

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
May 11th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko Districts were present. Members of the public were Sheilla and Roy Vallejo, Nick Ortman, Gene Erb, Janette Rosman, Ron Ritter, Skip Palmer, Karen Risen, Nick Belcourt, Bill Ostheimer and Randy Doty.

Oath of Office – Commissioners New Term: Gene Posivio swore in Ray Swenson and Ray Swenson swore in Tim Callahan for Mission. Tracy Gardner swore in Boone Cole for Jocko.

Selection of Officers for New Term: Tim Callahan nominated ray Swenson for chairman of Mission, Gene Posivio seconded, Raw Swenson accepts. Gene Posivio nominated Tim Callahan for vice-chairman of Mission, Ray Swenson seconded, Tim Callahan accepts. Ray Swenson nominated Gene Posivio for secretary of Mission, Tim Callahan seconded, Gene Posivio accepts. Tracy Gardner nominated Boone Cole for chairman of Jocko, Patty Hahn seconded, Boone Cole accepts. Patty Hahn nominated Tracy Gardner for vice-chairman of Jocko, Boone Cole seconded, Tracy Gardner accepts. Tracy Gardner nominated Patty Hahn for secretary of Jocko, Boone Cole seconded, Patty Hahn accepts. Boone Cole nominated Ray Swenson for chairman of Joint Board, Tracy Gardner seconded, Ray Swenson accepts. Tracy Gardner nominated Boone Cole for vice-chairman of Joint Board, Ray Swenson seconded, Boone Cole accepts. Boone Cole nominated Gene Posivio for secretary of Joint Board, Ray Swenson seconded, Gene Posivio accepts. Boone Cole moved to close selection of officers for the new term, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed.

Report on Jocko Area Canal Conversion Project: Nick Ortman gave presentation on planned project. Master plan identified pressure pipe as the best option for north Jocko. Objectives are conserving water and improve efficiency of delivery. Project has been split in to 6 phases to work around irrigation season, summary of those phases presented. Confirmed that enough water can get through for all irrigators at once. Some new easements will be needed. Couldn't answer if ant studies had been done on impact to aquifer. Pressure changes should not affect electrical bills. Monitoring systems have been installed in Arlee to monitor flows for seepage studies and how much water goes in and out.

BIA Report: Larry Nelson said draft quota will be .70. FY-24 budget is being finalized at \$35.50 per acre. Still working on employment issues, they have started interviewing for emergency temp hires. In Arlee irrigation may end earlier and very likely no stock water. They have a meeting on the 20th of May to meet with the Tribe on using 638 in conjunction with Compact. Questions about making irrigation start times more equitable. Nick Belcourt answered it's all in how the water comes out. Ray Swenson brought up Mission losing water due to early irrigators. Some discussion about water diversion in the winter.

Minutes: Meeting minutes were approved with no corrections. Tracy Gardner moved and Patty Hahn seconded, motion passed.

Warrants: Boone Cole moved to approve the warrants, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed.

BIA Rate Increase: Some discussion about water distribution and equitability. Boone Cole summarized that BIA plans to increase rate \$2.00 per fiscal year. Still at half employment with 6 million in reserve. Agreed that next two years will be \$35.50. Ray Swenson said all Districts agreed 2.5 million should be in reserve, and suggested rate should stay and BIA use the remaining 3.5 million for operational costs, but BIA said no. Boone Cole summarized that Districts have no control over the O&M fee, and if full payment isn't received no water will be delivered. It is believed the objective of BIA is to get O&M over \$50 per acre.

Renewal of Renee Roragen's Contract: Tracy Gardner made a motion to renew contract at 25-30 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour until May 2023, Patty Hahn seconded, motion passed

Public Comment: None.

Adjourn: Gene Posivio moved, Boone Cole seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.