

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

April 1, 2014

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 1, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, to review and discuss water allotment and turnon date for the upcoming irrigation season. Frank Ausman, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Frank Ausman	Jerry Nagaki
Eric White	Rich Smith
Bruce Corn	Chris Landa

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Attorney and Secretary of the Joint Committee; Ron Keester, South Board Manager; Harvey Manser, OID Assistant Manager; Tom Zittercob, Hydro Operator; Monty Culbertson and Dylan Mitchell, Old Owyhee Irrigation District; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Dan Tschida, OID Alternate to the Joint Committee, and Paul Kesler, OID patron.

MEETING NOTICE. Mr. Chamberlin said that public notice of the meeting was given.

WATER DEMANDS. Mr. Chamberlin reported on phone calls he received for OID from growers. He said that in almost all of the calls the growers said that they are good for ten to fifteen days. He said that he has not received any calls from growers wanting to go on sooner. Mr. Keester said that in the south area, he has received the same input from growers and they have been getting rain in that area. Mr. Landa said that those growers he talked to have asked him to tell the Joint Committee to wait as long as they can. Mr. Corn said that he heard that growers in his area can wait until the 25th of April. Mr. White said that the storms have been going around Adrian, but there is moisture in the air. He said he thinks his area is good for a couple more weeks.

WATER ALLOTMENT. Mr. Chamberlin said that storage in the reservoir is around 170,000 acre feet and is getting up to where it was in 1992. He said that in 1992, the project delivered 1.5 foot per acre. He said that the allotment could be increased to 1.5 foot per acre now. A motion was made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried setting the allotment at 1.5 foot per acre.

RIVER FLOWS AND SNOW REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin reported on river flows and snow pack. The flows in the Snake River were discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that the snow sites have been accumulating snow, but the project probably will not get much from the lower snow.


WATER TURNON DATE. The Committee members discussed having another meeting in a couple of weeks to assess the water situation and possibly set a turnon date. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Joint Committee to have a regular Joint Committee meeting on April 15, at 7:00 p.m., at Mr. Horton's office.

PUMP DITCHES. A turnon date for the pump ditches was discussed. Mr. Culbertson reported that he has not received any requests from people in his district wanting the project turned on. Mr. Tschida said that the big growers in his area have informed him that they can wait until the first of May to get water.

WATER TRANSFERS. Paul Kesler asked about water transfers within the Owyhee Irrigation District. He said that he went into the office and was told that a decision on allowing transfers had not been made yet. Mr. Chamberlin said that a decision had been made and that he will get the situation lined out.

ADJOURNMENT. Mr. White made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Nagaki and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

APPROVED: 4-15-14