

## Mission/Jocko Irrigation Districts

### Minutes

February 12, 2019

1:00 pm Call to Order

Pledge

All Commissioners present from both districts

Minutes – change the wording from “\$33.50 increase” to “\$4.50 increase” on the January 14, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.

Gene Posivio moved to approve the January Minutes for Mission. Tim Orr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was carried out unanimously.

Tracy Gardner moved to approve the January Minutes for Jocko. Patty Hahn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was carried out unanimously.

Warrants – Audit of \$30,000 from 2016 is in question because it came out of the Flathead Districts account instead of the Joint Board.

Ray Swenson moved to approve the Warrants for Mission. Tim Orr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was carried out unanimously.

Tracy Gardner moved to approve the Warrants for Jocko. Patty Hahn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was carried out unanimously.

There will be a meeting at the Flathead Irrigation Project in St. Ignatius on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:00 am for the Mission/Jocko Chairmen to meet with Mr. Bryan Mercier and Mr. Peter Plant of the BIA. They will be discussing a possible audit of the BIA from 2010 to 2018, the \$4.50/acre increase that the BIA is requesting in 2019, interior liens, separating pump costs, and where the BIA’s employment funds are being spent.

There was a discussion about the Mission/Jocko new website design. Commissioners are working together on a Mission Statement for the website.

There was a discussion about Joint Operations. We WILL have an election on May 7, 2019. The deadline for the board to receive Signature Verification Forms is March 8, 2019. There was discussion on the language of the ballots. We also discussed what we would call the new Joint Operations.

There was a discussion about changing the title of the Flathead/ Mission/Jocko Irrigation Districts office/boardroom building in St. Ignatius from FJBC’s name to the Flathead/ Mission/Jocko Districts name. Our accountant, Judy Day, is looking into insurance costs for us. We are aware that other Districts might eventually join us, however, the building needs to be put in the Flathead/Mission/Jocko Dist. name asap.

### Public Comment

Tim Orr said that our (Mission/Jocko Dist.) goal is 100% control and that politics should stay out of the picture.

Boone Cole said that any management entity would not agree on giving 50% to the tribe when they themselves are only receiving 10%.

It was discussed that before we ask the interior to release the liens, we need to know what's being bought with those liens .It was suggested Commissioners will ask Mr. Mercier and Mr. Plant at their February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting what those bonds were used for.

Janette Rosman stated that the ditches and canals are owned by the Federal Government, not landowners or the tribe.

### Adjournment