MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

May 20, 2025

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on May 20, 2025, 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 Directors were present:

- Eric White
- Chris Landa
- Gregory Clark
- Bruce Corn
- Bret Nielson
- Frank Ausman

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Carl Sieders, South Board Manager
- Joseph Davis (OID Alternate)
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public

MEETING NOTICE.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Eric White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on April 21, 2025, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Nielson, 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. Horton said that last month the Committee members questioned the rates which Idaho Power is paying for power being down a bit from last year. He said that Idaho Power is in fact lowering electricity rates for consumers in Idaho effective June 1. The matter was discussed.

Tunnel #1 Power Project Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable 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. Mr. Flynn said that he ran the numbers and by delaying the start of the power plant, the project missed out on approximately $4,200 per day of revenue. Mr. Corn said that it needs to be a top priority to have the power plants ready to go on line when the water is ready.

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.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. Chairman White asked Mr. Flynn if the accounts payable could be listed on the meeting agenda like it used to be. Mr. Flynn said that he will do that. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

PLANNING FOR HYDRO SUPERVISOR BACKUP.

Mr. Flynn said that he has been talking to others to be available to provide hydro operation services in the event the current hydro supervisor, Steve Smith, retires. He said that he spoke to Cade at Thomas Motor Works about the possibly. He said that right now there does not seem to be anybody inhouse who can step up into that position. He said that he will continue to explore a succession plan.

DAM COMPOUND.

Mr. Flynn summarized the upgrades and repairs made at the Owyhee Dam Compound. He explained the items that are left to do. He said that 63 days of bookings of the cabins will pay for the upgrades and repairs. He said that he is confident that the project will get more money back than was spent on the repairs by the end of the year. He said that he has made arrangements to have a camp host at the Dam Compound.

ROAD TO POWER PLANT.

Mr. Flynn reported on plans to put the road back in to the Dam Power Plant this summer. Potential upgrades to the bridge to the Dam Compound were discussed. Cabin rentals at the Dam Compound were also discussed.

DAM HYDRO OPERATION.

Mr. Corn asked about cutting back water releases through the Dam Power Plant given the current storage levels in the reservoir. The matter was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried that water releases through the Dam Power Plant be set at 220 cfs.

OWYHEE DAM 100 YEAR CELEBRATION.

Mr. Flynn said that he has a meeting scheduled with Senator Merkley's office about planning for the 100 year celebration of the Owyhee Dam, which will be in 2032.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED:
June 17, 2025