

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

October 21, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on October 21, 2025, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:30 p.m. President Frank Ausman presiding.

The following Directors were present:

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

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Michael W. Horton, General Counsel
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Darla Sebasto, Member of the Public

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on October 15, 2025.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held September 16, 2025, were mailed to the Directors prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Director Davis, seconded by Director Corn, 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 report. Mr. Flynn said that the BLM mower money finally came in, but that he is unable to submit invoices to the BLM because of the government shutdown. He said that the government shutdown has also impacted the Kingman Pipeline Project. Mr. Flynn explained that the District is renting some of its own equipment to the Kingman Pipeline Project. Director Corn expressed his appreciation for the amount of detail in the new financial reports.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

A list of District accounts payable for the month, together with a breakdown of credit card charges, were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the accounts and credit card charges. 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 handed out by Mr. Flynn. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Flynn said that he is planning on holding money back for relicensing reserves for the project.

Accounts Payable.

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

DIRECTOR POSITIONS.

Mr. Horton explained that after publishing notice of the right to submit petitions for Director positions for the 4th and 5th Divisions of the District, only one petition for each division was filed. He explained that Oregon law provides that in such an event, an election is not necessary and the individual submitting the petition for the division can be appointed as a Director of that division. He said that Gregory Clark submitted the only petition for the 5th Division and that Joseph Davis submitted the only petition for the 4th Division. He said that the position for the 4th Division is to carry out the rest of Dan Tschida's term, which has one year left. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried appointments Gregory Clark as Director of the 5th Division for a three-year term beginning the 2nd Tuesday of January, 2026, and appointing Joseph Davis as Director of the 4th Division for a one-year term beginning the 2nd Tuesday of January, 2026.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2026.

Mr. Flynn said that he handed out a preliminary draft budget for 2026 last month. He said that the older long stick needs replaced, but he is proposing to hold off a year on the replacement and put money towards ditch rider pickups. He explained the need for purchasing replacement ditch rider pickups. He said that he is looking at new Jeep Gladiators as potential replacement vehicles. The Directors suggested looking at lease options. Alternatives to Jeep Gladiators and other pickup trucks were discussed. Winter pickup usage by the ditch riders was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that the ditch riders do not take their pickups home during the winter. Mr. Flynn said that he would like to put \$120,000 towards pickup purchases. The matter was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that the fuel tanks saved the District about \$30,000. Expenses for the dam compound were discussed.

VEGETATION CONTROL.

Mr. Flynn said that he felt good about the aquatic weed treatments for the season, but not as good about the land weeds. He said that the District will try to take a different approach to the land weeds this next year. He said that he also wants to have staff be more aggressive with the mowers. The matter was discussed.

PL566.

Mr. Flynn said that with the government shut down, work on the PL566 has been put on hold.

KINGMAN PIPELINE PROJECT.

Mr. Flynn said that funding for the Kingman Pipeline Project has been shut down because of the government shutdown. He said that pipe is still coming in, but that the deposit that the District already made is covering the purchase of that pipe. He said that the District is taking what pipe they have already built. He said that the pipe is being stored at Dunaway Pumping Plant.

OWYHEE SIPHON.

Mr. Flynn said that USBR staff came and looked at the Owyhee Siphon approach apron, but that their report is held up because of the government shutdown. Mr. Flynn explained the damage which was observed and potential repair options. He said that Director Clark will try to get up and visit the site. Mr. Flynn said that the plan is to do the work right away. He said that the inside looks great.

JASMINE ROAD.

Mr. Flynn said that the Jasmine Road crossing is going to be piped with the Ontario Road District buying the pipe and the District installing it. Mr. Flynn said that a box culvert was too expensive.

OFFSEASON WORK.

Mr. Flynn reported on some small, planned pipeline repairs to be done during the offseason.

OWRC WORKSHOP.

Mr. Flynn reported that the District has been hosting an OWRC workshop.

FIBEROPTICS.

Mr. Flynn said that he has been working with USBR to allow USBR to charge OID fees up front and then reimburse the District. He said that USBR is wanting to limit the amount of fees to only installation and planning. He explained potential amounts USBR is proposing. Director Clark said that he would like to have a USBR representative attend the meeting and explain their proposed allowable fees and construction oversight.

DUNAWAY TRANSFORMERS.

Mr. Flynn said that he is waiting on a timeline for installation of the transformers at Dunaway Pumping Plant.

JOB TRAILER FOR KINGMAN PIPELINE PROJECT.

Mr. Flynn said that a job trailer is needed for the Kingman Pipeline Project. He suggested that the District purchase a trailer and then rent it to the project. The consensus of the Directors is to purchase and rent a job trailer, but not a trailer that could later be used for residential purposes.

COUNTY LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT.

Mr. Flynn said that the County Surveyor contacted him and asked to come to the meeting tonight to explain a potential lot line adjustment. Mr. Flynn said that the surveyor did not show up and that he will try to meet with him individually.

MEETING TIMES.

Mr. Flynn reminded the Directors that day meetings start next month with the OID Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: