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

April 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on April 22, 2025, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:34 p.m. President Frank Ausman presiding.
The following Directors were present:

- Bruce Corn
- Gregory Clark
- Eric White
- Joseph Davis
- Frank Ausman

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Attorney
- 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 April 17, 2025.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held March 18 and March 31, 2025, 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 as mailed.

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 the assessments are coming in slower than usual. The matter was discussed.

At 7:40 p.m., Chris Gerano left the meeting.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

A list of District accounts payable for the month, together with a breakdown of credit card charges, was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the accounts and credit card charges. The Directors asked questions about some of the bills and credit card charges. President Ausman asked if more detail could be provided on the credit card purchases going forward. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report.

A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was included in the Directors' packets. Mr. Flynn said that all of the numbers have come in on the repairs to the plant which total approximately $120,000. He explained the charges from the different companies which worked on the power plant. Director Corn said that it has now been two years in a row that Mitchell Butte Power Plant was not ready to generate electricity when water became available. He said that the District needs to continue to strive to have the power plant ready by April 1. Mr. Flynn said that both units are running good.

Accounts Payable.

A list of accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was listed on the agenda. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

PL566 GRANT PROGRAM.

Mr. Flynn said that the funding for the PL566 Grant Program is on hold. He said that it sounds like there may be some movement on it next week.

KINGMAN LATERAL PIPELINE PROJECT.

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Kingman Lateral Pipeline Project. He said that gravel will soon start to be hauled to the Dunaway Pumping Plant. He said that he has been able to get money from EPA. He said that Ferguson is asking to be paid earlier than 90 days after delivery of the pipe as provided for in the contract. He said they are looking for a contract amendment. He explained the reasons why they need earlier payment. The matter was discussed. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors to agree to amend the contract to provide for earlier payment contingent upon the availability of grant funds to pay the invoices and authorize President Frank Ausman to sign such an amendment. Mr. Flynn gave an update on dealing with EPA staff on the construction side of the project.

CHINA WALL.

Mr. Flynn said that the work on the China Wall did not get done this season before the water was started. He said that he hopes to get to the work when the water goes off.

MOWER LEASE.

Mr. Flynn gave an update on the mowers which were to be paid for by BLM through a grant. He said the money is currently on pause. He said that there is a mower ready to go for the District to acquire under a lease option, but that a decision to move forward on that mower is needed before there will be certainty on the availability of funds under the BLM Grant. The matter was discussed in detail. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried to move forward with the mower lease.

SIPHON DAMAGE.

Director Clark asked about scouring at the siphon inlets and potential remedies. The matter was discussed.

WASHINGTON D.C. MEETINGS REPORT.

Mr. Flynn gave a report on the meetings he had during his Washington D.C. trip. He said that he learned that other districts are also having frustration with the EPA Grant reporting requirements.

GRANT 4D.

Mr. Flynn said that Grant 4D did not take anywhere near the amount of water that they were requesting. He said that Yano Farms also did not take water until April 21. The Directors discussed the matter. Director White reiterated that the policy which the District set for the Dead Ox Pumping Plant water deliveries was only for the year 2025.

ACCOUNT FEES.

Mr. Flynn said that he did some calculations on the District's actual costs in administering each account in the District. He said that it works out to approximately $367 for each account. He said that the small account acreage surcharge does not come anywhere close to covering these actual costs. He asked about possibly instituting a District-wide account fee. The matter was discussed in detail. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors to look at a possible increase in the small account surcharge next year, but not to move forward with a District-wide account fee.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED:

Approved Date: May 20th, 2025