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

July 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District was held on July 15, 2025, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 7:30 p.m. President Frank Ausman presiding.

The following Directors were present:

- Bruce Corn
- Gregory Clark
- Eric White
- Frank Ausman

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Michael W. Horton, General Counsel
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Brian Borjas, Member of the Public

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on July 10, 2025.

MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held June 17, 2025, were mailed to the Directors prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Director White, seconded by Director Clark, 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. Mr. Flynn said that the report does have some issues relating to cash basis versus accrual basis accounting mainly on the grants. He said that he hopes to have this corrected for next month. Director Clark asked about RRA payout entries for the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Flynn explained the payouts.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

A list of District accounts payable for the month, together with a breakdown of credit card charges, were included in the Directors' packets. The Directors reviewed the accounts and credit card charges. The Directors complemented Mr. Flynn and staff on the new report format. The Directors asked questions about some of the bills and credit card charges. A motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable. Mr. Flynn said that he is still in discussions with R2H Engineering on their billing.

MITCHELL BUTTE POWER PROJECT:

Financial Report.

A financial report for the Mitchell Butte Power Project was handed out by Mr. Flynn. The Directors reviewed and discussed the financial report. Mr. Flynn said that there are currently two units still running, but that one unit will be shut down in the morning. He said that the funds from the Power Plant Account have not been transferred over to the District account yet.

Accounts Payable.

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

BRIAN BORJAS.

Mr. Borjas spoke to the Directors about issues he is having with the water delivery system to his place. He said that water overran the culvert last year and it happened again this year. He said that he thought it was being fixed, but when the water came in this year, there was a wall of water which created a big hole and filled his bubbler with gravel. He said that the system needs to be put back together so he can get water. He said that he has spent over $900 on repairs. He said that the chute needs to be fixed so that he does not get the overflow next year. He said that currently he is not able to run cattle. The matter was discussed and it was determined that Mr. Flynn will go out and investigate the situation tomorrow.

B2H CROSSING AGREEMENT.

Mr. Flynn said that Idaho Power has started construction on the B2H powerline. He said the powerline will cross District canals and laterals in a number of places. He said that Idaho Power is wanting to use the Kingman Lateral roadway during construction of the powerline. He presented a proposed Crossing Agreement. He said that the total fees for the crossings will be $7,500 and that Idaho Power is also committing to improve the road and will conduct vibration monitoring. A motion was made by Director Clark to enter into the Crossing Agreement with Idaho Power subject to attorney approval. The motion was seconded by Director Corn. Following discussion, a vote on the motion was had. Directors Clark, Corn, and Ausman voted in favor. Director White voted against and the motion passed on a vote of three to one.

FARMERS MUTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY FIBEROPTICS CROSSINGS.

Mr. Flynn said that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company has contacted him about crossing District canals and laterals with buried fiberoptics. He said that the total crossing fees would be $104,000. He said they are proposing 59 crossings, plus parallelling 18,000 feet of ditch bank road. The matter was discussed in detail. Following discussion, the Board directed Mr. Flynn to request that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company come to a Board meeting and make a presentation showing proposed crossings and explaining proposed installation.

EMPLOYEE WAGES.

Mr. Flynn reported on his investigation into wages and inflation. He said that the cost of living has increased 2.7%. The Directors discussed a potential 3% wage increase, with a portion of the increase being a base increase and the other portion being performance based.

FUEL COSTS.

The Directors discussed current fuel costs.

CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL TREATMENTS.

Mr. Flynn reported on chemical weed control treatments. Directors Clark and White expressed their opinions that the weed control has been very good so far this year. President Ausman said that the water has looked really good so far in his area.

KINGMAN LATERAL PIPELINE PROJECT.

Mr. Flynn provided an update on the Kingman Lateral Pipeline Project. He said that the crossing of the Owyhee River is getting set. He said that he is still waiting to hear from SHIPPO.

BLM GRANT FOR MOWERS.

Mr. Flynn said that so far, the District has asked for or received $52,000 under the Mower Grant.

AUTOMATION.

Mr. Flynn said that the District needs a better computer with an actual server to keep the automation sites from crashing. He said the cost of the computer will be approximately $4,500.

DITCH RIDER TRUCKS.

Mr. Flynn reported on ditch rider pickup trucks which are being purchased.

AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS.

Mr. Flynn reported on audit adjustments which are being made following receipt of a letter from the State of Oregon relating to the audit which was filed.

RESA POWER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Flynn said that he and District staff reviewed RESA Power's recommendations for the maintenance of the Mitchell Butte Power Plant. He said they are still looking at the recommendations and that the quotes seem quite high.

REFUND CHECKS.

Mr. Flynn reported that a refund was received from Western States Equipment on the excavator lease from three years ago. He said that the refund is approximately $24,000. He said that the District also received a refund check on power for pumping from USBR in the amount of approximately $37,000.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIPS.

Mr. Flynn said that he has not renewed the District's membership in the Ontario, nor the Nyssa Chambers of Commerce. The matter was discussed and the Directors agreed with Mr. Flynn's decision not to renew the memberships.

OWRC'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP.

Mr. Flynn reported on the OWRC Foundation Scholarship Program. He said that the District has never donated to the program, though he has been asked. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Directors not to contribute.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

Mr. Flynn reported on equipment needing surplused. He provided a surplus list which is attached to these minutes. The Directors discussed the matter and following discussion, a motion was made by Director Corn, seconded by Director White, and unanimously carried declaring the items on the list as surplus property and authorizing Mr. Flynn to sell the equipment on the list.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, General Counsel

APPROVED:

15 July 2025

Surplus List

*1997 Chevy 3500 2wd VIN# 1 GBHC34FIVF041093 *2009 Chevy 1500 4wd VIN# 1 GCEKI 9049Z258314

*Pickup Beds

1999 Dodge (silver)

1993 Dodge (gold)

2010 Chevy (red)

*Floor sweeper (aka the Zamboni)