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

August 21,2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on August 21, 2018, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, at 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, at 8:10 p.m. Jerry Nagaki, President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn

Eric White

Dan Tschida

Frank Ausman

Jerry Nagaki

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Harvey Manser, Assistant Manager; Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter; Darla Sebasto and Linda Henderson, District Patrons.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on August 15, 2018.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 17, 2018, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Tschida, 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. Director White asked about delinquent accounts and Mr. Chamberlin said they are less than normal. Mr. Manser said that on the weed control he is going to be treating on the 28th instead of the 25th and will not be purchasing a last skid of chemical. The Board members noted that water quality has been much better this year.

<u>FUEL TANK</u>. Director White asked about fuel tank shopping. Mr. Chamberlin said that he priced a double-walled 10,000 gallon tank and the quote came in at \$20,000. He said he will check with the Fire Marshal if a single walled tank is allowed. He said that he will also check to see that if the District purchases a tank, if the District insurance covers stolen fuel.

<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. Questions were asked and answered on the bills. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, 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.

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

Century Link	\$142.66
FERC	3,944.29
Owyhee Irrigation	20,174.26
Nichols Accounting Group	120.00

Total \$24,381.21

MALHEUR SIPHON UPDATE. Mr. Chamberlin gave an update on the Malheur Siphon Project. He said everything is on track for the contractor to start on October 15. He passed around a cost estimate which the Directors reviewed. He explained the planned work schedule. Security at the worksite was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that the contractor has been good to work with. He said the planned completion of the repair is for the middle of January.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. Mr. Chamberlin said that he heard back from OWRD that no comments were received from the public during the public comment period. He said that OWRD staff did raise questions about the plan and the contractor has tweaked the plan to comply with OWRD requests. Mr. Chamberlin said that OWRD staff said that the District Water Conservation Plan is the best plan they have received and that they might use it as an example for other districts.

SARTIN WATER RIGHTS - DELIVERY ISSUE. Mr. Chamberlin said that Randy Sartin has contacted the District with a concern on his pumping costs from pumping out of the pump ditch near his property. He said that his pump has failed and the cost of repairing the diesel pump is cost prohibitive. Mr. Sartin asked about raising the check structure and District staff did an analysis and it cannot be raised. Mr. Chamberlin explained Mr. Sartin's situation and the water rights which he has on his property. Mr. Chamberlin said Mr. Sartin does have a water right to stored water on some of his property with a secondary right to the stored water for a lower portion of his property. Mr. Chamberlin said that Mr. Sartin is requesting that he be allowed to utilize some of the stored water under his secondary water right to get water on the lower ground given the problems he is having with the pump. Mr. Chamberlin explained the upper stored water does eventually end up in the lower system which Mr. Sartin pumps out of. He said that the District could allow usage of the stored water in a good water year under a special use permit if the usage does not cause harm to downstream users since the water is commingled. The Directors discussed the request and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Chamberlin proceed as Mr. Chamberlin recommends, but that the special use permit must be in writing. Mr. Chamberlin said that the District needs to be transparent and give the neighbors a chance to object.

FCA IMPROVEMENT PLAN. Mr. Chamberlin gave a report on the work being done by FCA.

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that an executive session is needed to discuss real estate matters pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e). At 9:16 p.m., the Board entered into executive session with Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto leaving the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

August 21, 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 August 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman

Jerry Nagaki

Bruce Corn

Eric White

Brett Nielsen

Steve Clapier (South Board Alternate)

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manger; Dan Tschida (OID Alternate); Michael W. Horton, Secretary; Linda Henderson and Darla Sebasto, OID Patrons; and Larry Meyer, Newspaper Reporter.

<u>MEETING NOTICE</u>. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 15, 2018.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on July 17, 2018, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, 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 and discussed 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. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

AT&T	\$7.24
FERC	12,043.97
Owyhee Irrigation	60,820.68
Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton	744.75
Nichols Accounting	<u>340.00</u>

TOTAL

\$73,957.14

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Mr. Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the report. Mr. Corn asked for an explanation next month on the falling water entry.

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

Owyhee Irrigation	\$20,457.20
FERC	15,472.25
Nichols Accounting	340.00

TOTAL \$36,269.45

<u>ELEVATOR REPAIR</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said that the elevator repair work is done. He said that the elevator is running good.

<u>WATER USAGE REPORT</u>. Mr. Chamberlin provided a handout on water usage as of today for water use out of the reservoir for this irrigation season. The Committee members reviewed and discussed the report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

<u>DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said he thinks the water usage will drop off here shortly and he proposes shutting off the Dunaway Pumping Plant and pulling water out of storage. He said it has been difficult to staff the pumping plant. He said that it sounds like the weather will be cooling off and demand should not be quite as great for water. The Committee members discussed the request and after discussion a motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Nagaki, and unanimously carried authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to shut off the Dunaway Pumping Plant in his discretion when water usage drops.

BOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. Mr. Chamberlin reported on the BOR's Comprehensive Review which was done on August 1. He said that overall the review and inspection went well though there were a couple of items that need addressed. He said the first item is a concrete repair that is not real big, but is in a tough spot to get to. He said that item is not a high priority. The other item is that some chunks of concrete have broken off of the west side of the ring gate. He said BOR said it looks like a normal maintenance issue. He passed around photographs of the damaged area and explained the situation. He said it is not critical at this point, but he is not sure on the logistics of the repair with OID's crew working on the Malheur Siphon this off season. The matter was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin will get some quotes on the repair.

BOAT RAMP AT RESERVOIR. Mr. Chamberlin said that he has gone ahead and contracted for garbage service at the boat ramp. He said that he is also having the bathroom stocked. He said communication with the County has started. He said that the boat ramp will be closed if the vortex starts back up. Mr. Nielson and Chairman White both said they believe the project is doing right by paying for the garbage.

WATER SHUT OFF DATE. The Committee members discussed a shut off date for the reservoir water. Mr. Eells said that he has received phone calls asking that the shut off date be set for around the 10th of October. Mr. Chamberlin said he has not received any calls. Chairman White said that he believes the 5th of October could work for beet growers in his area. Mr. Eells said that the South Board of Control voted to leave the water on until the 15th of October, but he said that he believes the 10th will work for the beet growers in his area. Mr. Chamberlin explained the timing of planned work on the Malheur Siphon. He said that OID has to have the first anchor done by October 15 so the contractor can start on that date. He said that if OID goes off on the 5th, the Malheur Siphon can be de-watered on the 7th. He said he does not believe Old Owyhee Ditch Company will shut off on the 5th. Mr. Corn noted that if the South Board of Control keeps running from the 5th through the 10th of October, there would be approximately an extra 2,500 acre feet of water used. Mr. Eells said that some growers in the south are planning on putting in winter wheat instead of corn for fear of a drought next year. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried to shut the water off to OID on the 5th of October and to the South Board of Control on the 10th of October or sooner if weather conditions allow.

<u>BOAT INSPECTION BILL</u>. Mr. Chamberlin read an email from Senator Bentz asking for input on proposed legislation that he wants to introduce allowing boat inspections. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nielson, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried authorizing Mr. Chamberlin to work with the local legislators to draft a bill on boat inspections.

<u>LANDSLIDES AT RESERVOIR</u>. Mr. Chamberlin said there are a couple of landslides quite a ways upstream of the dam which BOR staff are keeping an eye on.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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