

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

September 16, 2025

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on September 16, 2025, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:03 p.m., Bret Nielson, Vice Chairman of the Joint committee presiding.

The following Joint Committee Members were present:

- Gregory Clark
- Bruce Corn
- Bret Nielson
- Chris Landa

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, Hydro Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Carl Sieders, South Board Manager
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Darla Sebasto, Member of the Public
- Debra Odette, Member of the Public
- John Russell, Auditor

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on September 11, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Vice Chairman, Bret Neilson, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on August 19, 2025, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Corn, seconded by Mr. Landa, 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. Vice Chairman Neilson asked about year to year production. Mr. Flynn provided the production numbers which were 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. Corn, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as listed on the agenda.

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. Questions were asked on one of the entries in the report and Mr. Flynn said that he will look into it.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable.

The Committee members reviewed the accounts payable for the Owyhee Dam Power Project. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as listed on the agenda.

SHUT OFF DATE.

The Committee members discussed a shut off date for irrigation water from the Owyhee Reservoir. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried setting the shut off date for October 10. Mr. Flynn said that he estimates that there will be 336,000 acre feet of available water left in the reservoir following the shut off date.

HYDRO REVENUE DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. Flynn said that the Revenue Sharing Committee met and has a recommendation for distribution of the hydro revenue. He said that the Committee recommends changing the fiscal year for determining annual revenue to the period from August 1 through July 31 of each year as this will help the individual districts in preparing their budgets. He said the fiscal year for this year will be a short year running from September 1 through July 31 since the month of August was included in the prior year's calculation. He handed out the Revenue Sharing Committee's recommendation for distributions to the Committee members. Mr. Corn explained the Hydro Revenue Sharing Committee's reasoning for the recommendation. Mr. Corn explained that the Committee determined that since the Owyhee Power Plant will be up for re-licensing first, that \$500,000 of the \$713,123.45 of net profit be transferred into the FERC Reserves Account and that remaining \$213,123.45 be transferred into the Operation and Maintenance Reserves. Mr. Flynn said that if the distributions are made according to the recommendations, there will be approximately \$150,000 of contributed capital to the Tunnel Hydro Project which will still need to be paid back to the districts in future years. The Committee members discussed the recommendation and following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried to change the fiscal year for calculating hydro revenues to the period from August 1 through July 31 and that the net profits for the period be allocated and distributed as recommended by the Hydro Revenue Sharing Committee as set out on the attachment to these minutes. This will result in \$104,000 of contributed capital to the Tunnel Power Project being returned to the South Board of Control and \$156,000 of contributed capital to the Tunnel Power Project being returned to the Owyhee Irrigation District.

ROAD TO OWYHEE DAM POWER PLANT.

Mr. Flynn said that work has started on the road to the Owyhee Dam Power Plant. Ideas to protect the road were discussed. Mr. Clark suggested some potential ideas for filling the hole to protect the road once it is installed.

DAM TENDER POSITION.

Mr. Flynn explained some potential programs to enhance the safety for dam tenders since there will be times when a dam tender is alone at the facility. He said one of the programs will include check-in stations so that staff can know where the dam tender is at when they go into the dam or power plants. He said that he is moving forward with the new scheduling of seven days on followed by seven days off with two dam tenders working opposite schedules, but with some of the days overlapping. He said there should be three days when two dam tenders will be on site. He said that the vacant dam tender position has been filled. The matter was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED:

October 21, 2025