

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

November 22, 2016

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa, Oregon, on November 22, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Eric White, Chairman, presiding.

The following members of the Joint Committee were present:

Brett Nielson	Eric White
Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, Manager of the Hydro Projects; John Eells, South Board Manager; and Michael W. Horton, Secretary.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on November 16, 2016.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on October 25, 2016, were mailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tschida, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

TUNNEL #1 POWER PROJECT.

Tunnel #1 Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin handed out a financial report for the Tunnel #1 Power Plant which was reviewed by the Committee members.

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 following accounts payable:

Oregon-Idaho Utilities	476.76
AT&T	94.64
Owyhee Irrigation	49,303.20
SDAO	14,045.50
OWRD	3,758.04
Nichols Accounting	<u>1,860.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$69,538.14

OWYHEE DAM POWER PROJECT.

Owyhee Dam Financial Report. Jay Chamberlin 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 following accounts payable:

Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, Horton, LLP	\$4,164.04
SDAO	9,044.50
OWRD	2,220.28
Owyhee Irrigation	49,565.56
AT&T	40.06
Oregon-Idaho Utilities	337.22
Nichols Accounting	<u>1,860.00</u>
TOTAL	\$67,231.66

OWYHEE DAM HISTORIC RESERVATION PROPERTIES TOUR WITH USBR.

Mr. Chamberlin said that staff members from USBR came over and did a tour of the dam with regard to its historical properties. He reported on the specifics of the tour and said that it went well. He then explained some requirements for maintenance processes for the dam and some of the buildings in the compound since it is on the historic register.

ELEVATOR AT DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said the people who will be doing the repair work on the elevator at the dam will be here next week. He explained historic preservation issues with regard to the elevator.

BOAT RAMP AT DAM. Mr. Chamberlin said that he will be meeting with USBR staff next week with regard to the boat ramp at the dam. He said that the concrete for the ramp itself has been poured. He said erosion protection concrete still needs to be poured. He then handed out a copy of the letter which he sent to USBR regarding the boat ramp. Mr. Chamberlin said that the area manager for USBR informed him that they have staff working on the boat ramp issue.

OWYHEE BASIN STUDY. Mr. Chamberlin said that when he meets with USBR next week, he will again request the Bureau to move forward with an Owyhee River Basin Study.

WEATHER FORECAST. Mr. Chamberlin said that he recently attended a meeting at which weather forecasts were presented. He gave the Committee members each a handout on precipitation outlook. He said that weather experts are not in agreement. He said some experts

are saying that the winter may be comparable to the winter of 2014. He said some experts are predicting that temperatures over the winter will be colder than they have been the last two years but higher than normal.


OWYHEE DAM BUDGET REVIEW. Mr. Chamberlin said that he wants to wait on a budget review for work to be done at the dam and dam compound until the elevator inspection is completed.

TUNNEL BOND NEGOTIATIONS. Mr. Horton updated the Committee on negotiations with Oregon Department of Energy on the Tunnel Bond. He reported on numbers which were given to the department calculating potential net income. He said that just before the meeting he received a phone call from John Hobbs at SELP who said that the Tunnel Bond debt has not been included in Oregon Department of Energy's refinancing attempts. He said this is because they are only refinancing tax free issues.

B2H POWER LINE UPDATE. Mr. Horton and Mr. Chamberlin updated the Committee on the status of the B2H Power Line process.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

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

November 22, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on November 22, 2016, at the offices of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna & Horton, LLP, 106 Main Street, Nyssa Oregon, at 10:10 a.m. Dan Tschida, Vice-President of the District, presiding.

The following Directors were present:

Bruce Corn	Frank Ausman
Dan Tschida	Eric White

Also present were: Jay Chamberlin, District Manager and Michael W. Horton, Attorney.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice as to the meeting was given on November 16, 2016.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 25, 2016, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Chamberlin handed out Nichols Accounting's financial report for the District. The Directors reviewed the report.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. Two lists of the District accounts payable for the month were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the lists. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the accounts.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT.

