MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

April 22, 2025

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on April 22, 2025, at 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 Directors were present:

- Eric White
- Chris Landa
- Gregory Clark
- Bruce Corn
- Steve Clapier, (South Board Alternate)
- Frank Ausman

Also present were:

- Clancy Flynn, District Manager
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Carl Sieders, South Board Manager
- Joseph Davis (OID Alternate)
- Chris Gerano, Darla Sebasto, and Linda Henderson, Members of the Public

MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on April 17, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Eric White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meetings of the Joint Committee held on March 7, March 14, March 18, and March 31, 2025, were mailed to the Committee members prior to this meeting. Mr. Corn noted a correction to the March 18 minutes in that it referred to Wes Alison as member of the public instead of Nyssa Road District manager. The minutes were corrected. A motion was made by Mr. Landa, seconded by Mr. Corn, and unanimously carried approving the minutes as corrected.

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 rates are down a bit from last year. It calculates out to be about a 4% decrease. Power rates were discussed by the Committee members. Mr. Flynn said that the Tunnel Power Plant had plugged filters when they tried to start up the plant and that the startup was delayed by four days.

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. Landa, seconded by Mr. Ausman, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable.

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 power plant has been running really good.

Owyhee Dam Accounts Payable.

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

USBR STAFFING.

Mr. Flynn reported that most of the USBR staff who worked on the Owyhee Project are now gone. He said that Peter Cooper and Ryan Hendrick are still there. The matter was discussed.

RIVER FLOW AND OPERATIONS.

Mr. Flynn reported on the river flow and operations of the Owyhee Dam. He said that the reservoir is currently full. He said that the inflows continue to drop off. He said that the jet flow valves are currently turned off. He said that the ring gate will be moved all the way up. He said that the lower snow pack is all done. The Joint Committee members discussed the snow pack, river flows, and operation of the Owyhee Dam.

DAM COMPOUND.

Mr. Flynn reported that the repairs are almost complete at the Owyhee Dam Compound. He explained that there will be three cabin rentals available at the compound. The repairs and rentals were discussed by the Joint Committee members.

OWYHEE FIELD DAYS.

Mr. Flynn said that Owyhee Field Days for area fifth graders will start tomorrow at the Dam Compound. The Field Days were discussed.

WATER RELEASES.

Mr. Flynn said that 189,013 acre feet of water has been released so far this year for flood control. Mr. Gerano asked about anticipated water levels in the Owyhee River below the dam.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED:
Approved Date