

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

February 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on February 17, 2026, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 10:00 a.m. President Frank Ausman presiding.

The following Directors were present:

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

Also present were:

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

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on February 12, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Ausman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held January 20, 2026, were mailed to the Directors prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Director White to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded Director Clark. The motion passed with all the Directors present voting in favor of the motion.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr. Flynn handed out a financial report for the month. The Directors reviewed and discussed the report. Director Davis asked about ditch rider cell phones. Mr. Flynn said that the cell phones for ditch riders are turned off during the offseason. Fuel prices were discussed.

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, questioned, and discussed the accounts and credit card charges. Director Corn made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Directors present voting in favor of the motion.

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 things are looking pretty good and that staff have not found any needed maintenance items.

Accounts Payable.

Accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project were listed on the agenda. Director White made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Directors present voting in favor of the motion.

BUDGET.

Mr. Flynn handed out the revised budget which integrates the new assessment amount which the Board adopted last month. He said that it includes \$1.00 per acre coming from the Mitchell Butte Power Project. The Directors reviewed the revised budget. The timing of transferring funds from the Mitchell Butte Power Project was discussed. Mr. Flynn explained that a new SCADA system software upgrade is planned. A motion was made by Director Clark to approve the budget as presented with the variable of the Mitchell Butte transfer coming at the end of the year. The motion was seconded by Director Davis. The motion passed with all the Directors present voting in favor of the motion.

DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT.

Mr. Flynn said that testing on the transformers and soil is happening today. He said that he submitted requests through Senator Merkley's office to fund the pumping plant upgrades and to pipe a couple of laterals.

SNIVELY SLIDE.

Mr. Flynn said that he checked with Oregon DEQ on forgiveness of a portion of money borrowed through the DEQ revolving loan program. He said that the District will know the amount of forgiveness at the time of funding of the loan. He said that he is still looking for other funding sources.

USBR EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN.

Mr. Flynn said that USBR is conducting an emergency action plan today and tomorrow.

FIBEROPTICS.

Mr. Flynn said that Ready Tech is wanting permission to drill crossings when water is in the ditch. All of the Directors present voiced their opposition to the request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Flynn said that an executive session is needed to discuss potential litigation with Mr. Horton. Mr. Horton said that the Board of Directors is entering into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). At 10:46 a.m., the Board entered into executive session. At 11:00 a.m., the Board returned to regular session.

PUMPING PLANT TRANSFORMERS.

Mr. Flynn reported on the testing that was done on the pumping plant transformers.

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE.

Mr. Flynn said that he is going to start working on a new employment structure for the District given the fact that one of the higher level District employees is leaving. He said that he has hired two new dam tenders and explained how their positions are structured.

COMMUNITY ROAD CROSSING.

Mr. Flynn explained issues the District ran into when working on the Community Road crossing.

SNIVELY SLIDE WORK.

Mr. Flynn said that the work on the Snively slide is scheduled to start in the fall. Director Clark said that he would like representatives from the company doing the work to come to a Board meeting and explain their design.

CHINA WALL FLUME.

Mr. Flynn said that the District may try a new product on the floor of the China Wall flume in a test area. He said that they have not started construction of a rock trap yet. He said that might occur this fall.

PIPELINE PROJECTS.

Mr. Flynn updated the Directors on pipeline projects being completed this offseason throughout the District. He said that ditching throughout the District has been started.

CHRIS GERANDO.

Chris Gerando asked about the snowpack, water supply, and date of deliveries in similar water years. This information was explained by Mr. Flynn. Mr. Gerando asked about parking at the Dam Compound and Mr. Flynn said that he will check into it.

SDAO CONFERENCE.

Director White reported on his recent attendance at the SDAO conference. He said that he completed his state required training. He said that this training is required for all Board members at one time during every term of their office. The importance of attending this conference and the OWRC conference was discussed.

PIPELINE PROJECTS (Continued).

Director Clark asked how decisions are made as to which pipeline projects are picked to be worked on. Mr. Flynn explained the process.

MEETING RECESS.

At 11:52 p.m., President Ausman declared the meeting in recess, to reconvene after the Joint Committee meeting this afternoon.

MEETING RECONVENED.

At 1:25 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

MITCHELL BUTTE COSTS.

Mr. Flynn said that last month a question was asked about the timing of the reimbursement of costs for Mitchell Butte. He explained how that timing worked.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: