

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

September 20, 2016

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 September 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Michael W. Horton, Secretary, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Chris Landa	Frank Ausman (OID Alternate)
Bruce Corn	Jerry Nagaki (who joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)
Dan Tschida	Eric White (who joined the meeting at 7:48 p.m.)

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; John Eells, South Board Manager; and Michael W. Horton, Secretary.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on September 14, 2016.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on August 23, 2016, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Plant. He said that the plant is still running and is generating about one megawatt.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable. Mr. Chamberlin said that Owyhee Irrigation District was not paid for 2014 and the payment reflected on the accounts payable list on the agenda will make the payments to OID caught up as of June of this year. A motion was made by Bruce Corn, seconded by Frank Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the following accounts:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	\$111.82
Field-Waldo Insurance	6,375.00
Owyhee Irrigation District	60,004.47
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$66,816.29

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam which the Committee members reviewed. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Dam Plant is still running and making around two megawatts of power. Winter releases were discussed.

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

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP	\$1,614.00
Field-Waldo Insurance	3,250.00
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	295.59
Owyhee Irrigation District	59,783.49
SDAO	125.00
Nichols Accounting	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$65,393.08

SELP TUNNEL BOND NEGOTIATION. Mr. Horton updated the Committee members on the negotiations with SELP. He said that he, Tyler Sweet, Jay Chamberlin, and Tom Grim will be going to Salem and meeting with SELP representatives on the negotiation. The Committee members suggested moving the priority of the power line repair and maintenance account up in the payment order.

OWYHEE DAM BOAT RAMP. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Committee members on USBR's position on the boat ramp. He said they appear to be softening on allowing the ramp. He said that a gate has been installed at the ramp. He said OID staff will go back in and make repairs to be able to go in from the ramp to make inspections on the tunnel. He said cuts have been made on the ramp and repairs have begun. He said the county sheriff has been given a key to the gate. He said he was going to come up with a proposal to USBR that the ramp would be closed at certain water levels and that buoys around the tunnel inlet would be installed. He also said that he would propose concrete barriers be placed along the water side of the ramp. He said the ramp closure would be determined by the county and district staff based upon water levels.

B2H POWER LINE. Mr. Chamberlin said that he was contacted by USBR about OID and the Joint Committee's areas of concern with the proposed power line. He said that he took staff members from USBR out and showed them the areas of concern. He said that USBR has a new person working on the matter. He said USBR will be responding based upon the District's concerns.

Jerry Nagaki joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

JOHN KEYS, III PARTNERSHIP TRAINING. Mr. Chamberlin said that the young engineers going through the training will be coming back for followup in a couple of weeks. He said the program is very beneficial to the Owyhee Project.

OWYHEE WATER RESERVATION UPDATE. Mr. Corn gave an update on the Owyhee Water Reservation process. He said a vote will be upcoming and that things look promising.

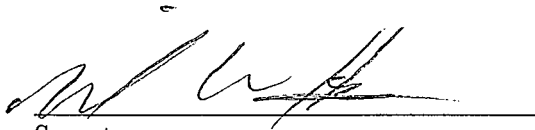
At 7:48 p.m., Eric White joined the meeting. Frank Ausman stepped down from the Committee and Mr. Horton turned the chair over to Eric White.

ELEVATOR AT DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said that the State of Oregon has been in contact with him with regard to the operation of the elevator. He said he advised the state that he has been unable to find a company willing to do any repair work and inspection. He said he was given some names and ended up with a repair company that came and looked at the elevator and laid out the initial needed repairs which can then be followed up with a test of the elevator at an estimated cost of approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000. Mr. Chamberlin said that the elevator is necessary for operation of the Owyhee Dam Power Plant. Mr. Chamberlin said that if the Joint Committee decides to move forward, the company will get Mr. Chamberlin a proposal on an operating manual and test procedures. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried to move forward on the elevator.

LONG-RANGE WATER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he received an initial long-range weather forecast from Oregon State University Research staff and their forecast is that this winter may shape up to be a very dry winter. He then handed out a report on water usage. He said that he estimates the reservoir will have between 165,000 and 170,000 acre feet in it when the irrigation season ends.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: _____