

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
September 12th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

BIA Report: Not present. Ray Swenson summarized regional BIA meeting. Shane Hendrickson proposed a possible monthly newsletter. FIP still looking for permanent project manager.

Minutes: Meeting minutes were approved with no corrections. Gene Posivio moved and Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

Warrants: Gene Posivio moved to approve the warrants, Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

Bills Received by BIA: BIA sent additional bill to Mission and Jocko District regarding additional assessed acreage after Jeanine Padilla at FIP processed land splits and ownership changes that hadn't been recorded properly by the irrigation project. For Mission Irrigation District Tim Callahan moved to pay the bill, Ray Swenson seconded, motion passed. For Jocko Irrigation District Tracy Gardner moved to pay the bill, Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

Audit Request: Postponed until later in the fall.

Water Court Update: There is a stay on any legal water court action while Compact is going through. Motion was filed to extend stay until January 2024 for 76J and until May 2024 for 76L. 76L extended more as schedules, objectors etc should be figured out by then. Rumor is there will be another conference in October to go over next process for compact litigation.

Public Comment: Tim Orr ran out of water August 18th, first time in 48 years. Discussion about water being mismanaged. Talks about how water is being divided out, in stream flows and where the water is going. Discussion about Flathead Lake levels dropping 2.5 feet below normal level. Some discussion about power owed to Irrigation Districts.

Adjourn: Boone Cole moved, Tracy Gardner seconded, meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.