

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
February 14th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission District were present, Patty Hahn was absent from Jocko District.

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

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

BIA Report: Not present.

Response to Lake county Attorney Letter: Ray Swenson summarized letter, would MJID join petition to ask District court to weigh in on County collecting tax assessments. Tim Callahan agrees that this is a logical next step. Janette Rosman commented she's not sure what FID's plan is and will follow up with their attorney/other members for an update. Issues with not having enforcement arm if County doesn't collect, and if BIA collects Districts will go away. Gene Posivio moved to respond in agreement to County Attorney's proposal to participate in a potential joint petition, Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

BIA Rate Increase FY 2024: Ray Swenson commented on employment status for FIP, if staffing is short O&M shouldn't go up. Gene Posivio questioned need for all those employees. Ray Swenson suggested they put any extra into reserve fund to hold O&M steady while employee status is below threshold. Tim Orr suggested holding payment in protest at county office. Ray Swenson suggested by next month commissioners come up with their grievances to send in a letter to Federal Register.

Update on Assisting FIP: For now project with Jeanine Padilla at FIP is done. Will update the Board if another project/need arises.

Water Court Update: Renee Roragen will put MJID water court objection on website. Ray Swenson briefly summarized objection, main argument is Compact is invalid. Ray Swenson summarized expected schedule at this point. Some questions about legal representation in water court.

Public Comment: Janette mentioned Matt Williams comment about water rights not being recorded. Ray Swenson discussed legal standing. Ray Swenson biggest issue is amount of water in the Compact is not quantified.

Adjourn: Boone Cole moved, Tracy Gardner seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.