

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT

*January 20, 2026*

A meeting of the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project was held on January 20, 2026, at the Owyhee Irrigation District office located at 422 Thunderegg Blvd., Nyssa, Oregon, at 1:00 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
- Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel
- Bruce Corn, OID Alternate
- Linda Henderson, Member of the Public
- Darla Sebasto, Member of the Public

## MEETING NOTICE.

The meeting agenda showed that public notice of the meeting was given on January 15, 2026.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on December 16, 2025, were sent to the Committee members prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried approving the minutes.

## 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.

### 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 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 and discussed by the Committee members. Mr. Corn asked if there are any major anticipated repairs or expenses for the Dam Power Plant. Mr. Flynn said that a smaller pump is being replaced. He said they have not gotten into the wickets yet. He said that Idaho Power has yet to come in and do their work.

### 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, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried approving payment of the accounts payable as listed on the agenda.

## REORGANIZATION.

Chairman White stated that this, the first meeting of the year, is the time for the reorganization of the Joint Committee.

### Representatives.

Mr. White said that the OID Board has designated Frank Ausman, Eric White, Joseph Davis, and Gregory Clark as representatives to the Joint Committee, with the alternate being Bruce Corn. Brett Nielson said that the South Board has designated himself and Chris Landa as representatives to the Joint Committee with the alternate being Sterling Johnson.

### Chairman.

Chairman Eric White opened nominations for the office of Chairman. Eric White was duly nominated and elected as Chairman.

### Vice-Chairman.

Chairman White opened nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Brett Nielson was duly nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman.

### Insurance Agent of Record.

A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Nielson, and unanimously carried appointing Waldo Agency as the insurance agent of record for the Joint Committee, with Dellas Waldo as the contact person.

### Secretary and Legal Counsel.

Mr. Horton stated that he is willing to serve as Secretary of the Joint Committee and that his law firm, Five Rivers Law, P.C., is agreeable to act as attorneys for the Joint Committee at an hourly rate of \$300 per hour, plus expenses. A motion was made by Mr. Neilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried that Michael W. Horton be appointed Secretary and general counsel of the Joint Committee and that his law firm of Five Rivers Law, P.C., be appointed as attorneys for the Joint Committee all at an hourly rate of \$300.00 per hour, plus expenses.

BANKING.

A motion was made by Mr. Ausman, seconded by Mr. Landa, and unanimously carried that the Joint Committee maintain its accounts with Columbia Bank with two signatures required for checks and authorized signers on the accounts to be:

Clancy Flynn, Manager  
Michael W. Horton, Secretary  
Eric White, Chairman  
Frank Ausman, Committee Member  
Bruce Corn, Alternate Committee Member  
Chris Landa, Committee Member  
Bret Nielson, Committee Member  
Gregory Clark, Committee Member  
Joseph Davis, Committee Member

and adopting any required form banking resolution.

MANAGEMENT OF DAM TENDERS.

Mr. Flynn reported that the management of the dam tenders is now under the watermaster. He said this is being done to allow the hydro manager to focus on other jobs. He said that he is still looking for an assistant hydro operator. Mr. Flynn explained that the calendar for shift rotations has not been fully implemented yet.

SNOW REPORT.

Mr. Flynn said that there is no snow to report on since the precipitation has been all rain. He said that the NRCS forecast is predicting a 50% chance of inflows being 630,500 acre feet for the season and a 90% chance of 130,000 acre feet for the season. He said that currently there is enough water in the reservoir to provide three feet per acre to the water users. He said that most of the snow sites are at historic lows. The matter was discussed. Mr. Flynn said that there was very little excess water delivered last year.

RING GATE.

Mr. Flynn said that the concrete work on the ring gate will not happen this offseason as the water level is still too high.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Horton, Secretary and General Counsel

APPROVED:

February 17, 2026