr. Chamberlin was directed to get proposals on administering 457 plans. A vote on the motion on accepting the Employee Proposal was held and the motion passed unanimously.

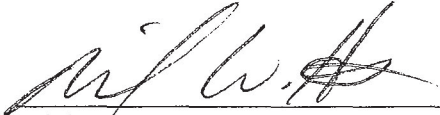
2016 DRAFT BUDGET. Mr. Manser handed out a draft 2016 budget. He noted the changes which were made from the previous draft. The draft was reviewed and discussed in detail. Proposed pipeline projects were also discussed.

MALHEUR SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin said the Malheur Siphon needs immediate repairs. He said the siphon is just as critical to the system as the Snively Siphon. He said he believes that an emergency exists and immediate repair work to the siphon needs to occur. He said that the repair needs to be engineered first and then repairs done. The matter was discussed in detail. It was determined that it would be best to have the Directors do a site visit to the area needing repairs. At 3:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at Malheur Siphon. At 4:20 p.m., the meeting was reconvened at the Malheur Siphon where Mr. Chamberlin pointed out the problem areas. The Directors examined the portions needing repairs. The Board then

directed Mr. Chamberlin to check with GSI on the possibility of having them do the emergency repairs and to get core samples done right away.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

November 17, 2015

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 November 17, 2015, at 1:18 p.m. Frank Ausman, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	Chris Landa
Eric White	Brett Nielson

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Clancy Flynn, South Board Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Larry Meyer, Argus Observer Newspaper; Jerry Nagaki, OID Alternate; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; and Brandon Shartner, OID Foreman.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on November 12, 2015.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on October 20, 2015, were read by Mr. Horton. A motion was made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as read.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Manser handed out a financial report for the Tunnel Power Project. The Committee members reviewed the report.

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. Corn, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts payable:

Oregon Idaho Utilities	\$111.60
OWRD	3,758.04
AT&T	40.23
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,234.87

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. Mr. Manser handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. The Committee members reviewed the report. Mr. Corn asked why the line loss is more with less generation. Mr. Chamberlin said he is not sure. Mr. Horton said this matter was investigated and answered a few years back.

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

AT&T	\$41.44
Tunnel Hydro - loan	4,235.00
OWRD	2,220.28
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, & Horton	637.00
Oregon Idaho Utilities	287.24
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,745.96

MOU ON DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT WITH OLD OWYHEE. Mr. Chamberlin said that a meeting needs to be set up between OID, South Board, Old Owyhee, and USBR with regard to continuing the MOU on Dunaway Pumping Plant. He said that he will try to schedule a meeting in December. He said that overall the MOU has worked well.

DROUGHT MEASURES. Measures taken by the Districts during the drought were discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that the MOU, automation, and piping helped a lot. He said that state leaders and the public still need to be reminded that the drought is hurting farmers in the area significantly.

JOHN KEYS USBR TRAINING PROGRAM. Mr. Chamberlin and Eric White reported on the recent young engineer's site visit. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Owyhee Project will be hosting the engineers again next year. Mr. White encouraged Joint Committee members to attend next year. Mr. Chamberlin said that participation in the program is worth the investment of time.

USBR DIVE TEAM INSPECTION. Mr. Manser reported on the Dive Team inspection. He said that the report from the inspection is not out yet.

WINTER WORK PROJECTS. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Committee members on the planned winter work projects. He said that they are currently working on getting a generator installed along with a generator pad. He said coatings on the East staircase is one of the

planned projects. Mr. Eldred said that when the generator gets installed, there will be some wiring of the Dam Compound done.

WATER FORECAST. Mr. Manser updated the Joint Committee on a meeting he recently attended on weather forecasts. He said that he learned at the meeting that they are predicting that there will be a big large El Nino which will cause some areas to be very wet and other areas to be dry. He said they have not yet identified those specific areas.

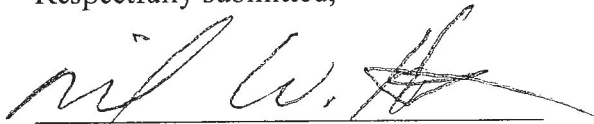
CLOUD SEEDING. Mr. Flynn said that he spoke to Idaho Power about coming and giving a presentation on cloud seeding. He said they told him that they are not prepared to talk about cloud seeding in the Owyhee Basin.

OWYHEE CANYON LANDS MONUMENT. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the meeting in Adrian on the proposed Owyhee Canyon Lands Monument. Mr. Nielsen asked if making it a monument would affect the Owyhee Project. The matter was discussed.

DUCK VALLEY TRIBE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will be visiting the Duck Valley Tribe Reservation this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_