

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
November 14th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission District and Jocko District were present.

BIA Report: Fall meeting will take place the week after Thanksgiving. That would be when the introduction the new project manager Eric would occur. FIP is struggling to hire G6 position due to wages offered, it has been suggested they move those positions to G7 to draw in more qualified candidates. They will possibly hire from within for a new fish tech. Furlough for most FIP employees will start December 16 – February 28th, everyone should be back on in the end of February/early March. March will be spent training in preparation for irrigation season, which will hopefully start in April. Decisions was made to hold Taber until the spring and then move it. K Canal diversion is pretty much completed. They are looking at getting Crow pumping station up and running by 2025.

Minutes: Meeting minutes were approved with two corrections. Boone Cole moved and Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

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

Bank Account: There is a \$2,000 minimum to avoid fees, discussion will be postponed until the next meeting after doing research in the maintenance fee.

Office Equipment Upgrade: Renee Roragen will look into renting a scanner temporarily, and compare cost to purchasing one, discussion postponed until next meeting.

Audit Letter to BIA: This requires a congressman to get it through the GAO (general accounting office). Matt Rosendale is probably the only congressman willing to put it through. The question was posed can we use a congressman from out of state. Bill Seago could possibly help facilitate moving it forward. Between now and the next meeting one of the board members will get suggestions from Bill and go from there.

Water Court Update: Deadlines coming up 1st part of December, amendments are being allowed. Matt Williams is not planning on doing any amendments. Around March there will be a massive motion to dismiss objections, possibly many individual objections might be dismissed. Around then discovery will also probably begin as well, water court may not hear any constitutionality arguments.

Public Comment: Some discussion regarding politicians. Two pumps still running in Pablo, nothing going into Jocko, reservoirs have water. Some additional discussion regarding elevations.

Adjourn: Tracy Gardner moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.