

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

May 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on May 21, 2024, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:36 p.m. President Dan Tschida presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Gregory Clark
Eric White	Dan Tschida
Frank Ausman	

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, District Manager; Michael W. Horton, Attorney; Mark Wortman, Dam Tender; Chris Gerano, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on May 15, 2024.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held April 16, 2024, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

EMPLOYEE WRITTEN WARNING APPEAL. Mr. Mark Wortman said that he is appealing the written warning/reprimand given to him by Mr. Flynn for not entering his time correctly and excessive time worked. He requested an open hearing on the matter. Mr. Wortman said that he wants the written warning/reprimand removed from his file. Questions were asked by the Directors. Mr. Flynn explained his side. He said he gave a written warning/reprimand with corrective actions which were then taken. Mr. Flynn said that he was okay with taking the word "reprimand" out, but otherwise he stands by his statements in the written warning. Mr. Wortman said this would not satisfy him and he wants the document removed from his personnel file. The Board said they will take the matter into consideration and give their decision next month. Mr. Wortman left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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 he was able to clean up the bank account that showed on last month's financial report as an expense. He said that fuel has not been purchased yet as they are waiting on the electrician. He said that the second two compartment fuel tank has been ordered.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. A list of District accounts payable for the month and a breakdown of credit card charges were included in the Directors' packets. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Flynn said that an aquatic treatment has been done. 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 Plant was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Flynn said that both units are in and making power. He said that next year they need to try to make sure both units are ready to go by April 1.

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

FATBEAM (Tekfimy)	\$42.95
AT&T	47.87
CenturyLink	202.04
Spiegel & McDiarmid	110.25
Owyhee Irrigation District	6,264.60
TOTAL	\$6,667.71

CHRIS GERONO. Mr. Geronio asked how much water is going through the siphon and what the capacity is. Mr. Geronio asked a number of questions which were answered by the Board.

VACANT LOT. Mr. Flynn said that the vacant lot was rented for tractor trailer parking for the month.

KINGMAN LATERAL. Mr. Flynn said that state grant funding for the Kingman Lateral is being recommended and the commission will meet June 13 and should have an answer by then. He said that the District just missed funding for the Snake River Project. A discussion was had regarding the plan to move forward with the Kingman Lateral project after June 13.

INSURANCE CLAIMS. Mr. Flynn reported on insurance claims. He said that two pickups backed into cars and there was a ditch break at 14.5 which resulted in a claim.

POTENTIAL NRCS GRANTS. Mr. Flynn said that NRCS is getting funds from Freshwater Trust and the District could potentially pipe a bunch of laterals in the next five years.

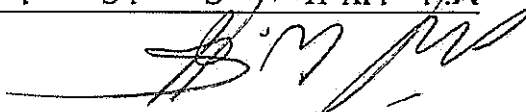
DEAD OX. Mr. Flynn reported on the pump repairs at Dead Ox Pumping Plant.

MR. WORTMAN'S APPEAL. The Board discussed Mr. Wortman's appeal and will make a decision next month.

EMPLOYEE OIL CHANGES. The Board discussed vehicle oil changes being done by the employees.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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

May 21, 2024

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on May 21, 2024, 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	Bruce Corn
Gregory Clark	Frank Ausman
Chris Landa	Bret Nielson

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and Legal Counsel; Carl Sieders, South Board Manager; Mark Wortman, Dam Tender; Brenda Bateman, Department of Land Conservation; Chris Gerono, Fly Fishing Outfitter, and Dan Tschida (OID Alternate).

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on May 15, 2024.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the March 29, April 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, and 16, 2024, meetings of the Joint Committee were mailed out prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Landa, 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 power plant is making about 6.5 megawatts right now. He said the LGIP account is earning 5.2% interest and that last month's report failed to show depreciation which was an oversight.

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

E4 Connect	114.50
Speigel & McDiarmid	110.25
Owyhee Irrigation District	14,165.90
FERC	<u>29.46</u>

TOTAL	\$14,420.11
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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 negative entry under Utility Expenses that was shown on last month's report was negative line loss. He said the power plant is running smoothly.

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

E4 Connect	114.50
Speigel & McDiarmid	110.25
Owyhee Irrigation District	26,553.04
AT&T	<u>109.13</u>
TOTAL	\$26,886.92

WATER UPDATE. Mr. Flynn said that the dam is close to full. He said that he checked with USBR on surcharge as he is planning on topping off the dam. He said that one jet flow is half open. He said that he was told that a few thousand a.f. over is okay. He said that the inflows so far are 110% of a 64 year average for the entire season. He said that the USBR forecast between May and June is approximately 160,000 a.f. and NRCS forecast between May to July is 235,000 a.f. Mr. Flynn said that 777,000 a.f. has come in so far this year and close to 350,000 a.f. has been released downstream.

FLOOD DAMAGE. Mr. Flynn presented a video of Lamar Roach's land along the river below Mitchell Butte. He said that Mr. Roach filed an insurance claim and it was denied. Mr. Roach asked the Committee if they would rebuild the dike and bring in topsoil. He asked if there is anything the Committee will do for his flood damaged property. A discussion was had. Mr. Corn said there was a district formed to maintain and clean the channels on the Owyhee River. He asked if Mr. Roach is aware of this. He said that area always floods. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee not to do what Mr. Roach requested.

SEPTIC SYSTEM AT DAM. Mr. Flynn said that the septic drain field and line have been replaced at the Dam Compound. He said that they are getting contractor advice on what can be done to the system so that it will not be impacted during high water years.

POWER OUTAGE. Mr. Flynn said there was a brief power outage caused by downed trees.

SNOW FLIGHT. Mr. Flynn said that he flew the snow course on May 8. He said that there was new snow at a few lower sites and higher mountains in Nevada. He said that there was quite a bit of snow in the South Mountains.

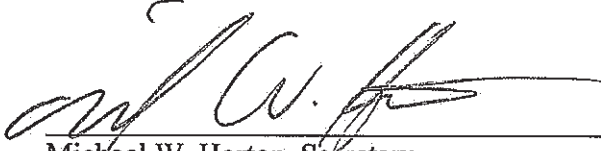
TOURS. Mr. Flynn reported on a number of tours at the dam.

BRIDGE TO DAM COMPOUND. Mr. Flynn said that in a couple of days staff are going to put the bridge to the Dam Compound back in.

ROAD TO POWER PLANT. A discussion was had on the condition of the road to the Power Plant. Mr. Flynn said that they are trying to find material stock piles and getting BLM permits.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Michael W. Horton, Secretary

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