

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

August 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on August 16, 2023, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:35 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Dan Tschida	Bruce Corn
Eric White	Frank Ausman
Gregory Clark	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; and Curt Sisson, Zack Mautz, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 10, 2023.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held July 18, 2023, 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.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Flynn said that in general, the budget is looking pretty good. He said that he is getting quotes on the panel work at Dead Ox Pumping Plant. The report included a breakdown of credit card charges. Mr. Flynn said that he has not heard back on the insurance coverage for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant. He said he is waiting for final bills on the Peewee pump repairs. Right now the bills are close to \$14,000 and he anticipates the total will be around \$24,000. He pointed out that tires have been a big expense.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists and asked questions which were answered by Mr. Flynn. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried approving the payment of the accounts payable.

WEEDS. Mr. Ausman said that he has not seen anyone out in his area spraying weeds. Mr. Flynn said that there is a report which can show on the GPS maps where spraying occurred and how often. Mr. Ausman said that weeds in the 24-5 lateral are bad and that it is hard to keep stuff running. Mr. Flynn explained the chemical application process and that it is being adjusted. Mr. Ausman explained his dissatisfaction with the weeds in the lateral and that the water is unusable. Mr. Sisson asked about the lack of ditch rider training. He said that his lateral has been bad and Zack Mautz said the same. Mr. Sisson said that lateral 27-8 is really bad. Mr. White explained problems in his area. Mr. Sisson said that it has been worse than he has ever seen in the last two years. The Directors discussed the matter and Director Ausman showed a video of the weeds in the lateral. Mr. Flynn said that two new employees were hired to run the beater

truck for land weeds. Mr. Flynn said he will check out the two laterals, work on the weed and spraying program, and get more involved.

At 8:19 p.m., Zack Mautz and Curt Sisson left the meeting.

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 financial report. Mr. Flynn said that the second unit is shut off.

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

AT&T	\$7.16
Nichols Accounting	188.46
FERC	3,236.51
Riverside	42.95
OID	7,707.18
Century Link	<u>192.58</u>
TOTAL	\$11,374.84

EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE. Mr. White said that he and Mr. Clark met with the Employee Committee. He said that the Committee sent out a poll to the employees. He said they agreed to 2% and 2% wage increase for the first year but there was no majority for the 2nd year. Mr. White said that the Employee Committee asked for a slight change on time off for the long term employees. Discussion of the matter continued. The Employee Committee will meet with the Board at a later date.

FUEL TANK. Mr. Flynn said that he is waiting to hear back if the quote on the fuel tank is still good. He said that the budget looks like it is still affordable, but that it may be tight at the end of the year. The consensus of the Board is to move forward on the purchase of the fuel tank if the quote comes close to the earlier estimate.

KINGMAN PIPELINE PROJECT. Mr. Flynn said that the District got a USBR Water Smart award for design. He said that he also applied for an OWEB grant for the final design.

WATER PAYMENTS. Mr. Flynn said that water payments of \$38,000 have been paid in cash, 4.6 million in checks, and \$303,000 have been paid with credit cards.

LOANS. Mr. Flynn said that the Siphon and CAT excavator loans will be paid off this year.

POWER POLE INSURANCE. Mr. Flynn said that he is are still working on getting insurance quotes for insurance coverage on power poles.

DUNAWAY. Mr. Flynn said that insurance quotes have come in for the panels, transformer, building, motors, and pumps. He passed around the \$25,000 quote. A discussion was had and the quote was compared to the Dead Ox repair costs.

DOPPLER BOAT. The doppler boat was used this year to check and compare to the radial gates and a loss calculation will also be done.

WATER CARDS. Mr. Flynn said that switching water cards to the computer saved \$10,000 in mailings.

WATER USER PONDS. Mr. Corn said that a water user with ponds said he is optimistic in working with the District. Mr. Flynn explained the situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 8:52 p.m., the Board entered executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) to discuss management. Darla Sebasto and Linda Henderson left the meeting.

RECONVENED REGULAR SESSION. At 9:09 p.m., the Board returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: _____

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

August 16, 2023

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on August 16, 2023, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:04 p.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White	Bruce Corn
Dan Tschida	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Gregory Clark, OID Alternate; Scott Porter, South Board Employee; and Curt Sisson, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 10, 2023.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on July 18, 2023, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Ausman, 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 the financial report is still a work in progress and he still needs to work with Brian Richins and possibly Tyler Sweet at Nichols Accounting. The Committee members had questions regarding the report and Mr. Flynn said that he will work with staff to get those questions cleared up.

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

AT&T	\$154.35
Nichols Accounting	283.46
D&B	380.00
E4 Connect (formerly OIU)	112.82
OR Dept. Consumer & Business	89.60
OID	14,562.15
Five Rivers Law, P.C.	<u>380.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,962.38

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.

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. Tschida, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as follows:

AT&T	\$77.19
Nichols Accounting	259.46
E4 Connect	112.82
FERC	13,834.00
OID	14,942.66
Five Rivers Law, P.C.	<u>380.00</u>
TOTAL	\$29,606.13

WATER USAGE. Mr. Flynn said that it looks like there will be approximately 308,000 acre feet of water left in the reservoir at the end of the season depending on the shut off date. Mr. Flynn reconfirmed that there will be no excess water except on pump ditches.

TENTATIVE SHUT OFF DATE. The Committee members discussed a potential shutoff date. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried to set a tentative shutoff date for water from the reservoir of October 13 to be revisited at next month's meeting.

REPORT OF FARM TOURS. Mr. Flynn said that he thought the tour under the John Keys Program and the tour of OWRC and state representatives went really well. He said he was a bit disappointed that most of the John Keys group were from Grand Coulee.

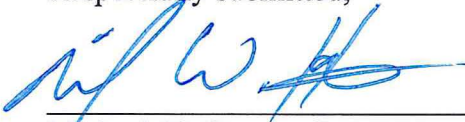
MANAGEMENT REPORT. Mr. Flynn said that Tunnel financial reports need to be sent to the state each month. He reported that the ring gate repair needs to be held off for one year because of other projects that need done.

B2H POWERLINE. Mr. Flynn said that he received an email from USBR regarding a crossing permit.

PUMP BACK. Mr. Flynn said that FERC issued a scoping order for the proposed pump back storage project. The order sets out time lines that must be met with the first being meetings to take comments on the project. He said he will be attending those meetings to submit comments.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, Secretary

APPROVED: _____