

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

BIA Report: Water delivery is starting to pick up, the season has started. Skye Cooley went over reservoir levels. Spring has been great for most reservoirs. Quotas are still at about what was projected last month. Eric Bruguier discussed staffing, they have been focused on internal issues and a few emergencies that have popped up. A meeting in July will also be used to discuss some issues that have been raised regarding the Compact. They are working on Crow pumping plant and issues irrigators have raised. They are looking at potentially 2027 for repairs. The rough estimate is 150,000 to repair the pumping plant. The new secretary will be working on a newsletter that will be sent out quarterly. They are looking into seeing if the Compact will help to cover wheeling charges from the electric company in order to help keep cost away from the irrigators. Over the next months/year CITT board could use irrigator input on stock water, and there was some discussion regarding that topic.

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

Warrants: Gene Posivio moved to approve the warrants, Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

Public Comment: Boone Cole summarized the meeting with Eric Bruguier regarding concerns on certain canals being shut down in September. It was suggested to write a letter regarding concerns and to request they leave it on until mitigation in water court is finished. Ray Swenson summarized the Flathead Irrigation District meeting. Only one irrigator is allowed on the CITT board, they must have 40 acres or be hired with a hydrologist degree. CITT is not required to fill the irrigator position and could continue without it. There is a July 10th deadline to file motions in water court. Matt Williams is going to file a summary judgement. Some discussion regarding implementation of the Compact and issues with shutting down certain canals. There was further discussion regarding water rights filings and stock water rights.

Adjourn: Tracy Gardner moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM.