

**MISSION JOCKO JOINT BOARD**  
**“MISSION JOCKO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS”**

**December 10, 2019**

1:00 pm Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission/Jocko Districts are present

Recording: On-Line

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**MINUTES:** Minutes were approved with spelling corrections of Hafferman.

There was a discussion about the Joint Operations Contract and verifying that our entity is named Mission Jocko Joint Board and the name of the board is Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts.

- Tim Orr motioned to approve minutes with spelling corrections, Tracy Gardner seconded to approve minutes with spelling corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

**WARRANTS:** Warrants were approved.

There was a discussion about how the bills were paid verifying that Mission pays the bills then Jocko will reimburse Mission.

Flathead Irrigation Project sent the first half of the O & M bills, which will be on next month's warrants.

Mission Valley Power had a credit on the account.

- Tracy Gardner moved to approve the warrants, Gene Posivio seconded to approve the warrants, motion passed unanimously.

**BIA REPORT:** Zim Lytle; Water Master, CSKT was present.

Zim Lytle gave a report on what canals were being fixed, furloughs, BIA meeting, what pumping plants didn't get bids back. The furlough will be March 15, 2020. He gave information on the BIA meeting at Red Lion Inn on December 18, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. New switching gears. Paul Grieco and Ted Hein had questions for Zim Lytle about C canal and Mill Creek division. Zim Lytle stated that C canal is up for the summer and on the Mill Creek Division they are working on the wash out. Tim Orr asked about Tabor Reservoir water being moved to Ninepipes Reservoir. Zim Lytle replied that it will all be moved in the Spring. Wade Shepard asked about redoing the switch gears whereas to turn the RPM's down, (Harland Gerdes asked about fishing access). Zim Lytle stated he would ask Safety of Dams about that. There were no more questions for Zim Lytle and he departed from the meeting.

**MJJB 2020 BUDGET:**

Ray Swenson had some concern that the budget was not completely accurate.

There will be some printing costs under Wally Congden and Gale Decker.

Boone Cole suggested revoking our repayment contract. Ray Swenson responded it's under the re-assumption. Boone Cole suggested that it needs to be talked about.

Payroll numbers were at \$15,000.00 and it should be approximately \$18,000.00.

Tim Orr stated if we don't use is it still there? Ray Swenson responded, that's why we have a reserve account.

- Gene Posivio motioned to approve the MJJB Budget, Tim Orr seconded. Motion was passed. Ray Swenson discussed the O&M and admin fees. There were responses from Roy Vallejo.

#### **APPEALS LETTERS:**

There were three letters sent out to many individuals and organizations. The Signs letter, Opposing the 638 and letters to the President of the United States.

- Boone Cole motioned to accept all 3 letters, sign them, and send them, seconded by Gene Posivio, motion was passed.

#### **FOIA REQUEST UPDATE:**

In the FOIA request there was eight items requested from the BIA. There was a discussion on the items including the TNA assessed acres and CME money and where it was spent. Sheila Vallejo asked if taxes go back on acres after the five years are up. \$300,000-\$400,000 TNA acreage. There was more discussion on TNA acres and if the land can go back into trust from fee land.

#### **COMPACT UPDATE:**

Ray Swenson stated there is a rough draft from Senator Steve Daines of the new water compact. Boone Cole stated that the CSKT refuse to make any meaningful discussions on the management of the water. In addition, historic deliveries are close to and above 240,000-acre feet (afw), although Daine's compact gives 153,000 afw for the Flathead Irrigation Project, a loss of 90,000 acre feet and the Flathead Irrigation Project has 127,000 acre feet in it. Boone Cole stated that not leasing water of the State of Montana is a tangled web. Water court a stay on this, this was on a press release.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was discussion on why the Irrigation Districts cannot operate the project. Janette Rosman was concerned that the appeal letters will hold up any operations that we are trying to pursue. There was a discussion about operating the project stating that the only thing the CSKT didn't like was making up the Board under CME that there were too many loose ends. Tim Orr stated they didn't want to negotiate and CSKT petitioned to be in the case. Janette Rosman stated what kind of relationships are being made with CSKT? Wade Shepard stated we never changed anything we just split up representation of the Board. Janette Rosman would like the three appeal letters we discussed. Ray Swenson asked if there were any more comments. There were no more comments.

- Tim Orr moved to adjourn the meeting; Patty Hahn seconded. Motion carried.

