

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

June 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on June 18, 2024, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:21 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; Andrew Wood, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE. The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on June 12, 2024.

MINUTES. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held May 21, 2024, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Ausman, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as mailed.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT. Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Director White asked about unpaid assessments and Mr. Flynn said that he thinks that the collections have been a little better than normal. Mr. Flynn said that the fuel tank has not been filled yet as it has to pass an electrical inspection and a fire marshal inspection before it can be filled. Mr. Flynn asked the Directors for direction on the environmental fund and equipment fund. He said that he is wondering how much to have in these funds and if the radial gate expense should be paid from the equipment fund. The matter was discussed and the consensus of the Directors is to relook at this once decisions have been made on the hydro revenue sharing.

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. The Directors reviewed the list and asked questions about some of the items. Director Ausman pointed out that some of the entries were missing information. Mr. Flynn investigated and said that he will need to investigate further and report back to the Board. The consensus of the Directors is to wait until next month to review the report with full entries and possibly ratify payment then.

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 running right now. He said that he wasn't sure if the bill for repairing one of the units has been paid yet.

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

FATBEAM (Tekfinity)	\$42.95
AT&T	47.37
CenturyLink	<u>202.78</u>
TOTAL	\$293.10

EMPLOYEE WRITTEN WARNING/REPRIMAND APPEAL. President Tschida said that the Board is to make a decision on Mr. Wortman’s appeal which he made last month. President Tschida asked Mr. Wortman if he had anything further to add. Mr. Wortman said that he does not feel that proper notice was given to him prior to his writeup. President Tschida made a motion that the written warning/reprimand stand. The motion was seconded by Director Clark. The motion was discussed. Director White said that he would be more comfortable if the word “reprimand” was taken off, but let the written warning stand. Director Ausman said that he is expressing only his opinion, but that he does not feel that an employee should be required to write up a standard operating procedure for his position. He said that other than that, he does not feel that this is serious enough for the Board to get involved and overturn Mr. Flynn’s written warning/reprimand. Director Ausman asked Mr. Wortman if he completed the corrective actions which were listed in the warning/reprimand and Mr. Wortman said that he had. The matter was discussed further. After discussion, a motion was made by Director White, to amend the motion that the written warning/reprimand stand, with the word “reprimand” being removed. Director Corn seconded the motion. A vote on the motion to amend the first motion was had. Directors White, Corn, and Ausman voted in favor and Directors Tschida and Clark voted against, and the motion passed on a vote of three to two, with the original motion being amended accordingly. President Tschida then called for a vote on the amended motion that the written warning/reprimand stand, with the word “reprimand” being removed. A vote on the motion was had and Directors White, Corn, and Ausman voted in favor and Directors Tschida and Clark voted against. The motion passed on a vote of three to two.

ANDREW WOOD. Mr. Wood said that he bought property in Ontario that is within the District’s boundaries. He explained that he missed his first couple of payments for water before deciding that he wanted to use the water for his property. He said that he contacted District staff and was informed that he must pay all of the charges for the water before the water could be turned on. He said that Mr. Flynn did an onsite visit and a valve on the lateral was nonfunctioning. A new valve was put on and he said that before he starts using the water, he wants to be sure that other patrons and landowners cannot access the water once he puts it into the private system to get water to his place. Maps of the system and the area were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Wood thanked the Board for educating him on the water system in his area.

KINGMAN LATERAL. Mr. Flynn said that the State of Oregon approved the District’s grant application for \$2,000,000 to put towards cost share for the Kingman Lateral Project. He said that the District is getting \$3,000,000 through the Federal Grant as well as \$50,000 through a USBR Water Smart Grant. He said that the District does not have to come up with any additional money now and he is waiting for the written agreement. He said that

the cultural study is being done now. He said that bids for the design work should be coming in soon.

SNAKE RIVER PUMPING OWRD GRANT. Mr. Flynn said that Oregon Water Resource Department approved funding of the District's grant application for variable speed controls for the pumping plants along the Snake River. He said that the funding is contingent on a bond sale. He said that the grant application was for \$1,250,000. He said that the District would need an additional \$1,576,000 to complete the project and he is waiting to see if the District gets congressional approval for the additional amount.

GRANT MONEY ADMINISTRATION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. Mr. Flynn said that the District is currently working on a \$1,675,000 grant for the watershed plans which FCA is working on. He said that the District has the potential to be administering \$12,000,000 worth of grants during the next five years. He said that staffing will have to be looked at in coming years. The Directors commended Mr. Flynn on his efforts to get the grants.

DISTRICT PROPERTY ACROSS FROM DISTRICT OFFICE. Mr. Flynn said that the District is currently renting out part of the lot across the street from the District office for truck parking and will be renting out another portion of the property to an entity selling sheds. The need for space to store pipe for the Kingman Lateral Project was discussed. Equipment and staffing for that project was also discussed.

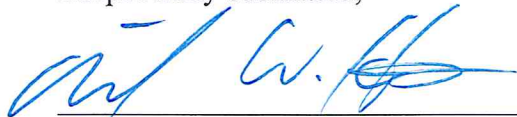
FIRE SUPPRESSION GRANT. Mr. Flynn said that the District was awarded \$901,000 grant from the BLM for fire mitigation. He said that the money is paid out over the next five years and will reimburse the District for mowing the District's right of ways, including the purchase of equipment such as mowers, graders, and dozers. He said that the grant will also pay for labor for maintaining the right of ways.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Linda Hendersen suggested that the District look at school programs for oil changes on the District's pickup trucks. Mr. Flynn said that the District is getting an account set up with Jiffy Lube for some of the oil changes.

DIRECTOR COMMENT. President Tschida asked about the Komatsu machine. Mr. Flynn said that he has nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED:

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

June 18, 2024

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on June 18, 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; and Andrew Wood, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public.

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

MINUTES. The minutes of the May 21, 2024, meeting 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 running good and pretty much full out. Mr. Corn said that he expects the Hydro Revenue Committee to have a report at next month's meeting.

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

E4 Connect	<u>\$114.50</u>
TOTAL	\$114.50

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 it is running at about 5.2 megawatts.

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

E4 Connect	\$ <u>114.50</u>
TOTAL	\$114.50

WATER OPERATIONS REVIEW. Mr. Flynn updated the Board on water operations for the season. He said that 360,000 a.f. of water was spilled for flood control. He said the reservoir level hit 715,000 a.f. for six days. He said that USBR is confident that the Districts will be authorized for a few feet of surcharge each year when the reservoir gets near full.

BOAT RAMP MEETING. Mr. Flynn reported on a meeting held with USBR staff and the County Judge on the boat ramp. He said that it did not go well. He said that USBR refuses to allow the boat ramp to be open unless un-addressable items can be accomplished. Mr. Flynn said that USBR is unwilling to sell the boat ramp property to the Districts or any other entity. He said that some USBR staff are supposed to be looking into stuff to see if there is any way to open the boat ramp. Discussion continued regarding the boat ramp.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael W. Horton, Secretary

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