

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
August 8th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

BIA Report: Jocko dropping drastically, Mission Dam shut down, pulling heavily from Tabre. Crow dam is full. Larry Nelson present and gave report. Jocko maybe has another 1-2 weeks generously. Pumps running for a couple of months. Lake levels low. Working with a new hydrologist to get a sprayer for weeds in the canals. Some discussion about issues with getting qualified sprayers and managing with project. Larry is retiring, Shane Hendrickson will be acting project manager until the position is filled. No O&M increases in 2025. New CPA coming on board for FIP. Budget meeting will happen before retirement.

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

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

O&M Assessment Increase (Mission): Tim Callahan moved to approve Mission Resolution 2023-1, Ray Swenson seconded, motion passed.

O&M Assessment Increase (Jocko): Tracy Gardner moved to approve Jocko Resolution 2023-1, Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed

Admin Assessments (Mission): Ray Swenson moved to approve Mission Resolution 2023-2, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed

Admin Assessments (Jocko): Lane Harriman moved to approve Jocko Resolution 2023-2, Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

Bank Account: No Action, some discussion regarding risks and safeguards.

Audit Letter: Boone Cole presented and summarized an audit request letter from 2019. Boone Cole discussed rights irrigation project is supposed to have to electric from the dam, how it would offset O&M, fund project and more. Believes audit is necessary, as it seems funds and use of project are not being used appropriately. Boone Cole recommends Board review the letter from 2019 as possible future action. Board will table until next meeting.

Renee Roragen - Notary: Tim Callahan moved to approve Renee Roragen complete training to become a Montana notary, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed.

Water Court Update: Some updates on mediation process. MJID mediation is Monday, will be formally declining process in the session. Water rights filed by Everett Foust in the 80's still have not processed at the DNRC. Gianforte also sent letter to project after the letter from Knudsen stating Compact is done and to move forward however they see fit.

Public Comment: Some discussion regarding mediation process, water levels and use of water. Some discussion regarding water rights filings.

Adjourn: Tracy Gardner moved, Gene Posivio seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.