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

July 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 19, 2022, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:25 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Frank Ausman
Greg Clark	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Brian Richins, Auditor; and Darla Sebasto and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

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

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 21, 2022, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

2021 AUDIT REPORT. Brian Richins presented his audit of the District's finances for 2021. He handed out copies of the audit report, together with illustrated graphs and charts. Included in the audit report was a letter to the Board. He explained the terms of the letter and said that the audit went well. He said the report is a good report. He said that the PPP money helped out the District. He said there was an issue with bank reconciliations as there were some outstanding deposits that ended up having double entries and some items were miscoded. He said that Lori Sutherland leaving Nichols Accounting led to some changeover hiccups. He said that Mr. Flynn is getting those items straightened out. Mr. Richins went through the graphs as the Directors reviewed them. He said expenses have been pretty consistent. He said the cash position of the District is about where you would want it to be. He said the audit report has been filed with the Secretary of State. He said there was nothing negative to report to the Secretary of State.

The Directors asked questions about the audit which Mr. Richins answered. Director Corn asked about the fraud controls which the District has in place. Mr. Richins said the District has good internal controls and a good system of delegation of duties. He said that having the accounting outsourced helps a lot. Director White asked about having the equipment and tools inventoried. The matter was discussed. President Tschida thanked Mr. Richins for his report and Mr. Richins left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried accepting and approving the audit.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. The gopher tail program was discussed. It was noted that having ditch riders trap gophers does help out. Director Corn asked how finances are going with increasing inflation. Mr. Flynn said he thinks the overall budget will hold.

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 Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

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 the power plant is plugging along.

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

AT&T	$38.65
Nichols Accounting Group	185.00
Tefkinity	42.95
Brian Richins, PC	2,550.00
Century Link	391.90
TOTAL	$3,207.60

DRAIN SAMPLING. Mr. Flynn said that Gary Faw contacted him and said that the drain sampling was not funded this year. He asked that the sampling program continue and asked for the District to sponsor some of the drain testing. He is asking for $2,500. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried that the District contribute $2,500 towards the drain sampling program.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. Mr. Flynn said that the Employee Committee met and discussed the current health insurance arrangement which does allow for employees to cover spouses for an additional cost. He said that the Committee wants to keep the spousal coverage in place as it is.

CONCRETE TRUCKS. Mr. Flynn said that two concrete trucks were purchased. He said that the District spent $30,000 total for the two trucks. He said that one of the trucks broke down on its way back to the District. He said he would like to surplus the old concrete truck. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the purchase of the two concrete trucks and declaring the old concrete truck as surplus property and authorizing Mr. Flynn to sell the truck at auction.

CANAL BREAKS. Mr. Flynn reported on two canal breaks. He said there were breaks on the Kingman and Jacobson. He said that the District received a lot of help from the Road District and Old Owyhee Ditch Company. He said that approximately 1,600 to 2,000 yards of material was put in so far to do the repairs. He said that part of Mendiola Road got washed out. He said that one of the trucks hauling material on the Kingman break lost some rock and it hit and damaged a car. He said the District's insurance is covering the damage.

RADIO PROBLEMS. Mr. Flynn said that staff have found damage to the radio antenna which apparently happened from a lightning strike last year. He said the antenna is being repaired.

NRCS AGREEMENT. Mr. Flynn said that he is still waiting to see attachments to the NRCS Agreement.

NATIONAL RESOURCE ASSOCIATION. Mr. Flynn said that he will be going to the National Resource Association meeting in Montana next month. He said that Oregon Water Resource Congress will be paying his attendance fee.

BACKHOE. Mr. Flynn said the repairs to the backhoe are still ongoing. President Tschida asked about having a maintenance checkoff list to possibly help prevent future equipment damage. Mr. Flynn said that he will check into that.

MOORES HOLLOW DITCH RIDER HOUSE. Mr. Flynn said that the ditch rider house at Moores Hollow needed the septic tank and drain field replaced.

KINGMAN LATERAL GRANT APPLICATION. Mr. Flynn said that DEQ staff came over and inspected the Kingman Lateral site. He said that they thought that it was a good project.

BEAVER DAM NEAR KINGMAN. Director White said that a beaver dam was recently pulled out near Kingman so there is a lot of mud and debris coming down the lateral, which will need to be cleaned out this fall.

PUBLIC COMMENT. President Tschida asked for public comment. Linda Henderson said that she thought it was very nice of the District staff member who was treating the canals with chemical to ask her if his vehicle was in her way.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

July 19, 2022

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on July 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
Bruce Corn	Brett Nielsen
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; John Eells, Manager of South Board; Greg Clark, OID Alternate; Brian Richins, Auditor; and Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, Members of the Public.

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

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the June 21, 2022, meeting of the Joint Committee were mailed out prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Project which was reviewed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the Tunnel Power Plant shut off on July 12 as it was starting to vibrate pretty good. He said that the shut off was a few days earlier than it was last year.

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

AT&T	$40.52
Nichols Accounting Group	425.00
Five Rivers Law, P.C.	388.50
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	493.41
Brian Richins, PA	2,550.00
Total	$3,897.43

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

Brian Richins, PA	$2,550.00
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	221.58
Nichols Accounting Group	425.00
Total	$3,199.58

RESERVIOR STORAGE. Mr. Flynn said that there is more water in the reservoir today than at this time last year.

BOAT RAMP. Mr. Flynn said that the boat ramp by the dam is still open. He said that it will probably be shut down in a week or so as the water levels drop. He said that staff is still working on the buoy situation. He said the buoys tend to move around.

AUDIT REPORT. Brian Richins handed out information on the financial audit. He said that things are looking pretty consistent. He said that controls look good and the books are in good order. He said the charges and payments to OID are pretty current and reasonable.

USBR PERIODIC FACILITIES REVIEW. Mr. Flynn said that the USBR Periodic Facilities Review has been completed and overall it was good and positive. He summarized the review process and outlined some of the items which Bureau staff were looking at.

ODF&W. Mr. Flynn said that he has yet to meet with ODF&W staff about water releases. He said he has not heard anything from them, but he expects to have conversations with them while they are up here doing fish sampling.

IRRIGATION WATER SHUTOFF. Mr. Corn asked if next month the Joint Committee should discuss a turn off date for the irrigation water. He said he thought it may be a good idea to have a date out there for the farmers to have as a target. Chairman White asked that the matter be put on the agenda for discussion next month.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

APPROVED: _____