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

November 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on November 18, 2025, 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
- Frank Ausman
- Gregory Clark
- Joseph Davis
- Eric White

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 November 12, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Ausman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held October 21, 2025, were mailed to the Directors prior to this meeting. It was noted that the minutes failed to show Director White as being present. The minutes were corrected. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as corrected.

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 hydraulics on the 318 CAT are being repaired. He said that expense will be showing up soon. President Ausman questioned the expenses for the Dam Compound for the year and Mr. Flynn explained. President Ausman said that the spending up there needs to be reined in. Fuel for the Ontario ditch riders was discussed. Seasonal help for the pumping plants was 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 the accounts and credit card charges. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Davis, 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.

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

FIBEROPTICS.

Mr. Flynn said that he spoke to USBR staff and it sounds like they are going to try to collect some fees for the District. Mr. Horton said that a letter from a local attorney representing Rally Networks was received. He said that the attorney in the letter was claiming that irrigation districts in the State of Oregon cannot collect crossing fees for crossings that were overlaid with public road rights-of-way. Mr. Horton explained his findings and that he did not agree with the attorney. He said that he wrote the attorney a letter. He said that the attorney is requesting the District to waive any fees for crossings involving public rights-of-way and the consensus of the Directors is not to waive any such fees.

Mr. Flynn said that he is still trying to get answers from USBR on the fees. He said that he will try to talk to the Area Manager to try to seek some resolution to the matter. It was the consensus of the Directors to have Mr. Horton write a letter to USBR if Mr. Flynn cannot get satisfactory answers.

SNIVELY SLIDE.

Mr. Flynn said the repair that was done on the Snively Slide about nine years ago is still holding, but there is erosion with sluffing off just down stream from the repaired area. He said that it is not related to irrigation water, but appears to be from erosion and rainfall. He said that he is having a representative from the company that did the repair work nine years ago investigate and put together potential solutions and repair costs. Mr. Flynn said that he does not believe that it is something that has to be done this year. He recommended to the Board that a plan be made this winter with repairs starting next winter. He said the repair that was made nine years ago was for approximately 80 feet and that the area this time is twice as big.

OWYHEE SIPHON.

Mr. Flynn said that USBR staff and Director Clark looked at the Owyhee Siphon Tunnel inlet apron and the District's proposed repair plan. He said that both USBR and Director Clark said that the proposed repair plan looks reasonable. Mr. Flynn explained the proposed repair to the Board of Directors. He said that the repair will be a long-term temporary fix. He said that the plan is to be done with the repair in about two weeks. He said that the expense should be minimal.

EMPLOYEE WAGES.

Mr. Flynn said that the Employee Committee met and is wanting to have a meeting with a couple of the Board members and present something. It was determined that two Board members will meet with them.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2026.

The preliminary budget for 2026 was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that the last handout he gave to the Directors on the budget included a $1.59 per acre increase, with some reserves being used for the Dunaway transformer repairs. He said that he would like to budget approximately $45,000 for new ditch rider pickups. He said that he looked into a government leasing program which might work. He said that the program provides for a 5-year lease, with a $1.00 purchase option for the District at the end of the lease. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors to lease five pickups in 2026 and look at the pickup needs again the following year. Director Davis requested a list of District owned equipment. Mr. Flynn said that he will provide that to him. Spraying licenses for the ditch riders were discussed, along with potentially offering life flight insurance for District employees.

DUNAWAY PUMPING PLANT.

Mr. Flynn said that another transformer went out at the Dunaway Pumping Plant after the water season was over. He said that the rebuilt transformers are scheduled for February delivery. He said that a backup generator has been purchased for $10,000 and that it is a really nice generator. He said they are going to check the grounding mat for the transformers to see if this may have been the cause for their failure besides age. He said this may affect the budget. He said that in the end, there will be three transformers, plus a spare for the Dunaway Pumping Plant. He said that the Dead Ox transformer is going to be inspected.

SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Mr. Flynn said that the 1970 fiber form boat needs to be surplused. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Corn, and unanimously carried declaring the 1970 fiber form boat as surplus and authorizing Mr. Flynn to sell the boat.

DEAD OX PUMPING PLANT.

Mr. Flynn said that the conveyor belts on the trash rack at the Dead Ox Pumping Plant are being inspected and repaired.

OWRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Mr. Flynn said that the OWRC annual conference is scheduled for around December 1st. He said he will be attending and that if any Board members want to go, they should let him know.

JASMINE ROAD.

Mr. Flynn said that the culvert is in at Jasmine Road. He said that the area is still being paved. He said that an overflow needs to be installed and the approach needs to be finished up.

OFFSEASON WORK.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board of Directors on work being done this offseason throughout the District.

KINGMAN PIPELINE PROJECT.

Mr. Flynn said that he is going to be having a meeting with SHIPPO soon. He said that grant reimbursements should start to come in within the next couple of months. He said that once the SHIPPO process is done, work could be started on the Kingman project right away.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

Mr. Flynn said that the Christmas lunch for the employees is scheduled for December 18 at 12:00 p.m., and the Directors are invited. He said that hams will be given out for Thanksgiving.

MEETING RECESS.

At 12:00 p.m., President Ausman declared the meeting in recess to be reconvened after the Joint Committee meeting this afternoon.

MEETING RECONVENED.

At 1:26 p.m., the meeting was reconvened. There was no business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED: