

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the January 08, 2019 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board of Directors were present. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller and General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any agenda items and nothing was brought forward.

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items and nothing was brought forward.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman Foster called on the board members for nominations for the 2019 MLIRD Board Officers. Director Teals nominated Mr. Jeff Foster for the 2019 Chairman of the Board. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the nomination. Director Dexter nominated Mr. Bill Bailey for the 2019 Chairman of the Board. Director Dexter's nomination failed for lack of a second. Being that there were no other nominations, Chairman Foster made a motion to close the nominations. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Foster called for any discussion. Discussion then took place. Chairman Foster called for a vote on Mr. Jeff Foster as 2019 Chairman of the Board. All directors were in favor of the vote except Director Dexter. The motion carried.

Director Teals nominated Mr. Bill Bailey for the 2019 Vice Chairman of the Board. Director Selmann seconded the nomination. Being that there were no other nominations, Director Selmann made a motion to close the nominations. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Foster called for the vote on Mr. Bill Bailey as 2019 Vice Chairman of the Board. All directors were in favor of the vote except Director Dexter. The motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chairman Foster gave the oath to Directors Bailey, Dexter, and Selmann who ran un-opposed for Director positions in 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Teals made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 12/11/18 Regular Board Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#16960-#16990) and Voucher #1000208 totaling \$52,969.64.

Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the 12/11/18 Regular Board Meeting. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Bills/Checks (#16960-#16990) and Voucher #1000208 totaling \$52,969.64. Director Dexter seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on any items related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1041.17 feet as of January 08, 2019.
- The Connelly Park picnic shelter requires a JARPA, SEPA, and MDNS. The permit work is in progress.
- There will be a Planning Commission Meeting in February for the next steps in regards to the dredging permit. Bids for the fountain-side dredge project are scheduled to be received by MLIRD no later than 1/24/19.
- The Grant County Conservation District has offered to facilitate a water quality meeting between local agencies in February.
- The 2019 budget was then discussed. There is \$12,000 allocated for the fountain-side dredge project security. General Manager, Chris Overland added 10% project contingency under Dredging and \$1.5MM was added under Dredging Special Projects for the fountain-side dredging project. Connelly Park Operations includes \$25K for parking lot repairs and tree-topping. Vice Chairman Bailey mentioned possibly talking to the Grant County Conservation District or someone about the poplar trees as topping them may not be the solution, removing and planting new ones may be. Aquatic Treatments increased from \$190K to \$250K for high nutrient study work. MLIRD is waiting for fees from the Grant County Treasurer for 2018 which in the past two years have been approximately \$8,700. Discussion then took place on the Treasurer's fees. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said a portion of the fees are higher for 2018 due to the assessments being mailed separately than the property tax statements and that this year will hopefully be different because of the mediated stay agreement with the Grant County Treasurer. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. Director Teals seconded the motion. Chairman Foster said he appreciated the extra effort General Manager, Chris Overland put into the 2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- The 2019 Assessment Roll and Schedule of Rates were then discussed. The scheduled dredge project will push MLIRD to assess at \$1.00 per thousand of total assessed value. General Manager, Chris Overland received the information provided in the 2019 Assessment Roll and Schedule of Rates by the Grant County Assessor's Office by way of the Grant County Treasurer's Office that shows no exempt parcels and assessed on the total assessed value of each property which includes land and improvements. Chairman Foster asked if the motion should separate the rate as per the two RCW's. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller agreed and said the draft 2019 Assessment Roll and Schedule of Rates already does that, therefore by approving and making the draft 2019 Assessment Roll and Schedule of Rates final, that would include the \$0.25 under RCW 87.84 and \$0.75 under RCW 87.03. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to set the 2019 assessment rate at \$0.25 under RCW 87.84 and \$0.75 under RCW 87.03 for a combined assessment of \$1.00 per thousand of total assessed value. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Teals asked for the status of the mechanical dredging project behind Walmart. General Manager, Chris Overland stated the Army Corp of Engineers is not available with the US Government shut down at this time; therefore the project may not happen this year.

Director Teals stated that since the lake is down so low this year, there are large objects in the lake that he would like to see MLIRD remove. Director Teals believes these are large enough objects that Lakeshore Cleanup volunteers are not going to be able to remove themselves.

Chairman Foster discussed contacting a few firms that can take all of MLIRD tax parcel numbers and put it on a map to form a current and up to date Boundary Map for MLIRD. No decision was made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Jeffrey B. Foster, Chairman

Bill Bailey, Vice Chairman

Kris Dexter, Director

Richard Teals, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors