

## Mission/Jocko Irrigation Districts

June 9, 2019

1:00 pm Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission/Jocko are present.

District Recording

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved with corrections.

*Mission District:* Gene Posivio moved to approve minutes and Tim Orr seconded. Motion carried with changes. *Jocko District:* Boone Cole moved to approve minutes and Tracy Gardner seconded. Motion carried with changes.

**Warrants:** *Mission District:* Tim Orr moved to approve warrants and Ray Swenson seconded. Motion carried. *Jocko District:* Tracy Gardner moved to approve warrants and Boone Cole seconded. Motion carried.

There was a discussion contesting the water and heating bill. Conversation about if the office building was being sold then Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts will purchase building. Report on commissioner compensation for the year all were paid for compensation. Discussion on HUB international which is the insurance carrier pertaining to the liability for the 3 districts.

### **BIA Report:**

Larry Nelson the BIA Assistant Project Manager was present to give a report on the BIA water situation. Larry provided information about Flathead area being the second largest irrigation district. He stated that there are 17 irrigation projects in the western side of the states. He gave a presentation on the quota measuring at 0.70 acres feet, Larry Nelson stated the next 2 years. The amounts for the 2019 approved budget will be at the beginning and actual for the year. Provided that Pete Plants budget is a snapshot in time and that some things cleared out and are a running tally of the bank report. Discussed the staff gauge is changing all the time. There was a letter provided to all commissioners from Pete Plant of the quota for the south and north areas at 0.70 acres feet and 0.75 in Camas area. Tim Orr was concerned about whether Tabor Reservoir and McDonald are being filled yet. Ray Swenson was concerned about only 2 pumps running. Larry gave a report on the enforcement of quota which is controversial and exactly how much water you will get with meter and pump reading and ensuring nobody exceeds what they are supposed to. Discussion about the ditch rider job description and what they can handle. There was concern with staff not being available on weekends and calls are not being returned. List of ditch riders was provided. He recommended that we work together to have a resolution to these complications. Tim Orr suggested that Joyce at Flathead Irrigation be spoken with concerning her working tactic. Larry ensured that the problem is being taken care of and is being addressed. Larry stated that there needs to be access to gates without fencing. Ray Swenson stated that there are all current swinging gates. Larry suggested we work together to drive canals, present concerns and resolutions and avoid CFR the code of federal regulations. Tim Orr discussed waste of water situation and obtaining the hydrology report which is crucial. Ted Hein discussed FOIA concerns.

Ray Swenson suggested that we meet with Larry Nelson every month and Boone Cole suggested an open line of communication with the Flathead Irrigation Project.

*Mission District:* Tim Orr moved to bring files from Kalispell, Gene Posivio seconded. Motion was carried. *Jocko District:* No action.

**Website Presentation:**

Website fees were discussed and a presentation of what the website looked like. Suggestions on a mission statement. Chantelle L. Begay stated that all information including budgets, warrants, agenda and minutes along with a picture gallery would be available on the website.

**Name Suggestions:**

A list of name suggestions for the combined irrigation districts was provided with a voting tally for each name. Provided from Sheila Vallejo. No action taken.

**Public Comment:**

Comments from Gene Erb on Flour Mill in Mill Town Dam. Staff gauges demonstration was discussed by Tim Orr.

**Adjourned:**

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.