Financial Report. The financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was in the Director's packets. The Directors reviewed the report. Mr. Chamberlin said that the one unit has been pulled for repairs and that it has a damaged wicket gate. The repair estimate is between \$15,000 to \$20,000. They are also estimating an \$11,000 motor rebuild.

Accounts Payable. The agenda listed accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project. Director Corn said he does not think the District can pay \$50,000 out of the Mitchell Butte Account back to the District. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Ausman, and unanimously carried authorizing payment of the accounts payable as listed on the agenda, with the exception of the payment to Owyhee Irrigation. This resulted in payment of the following accounts:

Century Link	141.51
Verizon	50.08
OWRD	932.00
Nichols Accounting Group	<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$1,233.59

TWILIGHT PIPING PROJECT. Mr. Chamberlin said that 9,000 feet of pipe has been laid and there is 1,000 feet left to go. He said the contractor submitted a bill for \$41,400. Mr. Chamberlin then updated the Board on the pipeline project work. The Board members expressed satisfaction in how these pipeline projects are benefitting the District as a whole. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried to pay the \$41,400 bill. The old minutes were reviewed to determine the total amount bid for the pipeline installation. Mr. Horton reported the minutes reflect a bid of \$58,240.

MALHEUR SIPHON. Mr. Chamberlin provided the Board with a copy of a letter he sent to the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the Malheur Siphon defects. He said he will have the engineer come to next month's meeting after they have had a chance to process the soil test results and meet with the Bureau of Reclamation.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACT PROPOSAL. Mr. Chamberlin said that the Board needs to make a decision on the employee contract proposal in order for staff to complete work on the budget. The proposal was discussed. Director Tschida said that the Board may want to look at a longer term the next go around. He said the Board needs to be careful doing these 2% increases every year as they do add up. Mr. Chamberlin said the incentive part of the wage package has been a good tool. Staffing for the District was discussed. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried accepting the employee proposal but also being conscious of the farming economy.

OWRC CONFERENCE. Mr. Chamberlin said the OWRC Conference is scheduled for November 28 through December 1 in Hood River. He said that he, Mr. Horton, and Dan Tschida will be going. He said that Director Tschida has volunteered not to go if another Director chooses to do so. Mr. Chamberlin said it is important to have Mr. Horton attend these conferences. He said that at the conference, he is scheduled to meet with Bureau of Reclamation managers with regard to the boat ramp, Malheur Siphon, and Owyhee Basin Study.

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT. Mr. Chamberlin said that a couple of pickups were purchased at a recent auction.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS. Mr. Chamberlin said that employees were provided with turkeys and they asked him to express their appreciation to the Board.

USED SCREEN FROM UTAH. Mr. Chamberlin said that a Utah irrigation company took out a screen when they redid their system. He said they originally paid \$31,000 for the screen. Mr. Chamberlin said that he purchased the screen for \$7,500 and there are four to five

places on the system where the screen can be used. He said that staff who picked up the screen said that it looks good. Mr. Chamberlin said that another new screen was put in on 43.2 and there are also some screens that were picked up from Montana.

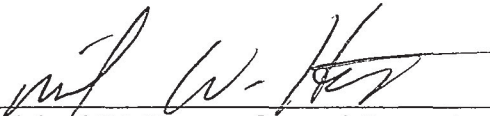
PIPELINE PROJECTS. Director Ausman asked if the District's engineer might be able to identify potential areas in the District for pressurized lines when he has spare time. The matter was discussed. Mr. Chamberlin said that right now the District's engineer does not have any spare time. He said that in a way the water conservation plan which is being worked on will identify areas in the District for pressurized lines. Director Corn said there may be future state funds available to cover staffing for such planning. Mr. Chamberlin explained staffing level issues.

FALL-WINTER WORK. Mr. Chamberlin updated the Board on Fall-Winter work and ditching. He said staff is behind on excavator work.

HOOVER DAM TOUR. Director Ausman gave a report on a recent tour he took of the Hoover Dam.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

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