

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

June 16, 2026

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on June 16, 2026, 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 Joint Committee Members were present:

- Gregory Clark
- Eric White
- Frank Ausman
- Bret Nielson
- Joseph Davis
- Chris Landa

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, Hydro Manager
- Carl Seiders, South Board Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Bruce Corn, OID Alternate
- 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 June 11, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on May 19, 2026, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Landa to approve the minutes. Mr. Ausman seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

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 as listed on the agenda for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with all the Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

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.

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. Landa to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

FERC RELICENSING AND H.R. 7487.

Mr. Flynn and Mr. Horton updated the Committee on their investigations into H.R. 7487. Mr. Flynn said that the Bureau is updating their rules to ease some of the environmental requirements for leasing power privileges. Mr. Horton and Mr. Flynn explained how the leasing of power privileges might work should the bill be passed. He and Mr. Flynn explained their conversations with the attorneys representing the District who work with FERC back in Washington D.C. Mr. Horton said that he wrote an email to Congressmen Bentz encouraging him to support the proposed bill. The matter was discussed.

DAM COMPOUND.

Mr. Flynn said that the camping area near the Dam Compound will have some land leveling done at some point in the future. He said that the diesel generators are being serviced. He reported on a fire between the compound and the river.

MOU WITH OLD OWYHEE.

Mr. Flynn reported on a meeting he had with Old Owyhee Ditch Improvement Company with regard to the MOU with them regarding reservoir water. He said that the meeting went well. He said that currently Old Owyhee is running two pumps at Dunaway. He said that the Owyhee River inflows did come up a bit and that they are currently not using too much of their storage.

ODF&W.

Mr. Flynn said that he spoke to ODF&W and they are wanting to know where and how many fish are getting trapped in the canals after going through the tunnel. He said that they are specifically looking to see if there are any redband trout coming through the system. Mr. Flynn said that he is currently waiting to hear back from them.

WATER USAGE.

Mr. Flynn said that so far 388,000 acre feet of water has been drawn from the reservoir. He said that in comparing that to last year, that same amount was used in just June alone last year.

OWRD MEETING.

Mr. Corn reported on an Oregon Water Resource Commission meeting he attended just prior to this meeting. He said they did not really get into data center water usage at that meeting. Mr. Flynn explained what he learned in his review of a recent data center water usage study that ODRD commissioned.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED: