

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

BIA Report: Skye Cooley discussed reservoir levels, start date should be May 20th. Snopac is at 68%, which is pretty low, but Spring has been good and helped reservoir levels. Discussed how quota is determined and factors that go into it, and how it has changed. Camas' quota right now is 0.2. Jocko is 0.5, Mission is 0.6 and Moiese is 1.0. These quotas are projected at the moment and will change. He also showed a Montana flume that helps measure flows. Nick Belcourt stated instream flows have been implemented. Flathead river pumping plant has been started. They don't plan on sending much water North. Camas has no water, trying to hold off irrigating, they will be lucky to get one irrigation this year. FIP is fully staffed in the North, understaffed in the South. They brought in 3 emergency hires and diverted maintenance staff. Brian is the new south division water master and Brenda is the new office administrator. They are focused on start up and not delivery at the moment. Eric Brugiere is no longer on the CITT board, Nick Belcourt has taken his place. Some discussion on reservoir levels and stock water, as well as water rights issues. Some discussion on how the Compact is being implemented when water court is still in process and there are competing claims to the water.

Oath of Office (Mission): Ray Swenson performed the oath of office for Tim Callahan.

Selection of New Officers for New Term (Mission): Tim Callahan nominated Ray Swenson for chairman, Gene Posivio seconded, Ray Swenson accepted. Gene Posivio nominated Tim Callahan for vice chairman, Ray Swenson seconded, Tim Callahan accepted. Tim Callahan nominated Gene Posivio for secretary treasurer, Ray Swenson seconded, Gene Posivio accepted.

Oath of Office (Jocko): Boone Cole performed the oath of office for Tracy Gardner.

Selection of New Officers for New Term (Jocko): Tracy Gardner nominated Boone Cole for chairman, Lane Harriman seconded, Boone Cole accepted. Lane Harriman nominated Tracy Gardner for vice chairman, Boone Cole seconded, Tracy Gardner accepted. Tracy Gardner nominated Lane Harriman for secretary treasurer, Boone Cole seconded, Lane Harriman accepted.

Selection of New Officers for New Term (Joint): Boone Cole nominated Ray Swenson for chairman, Tracy Gardner seconded, Ray Swenson accepted. Gene Posivio nominated Boone Cole for vice chairman, Lane Harriman seconded, Boone Cole accepted. Tracy Gardner nominated Gene Posivio for secretary treasurer, Ray Swenson seconded, Gene Posivio accepted.

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

Warrants: Check for bank and Kelley Create were missing, Board approved Renee Roragen to request the checks from Whaley's office and pick them up tomorrow. Gene Posivio moved to approve the warrants, Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

Renewal of Renee Roragen's Contract: Tim Callahan moves to continue contract at \$18 per hour, 30 hours per week, Ray Swenson seconded, motion passed.

CITT: Some discussion on who is currently on the CITT board, and whether irrigators want to look into more representation. Renee will reach out to Flathead Irrigation Board to request they put irrigator position of the CITT on their agenda, and Boone Cole will go as a representative to address the issue.

Consultant: Terry put together a lot of information that might be valuable. She is happy to help with any research the Board might need, and help out however she can.

Water Court Update: Tribe filed to expand the motion limit from 25 to 100 pages. No significant updates.

Public Comment: Heather from the DNRC stated she would like to speak with individual irrigators about specific issues related to stock water. Some discussion on stock water grants and procedures for installing new wells.

Adjourn: Tracy Gardner moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.