MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

April 4, 2023

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 4, 2023, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 11:01 a.m. Eric White, Chairman of the Joint Committee presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Eric White

Frank Ausman

Chris Landa

Bruce Corn

Dan Tschida

Brett Nielsen

Also present were: Clancy Flynn, Manager of the Hydro Projects; Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel; John Eells, South Board Manager; Monte Culbertson and Dylan Mitchell, Old Owyhee Ditch Company Manager and Assistant Manager; Gregory Clark, OID Alternate; and Linda Henderson and Debra Odette, Members of the Public.

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

<u>WATER SITUATION</u>. Clancy Flynn gave an update on the current water situation. He said that this year resembles 1982 as far as storage and snowpack. He said that with the current numbers it looks like the reservoir should be able to deliver 657,000 acre feet of irrigation water with approximately 150,000 acre feet left in the reservoir at the end of the season.

Current snowpack and storage were discussed. Chairman White noted that Antelope Reservoir and Cow Lakes are both full. Mr. Flynn said that the forecast shows that the weather is supposed to warm up April 11 through 15 and there should be an uptick in river flows. He said current storage in the reservoir is at 230,000 acre feet. He said that he is planning on flying the snow course when things start flowing.

TURN ON DATE. Brett Nielsen said that he would like to see a turn on date of April 10, but is willing to settle for a later date. A turn on date was discussed at length. John Eells said that the 10th is too early, but that the 12th of April would work. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Corn to set a tentative turn on date of April 17 with the Joint Committee to meet on April 11, at 11:00 a.m., to reconsider the turn on date. Mr. Ausman seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was had. Committee members White, Ausman, Tschida, and Corn voted in favor of the motion. Committee members Nielsen and Landa voted against. The motion passed on a vote of four to two.

The process of starting flows from the reservoir was discussed. Ditching and the difficulty in getting ditching done because of the wet weather was discussed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary	
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