

## Mission/Jocko Irrigation Districts

July 9, 2019

1:00 pm Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission/Jocko are present. Boone Cole was late. District Recording

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved with corrections.

*Mission District:* Gene Posivio moved to approve minutes and Tim Orr seconded. Motion carried with changes. *Jocko District:* Tracy Gardner moved to approve minutes and Patty Hahn seconded. Motion carried with changes.

**Warrants:** *Mission District:* Ray Swenson moved to approve warrants and Tim Orr seconded. Motion carried. *Jocko District:* Tracy Gardner moved to approve warrants and Patty Hahn seconded. Motion carried.

**BIA Report: Present:** Pete Plant, Nick Belcourt, and Larry Nelson

The majority of the incoming calls to the Mission Jocko Irrigation district office are related to not being able to get in contact with the ditch riders and ordering water. Pete Plant will continue to address the situation. It was discussed to refer these calls to Zim Lytle.

Nick Belcourt, the temporary Maintenance Foreman for the Flathead Irrigation Project addressed some problems and discussed the following:

The moss problems and getting them out of the ditch. Logan turnout being washed out. The Arlee pipe line was started. Chasing washouts and cattle walk outs. In Moiese and North area they are treating moss.

Ray Swenson wanted status on 2 pumps running on Flathead. Nick Belcourt stated that one of the pumps were down because the start-up circuit blew. They are getting brand new switch gear for all 3 pumps although it will be a while and this will resolve switch problems. Pete Plant stated this was a good thing because then he can call an emergency to get this resolved. He stated that they have \$300,000 in extra reserve for this to replace all of them. He also stated they have a team of 5 people including 2 electrical engineers and a person out of Boise Idaho testing all the motors trying to find a solution. Nick Belcourt discussed the vibration and rotating them out. Pete Plant discussed that the personnel of 46-47 has been reached before they add a hydrologist.

Gene Erb discussed the handwritten documents between 1913 and 1943 that we need to request the handwritten documents. Pete Plant stated that a FOIA request will need to be completed.

Tim Orr asked for the numbers on the reservoirs every month. Pete Plant stated that Larry Nelson will be getting those numbers. Ray Swenson stated if they could get a chart or graph from the BIA.

Gene Erb stated that spraying the canals with roundup would reduce the moss and Ray Swenson said that this would be a lot cheaper than an excavator.

Dean Brockway wanted to know if the Flathead Irrigation Project was operated under the re-assumption of the transfer agreement. Ray Swenson wanted to know under what legal authority the project was operated under. Re-assumption is what the BIA is operating under. Gene Erb stated that in 1976 the government turned the reservation water rights over to the Tribe that Barack Obama turned it over to the Tribe. Pete Plant, Nick Belcourt, and Larry Nelson departed from the board meeting.

#### **Website Presentation:**

It was discussed on how to pay for the website fees and to check if the site can accept a check and it will be put in the warrants, completed website was presented.

*Mission District:* Ray Swenson moved to approve website and pay \$8.50 per month. Tim Orr seconded. Motion passed. *Jocko District:* Tracy Gardner moved to approve website and pay \$8.50 per month. Boone Cole seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Whaley Designation Forms Motion**

There was a discussion on giving Whaley a copy of the designation forms and who was using the spreadsheet from Black Mountain and who was using the actual physical database form of designated forms. There was a copy of the designation forms sent to Katie Harding. Gene Posivio stated that we should go through the designee list with Whaley.

*Mission District:* Ray Swenson moved to give Whaley a copy of designation list. Seconded by Tim Orr. Motion passed. *Jocko District:* Tracy Gardner moved to give Whaley a copy of designee list, Patti Hahn seconded, motion was carried.

#### **Special Meeting Motion**

Ray Swenson stated we need to call a special meeting to address the second half of the bill to the BIA to pay the O&M fees and paying the Whaley Associates bill. There was a special meeting called for July 12, 2019, at noon. Boone asked if installment was for the whole year. Ray Swenson stated that the admin fund was for only half of the bill that we have enough O&M funds to cover the full 2<sup>nd</sup> half of that bill. There was a discussion on how much that figure was for each district.

Ray Swenson stated that the districts will also have to set the Admin and O&M funds for 2020 by August to get it to the County Treasurer. The O&M fee will need to stay at \$33.50 and the admin fee if there is no compact we are looking at going to water court for 2020. He talked to Matt Williams about water court without a compact issue.

#### **Public Comment**

There was a lot of public comments made with discussions

#### **Adjourned:**

*Mission District:* Gene Posivio and Tim Orr moved to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. *Jocko District:* Boone Cole moved to adjourn the meeting, Tracy Gardner seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

