

**Mission Jocko Joint Board**  
**“Mission Jocko Irrigation Districts”**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

1:00 PM Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All commissioners for Mission and Jocko District were present.

**Minutes:** Meeting minutes were approved with no corrections. Tim Callahan moved and Lane Harriman seconded, motion passed.

**Warrants:** Lane Harriman moved to approve the warrants, Tracy Gardner seconded, motion passed.

**BIA Report:** FIP is furloughing 20 ditch riders this week, the remaining amount will probably be furloughed in December. They are going to address positions in December in anticipation of possible hiring freezes at the beginning of the year. Most water is shut off. The land clerk took a different position, they might merge that to make it more efficient. They are dealing with delays and back orders on some of their projects, pumping plants are still being worked on. The fire department will be burning slash piles. ISO's were all trained on heavy equipment. There are major issues with fencing closing off access to canals for maintenance, they are looking giving notices to owners to remedy the situation. Next year there will be a rover on tail ends to monitor where there is waste. There are issues with padlocks being cut/opened to release water, and some misuse of stock water. The Jocko pipeline is moving forward. There will be no garden permits for Polson due to issues.

**CITT's Off Season Stock Water Mitigation Program:** Maya from the DNRC presented on this topic. Applications are going live November 15<sup>th</sup> – January 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be two informational meetings and a help session sometime in December. Each project (individual) is limited to \$200,000, it will be up to the individual to design their proposal. Southern Mission and Jocko will have priority for grants based on historic and current stock water. This program is geared more towards individual projects and not really designed for projects like a community well. Some discussion about the feasibility of a community well. Whether or not there will be another round of grants will depend on how much money is used this round. Applicants will start being notified in March. It is a reimbursement program but can be done incrementally.

**Community Well Discussion:** There were issues with getting the word out regarding the informational community well meeting, turnout was much less than hoped for. Some discussion on using the well at the airport as well as sending out a poll in Mission to gauge interest on a well, as well as how a potential well could be monitored to make sure it's not being used by non-irrigators. Renee Roragen will do a draft poll and get a quote for a mailer in Mission only and present the information at the December meeting.

**Draft 2024 Budget:** Some discussion on updating the office equipment, adjustments were proposed on a few items, the draft will be updated and brought forth next month for approval.

**Water Court Update:** Oral arguments are coming up, some discussion on proceedings and what the Board wants to do if this goes back to the legislation. The Board might need thought on what irrigators are willing to have the Board move forward on.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Adjourn:** Tracy Gardner moved, Tim Callahan seconded, meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.