

**Mission Jocko Joint Board**  
**“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”**  
**March 8th, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission District were present, Tracy Gardner and Patty Hahn were absent from Jocko District. Members of the public were Jeanette & Curt Rosman, Nick Belcourt, Stormy Bacon, Larry Nelson, Gene Erb, Bill Ostheimer, Dean Brockway, Randy Doty and Curtis Yazzie.

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes were approved with no corrections. Gene Posivio moved and Ray Swenson seconded, motion passed.

**Warrants:** Boone Cole moved to approve the warrants, Tim Callahan seconded, motion passed.

**BIA Report:** Nick Belcourt gave general maintenance report, everything currently on schedule to start up irrigation season on time. Larry Nelson gave overview of employment status, still short employees and have started using USA Jobs to try to reach more applicants, but the process is lengthy. Tara Skare is leaving the FIP and maintenance will more than likely be delivering water again this year. There will be a spring meeting for all water users. Confirmed that BIA will be operating the project for the 2022 season and rate should stay the same. Preliminary reports for snow pack were at 95%. Some discussion about people buying land under the irrigation project and issues with billing. Nick Belcourt explained that if property isn't subdivided correctly new owners might not have any access to water even though they still have to pay for it.

**Secretary of Interior Response Letter:** Some discussion about possible additions to the letter. Discussion on whether the County has legal requirements to collect assessments, and the letter received from the Tribe. At water management board meeting they stated FIP will operation irrigation project for 5 years from date of Compact. Some discussion about water rights and legality of using 638 to form entity between Tribe and Flathead Irrigation District. Since the chairman of CS&KT has changed, Tim Callahan made a motion to postpone Secretary of Interior letter and send another letter to CS&KT's new chairman to reach out one more time about the new entity being formed. Gene Posivio seconded; motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjourn:** Gene Posivio had to leave, meeting was adjourned due to not having a quorum at 2:38 PM.