MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

April 28, 2026

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 28, 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
- Brian Wavra, Engineer

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on April 23, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meetings of the Joint Committee held on March 17, 2026 and April 2, 2026, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Nielson to approve the minutes. Mr. Landa 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. Mr. Flynn said that the plant is currently generating 3.9 megawatts.

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. Landa to approve the accounts payable as listed in the agenda. Mr. Ausman 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 power plant was supposed to have started today, but that it looks like it will start tomorrow. He said that currently 700 cfs is being run through the tunnel.

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. Clark 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.

CHANNEL 2 NEWS STORY.

Mr. Flynn said that Channel 2 News is doing a television story on the Owyhee Dam as part of their 250 year U.S.A. Anniversary Series. He said that he is going to be interviewed for the story.

DAM TOUR.

Mr. Flynn said that the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition will be during a tour of the Dam in August.

FERC RELICENSING AND FISH SCREENS.

Mr. Flynn informed the Committee on a recent OWRD proposed order for Owyhee Irrigation District. He said that the proposed order has been rescinded, but that it raised the possibility that Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife may require fish screens at the tunnel inlet. He explained that this would have a significant impact to the relicensing of the tunnel's FERC license and deciding to seek a conduit exemption from FERC licensing. The matter was discussed in detail.

DAM TENDER TRAINING.

Mr. Flynn said that the Dam tender training went well.

DAM COMPOUND.

Mr. Flynn updated the Joint Committee on the camping and parking lot improvements at the Dam Compound.

OWYHEE FIELD DAYS.

Mr. Flynn reported on Owyhee Field Days. He said that overall it went well.

LIDAR GRANT.

Mr. Flynn said that he is once again bringing up the possibility of applying for a grant for lidar snow flights for the Owyhee watershed. He said that he has been told that the grant would cover 100% of a base lidar set up with several snow profiles. The matter was discussed and after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Nielson to apply for the lidar grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. A vote on the motion was had. Mr. White, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davis, Mr. Nielson, and Mr. Landa voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Ausman voted against the motion and it passed on a vote of five to one.

INSURANCE COST ALLOCATION.

Mr. Nielson said that the change in how the liability insurance is being allocated hurt the South Board's budget. Mr. Flynn explained how the insurance bill was allocated in the past and how it was changed for this year. Mr. Seiders said that South Board can budget for the change next year, but asked if it could be allocated the way it was in previous years for this last billing. The matter was discussed and after discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members to have the insurance billing as it was in past years for this year.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED: