

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
August 13th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

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

Warrants: Renee Roragen will follow up on the Cincinnati bill and why Jocko pays more. Tim Callahan moved to approve the warrants, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed.

BIA Report: Most reservoir levels are at what they need to be to meet the demand they were hoping for. Mission valley should go until Sept 10th or 15th. Some discussion on water movement. Having more reliable staff has helped, along with better management and a late spring and break in summer weather. Jocko is struggling with employee communication and water levels are pretty low for Jocko and Camas. Some discussion about canal levels and which canals are getting water, as well as the start of irrigation season and lost crops.

Admin Fees (Mission): Gene Posivio moved to keep the Mission admin fees at 4\$ per acre, Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

Admin Fees (Jocko): Tracy Gardner moved to keep the Jocko admin fees at 5\$ per acre, Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

Second ½ O&M Assessments (Mission): Gene Posivio moved to approve the assessments, Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

Second ½ O&M Assessments (Jocko): Tracy Gardner moved to approve the assessments, Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

Delinquent Notices: Ray Swenson discussed delinquent notices, the mill levy was adjusted and the supplement was not due yet, it is possible that might be contributing to the delinquencies. Some discussion on whether the districts have the ability to charge interest on delinquent payments. Tim Callahan states he believes we should be able to collect the same interest the county does, or are we able to collect a portion of the interest the county collects. Some question as to what the tribal delinquency is and how much property is in T&A.

Water Court Update: Oral arguments are happening in Missoula on October 17th. Matt Williams will be asking for discovery. Some discussion on water court proceedings and possible scheduling.

Public Comment: Some discussion on stock water and the letter that the Districts sent. Heather McAdams from DNRC said they are meeting tomorrow to discuss the application process, but nothing is solidified yet. Boone Cole asked the question of whether at this point the irrigators are going to allow the stock water to be shut off, given the lack of response and the effects that would happen if stock water was shut off. David Passieri mentioned injunctive relief. Heather McAdams projected that the grant application process should launch in the fall, with funds on the ground next year, this is just a rough estimate. There has been talk of a larger community well to mitigate damage of loss of stock water. Some discussion on how the \$4 million will be distributed. Grand process is being developed by the CITT board. David Passieri summarized his campaign run.

Adjourn: Boone Cole moved, Gene Posivio seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.