

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

August 18, 2026

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on August 18, 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
- Sterling Johnson, South Board Alternate
- Joseph Davis

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, Hydro Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Hank Zurklin, Member of the Public
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Bruce Corn, OID Alternate
- Carl Seiders, South Board Manager

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on August 13, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on July 21, 2026, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman to approve the minutes. Mr. Nielson 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. Mr. Flynn said that the Tunnel Power Plant has been shut off as it was making noise from not having enough head.

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. Ausman 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 HB 7487.

Mr. Flynn reported on a conversation he had with Al Barker with regard to his opinion of HB 7487. He said that Mr. Barker said that he is skeptical about HB 7487 and FERC has been helpful in keeping environmental group demands at bay on a relicensing project he has been working on. He said that on a lease of power of privileges project he has been working on, that USBR has required large studies, but that those are for a pump back storage proposal. He said that his client on the FERC relicensing project has used McMillian as consultants and so far the costs have been much less than originally budgeted.

The matter was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that he will start talking with consultants and try to get opinions on the pros and cons of seeking an in-conduit exemption versus seeking a full FERC license.

TURN OFF DATE.

Mr. Flynn said that water usage is down about 12% over last year. He said that he estimates at the current usage rates there should be approximately 86,000 acre feet of water in the reservoir at the end of September. He said that Old Owyhee Ditch is drawing some on their storage, but only by a small amount. He said that the reservoir has continued to show gains in inflows at the dam higher than the inflows registering at the Rome gauge.

Mr. Clark said that he has had a grower in his division request that the water remain on until October 9. Mr. Nielson said that the South Board voted for a shutoff date of October 8. The matter was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clark to set the shutoff date for October 9. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielson. A vote on the motion was had. The motion passed with all Committee members present voting in favor of the motion.

CYBER ATTACKS ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Mr. Flynn reported on recent cyber attacks on water infrastructure around the United States. He said that the project has been upgrading computer systems which should provide better protocols and better security. He said that the cost for the upgrade is approximately \$65,000.

WHOLESALE POWER MEETING.

Mr. Flynn said that there is a meeting coming up with USBR on wholesale power costs. He said that he and Mr. Seiders will be attending that meeting.

R.V. CAMPING AND INSURANCE.

Mr. Flynn said that he spoke to Dellas Waldo about the potential impact on insurance costs by having R.V. camping sites at the Dam Compound. He said that the meeting raised more questions than answers.

IMPACT FROM RECENT WILDFIRES.

President White asked about the potential impact on spring water runoff from the recent wildfires. The matter was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED: