

Mission Jocko Joint Board
“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”
October 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission District present, Lane Harriman absent from Jocko District.

BIA Report: Introduction of Shane Hendrickson, acting project manager. BIA has outreach position and received applicants for permanent project manager, a decision will be made this week as to whether to hire one of the people that has interviewed. Also hiring for fish tech, assessment position, and seasonal positions (starting closer to the irrigation season). The main goal is to get better “business 101” management practices to streamline internal communication, jobs, and have better organization. Planning a fall meeting for budget as well. Nick Belcourt has crews on Northfork/Taber. Public should direct upgrade/maintenance requests to office instead of ditch riders for better organization and documentation. Changes being made to installing new delivery points, how those are done and how they are managed. Some discussion about flow meters. Cattle walkouts are one of the biggest expenses for maintenance. Piping project in Jocko is having easements and right of ways finalized, pipe is coming in, ecological licensing is being finalized as well. Possible spring of '24 for project bid, with work starting in fall '24. Pumps in North should be shutting off around the 23rd. Milfoil is an aquatic invasive weed, has been found in Pablo, treatment has started, there is concern for future spread. Sky (hydrologist) is working with weather services to get better data for predicting in stream flows.

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

Warrants: Renee Roragen will look into business account minimum. Tim Callahan moved to approve the warrants, Gene Posivio seconded, motion passed.

Water Court Update: Scheduling conference was done today, shouldn't be too much going on until the end of the year. Some discussion about updating some office equipment to keep up with discovery, Renee Roragen will research that.

Bank Account: Ray suggested postponing until Board finds out if bank account has a minimum. Gene Posivio moves to postpone, Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

Filing and Organizing of Docs: Renee Roragen will look into cost of scanner and external hard drives, and start going through documents to better organize.

Public Comment: Some discussion regarding stock water. Everyone but Camas has stock water for no apparent reason.

Adjourn: Tracy Gardner moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.