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

March 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on March 18, 2025, at Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 9:00 a.m. Vice President Bruce Corn presiding.
The following Directors were present:

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

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Cole E. Sahleen, Attorney
- Chris Gerono, Krista Kinzer, Linda Henderson, and Duane Grant, Members of the Public.

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on March 12, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice President Bruce Corn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DUANE GRANT, GRANT 4D.

Mr. Grant was in attendance for the meeting and was seeking clarification on requirements to have water delivery started at property on the Oregon Slope, due to difficulties with timely water delivery in prior years. Mr. Grant expressed concern that the soil in that area is well-draining and requested that the Board provide some assurance that water for the area could be delivered by a date certain each year. Mr. Grant did advise that he understands the system is runoff fed, and that can effect deliveries year to year; he also expressed satisfaction with the ditch riders he has worked with and that he is very happy with their performance.

The matter was further discussed by the Board. Director Corn said that there is variation between years due to prevailing weather conditions, and that it often takes longer to deliver water in years that the early spring has been wetter. There was additional discussion about the time that it takes to charge the entire system with water, and that the Grant 4D property is on one of the laterals that is further from the start of the system, and it can sometimes take a week for water to be delivered in that area once irrigation releases begin. Additionally, discussion on the communication necessary to get water started was had, and Mr. Grant expressed that they will endeavor to provide the needed information on their end to ensure they are able to get water as early as the system will allow.

Mr. Flynn further advised that he does believe that a rubric could be developed for turning on the water to specific laterals and expressed the concern that it is often difficult to get water out of the

system early in the season, which is why a commitment to take the water is needed before deliveries can begin. Further discussion was had regarding the criteria needed for water to be turned on, and Director Corn raised that the Board needs to look out for the needs of as many patrons as possible.

A motion was made by Director White to turn on the Dead Ox pump for water year 2025 when they get orders for at least 200" of water for specific weirs on specific dates for specific times, from more than one user on the Dead Ox system. The motion was seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously approved.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors held January 29, 2025, and February 18, 2025, were mailed to the Directors prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director White, 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 financial report.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

A list of District accounts payable for the month, together with a breakdown of credit card charges, was included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the accounts and credit card charges. Further discussion was had regarding some unexpected items in the packets, and identified as travel costs for Mr. Flynn's previously approved trip to Washington D.C. 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 included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the report.

Accounts Payable.

A list of accounts payable for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was listed on the agenda. A motion was made by Director Clark, seconded by Director Davis, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

SWCD DRAIN WATER QUALITY MONITORING.

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that SWCD is requesting the same $2,500.00 contribution that the Board has made in prior years. The Board discussed interest in remaining a partner on the project following further explanation of the program by Mr. Flynn.

A motion was made by Director White to continue funding in the amount of $2,500.00 for 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Davis and unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES.

Mr. Flynn advised the Board that the Kingman Lateral project has now received approval through the EPA, and is fully funded through September. The project is now awaiting phase 2 approval, and approval through NEPA, both of which have been pushed into motion as parallel requests. The first reimbursement from State funds has already been received, and Mr. Flynn expressed that he expects the first federal reimbursement by next week.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cole E. Sahleen, Attorney

APPROVED:
April 22, 2025