

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

March 14, 2022

A special meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on March 14, 2022, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 10:06 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 Legal Counsel; Jerry Nagaki, Outgoing OID Board Member; Monty Culbertson, Old Owyhee Manager; John Eells, South Board Manager; Jay Chamberlin, Outgoing OID Manager; Ray Waldo, Insurance Agent; J.L. Eldred, OID Watermaster; Bryan Bachelder, Lance Peterson, Rod Frahm, Chris Payne, Logan Skeen, Jerry Nagaki, Debra Odette, Dillon Mitchell, Brady Brown, Brett Buchholz, and Gary Rupp, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on March 7, 2022.

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

WATER ALLOTMENT. Mr. Flynn said that he asked for the meeting to discuss the water allotment since he has been getting a number of calls about the allotment with a concern about the allotment being set prior to the deadline for farmers to purchase crop insurance. He said that right now, there is 189,949 acre feet of water in storage in the reservoir. He said that he thinks there will be an uptick in stream flows shortly. He said the snow/water equivalent is holding and we are seeing weather similar to last year.

Mr. Flynn said that right now that if an allotment were to be set for what is in the reservoir, it would be at 1.4 feet per acre and if inflows turn out similar to last year, it could go up to 1.9 feet per acre. He said that USBR is forecasting 365,000 acre feet of inflows through September with a 50% chance of getting those inflows. He said it is his recommendation that if the allotment were set today, that it be set at 1.4 feet per acre, with an April 18 turn on date. He then gave an update on the pump ditches.

Mr. Chamberlin said that if the weather heats up and rains come in, some of the snow on Mud Flat could start to flow in and he said that his gut tells him that the river is going to get a run.

Ray Waldo advised the Committee members to do what they normally do in setting the allotment and not base a decision on crop insurance. Mr. Nielsen asked Mr. Waldo about farmers making planting decisions. Mr. Waldo said that farmers' decisions on planting should be based on their crops and the information that they have available.

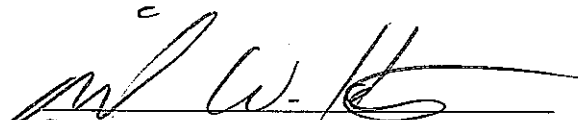
Mr. Flynn and Mr. Chamberlin said that they will be trying to fly the snow course in the near future.

The Committee members discussed the situation. After the discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members to hold off on setting anything for now. Mr. Culbertson said that Old Owyhee Ditch is going to be having a meeting at noon today. Mr. Flynn said that OID is planning on having staffing for the pumps ready for when the water comes on.

Chairman White announced that the next regular Joint Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

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