

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Vice President Teals called the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members were present except President Bailey, who joined later in the meeting. Legal Counsel Brian Iller and General Manager Chris Overland were also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

Vice President Teals 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)

Vice President Teals called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items, and Mick Hansen asked to be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Teals called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 01/14/2020 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17459-#17490), and Voucher #1000221 totaling in \$68,912.99. Director Foster made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1042.67 as of February 11, 2020.
- Water Quality Student Experience was discussed. Vice President Teals would like to see the Grant County Health District, the Moses Lake Watershed Council, and MLIRD work together to create something to involve students in the water quality of Moses Lake. Director Foster stated he would bring up the topic at the next Moses Lake Watershed Council meeting and see if either the GC Health District or the ML Watershed Council would like to make contact with the Biology Department or Science Department and see if there is a way to incorporate High School Students into helping volunteer with taking water samples of Moses Lake.
- Legal Counsel Brian Iller suggested that the Board change the language in the Bylaws & Governance Policy from Chairman to President to follow the statutory language. Director Dexter made a motion to change the Board Officer title from Chairman to President in the Bylaws & Governance Policy to follow the language used in statutes. Director Foster seconded the motion. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he would read over the Bylaws & Governance Policy with the corrections of Chairman to President, and the Board can sign

them at the following Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2020-001 is updating the check sign authorization to include Director Selmann. Director Foster made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-001. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Parker Horn Pump Station lease is ready to be signed and requires replacement by 2039. Director Selmann made a motion to authorize signing the Parker Horn Pump Station lease with the Department of Natural Resources. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Board discussed whether to go out to bid for a new Aquatic Weed Treatment contract or to renew the existing contract with Aquatechnex that has the ability to be renewed each year for the next three years. Vice President Teals stated Aquatechnex has done a great job; they know the lake, where they've been, and what they've done. Vice President Teals made a motion to renew Aquatechnex's existing Aquatic Weed Treatment contract for the year 2020. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Lakeshore Cleanup is scheduled for March 28, 2020
- Connelly Park Carp Tournament is scheduled for May 16, 2020
- There was a Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District meeting held on February 4, 2020. Harold Crosse represented the Moses Lake Watershed Council, and the next step will be to meet with the USBR and QCBID in early March, where dilution options will be discussed.
- The next steps on Alum preparation if MLIRD chooses to do Alum treatments are jar testing with the lake temperature at 42 degrees and preferably with the lake at full pool. Two different 1,500-acre segments are being reviewed for possible water column stripping. Director Selmann discussed what took place at the last ML Watershed Council meeting. One of the items discussed was the Technical Advisory Committee. MLIRD has established relationships with experts and has been contracting with them. Director Selmann believes it would be helpful for the Board to define how or if they would like to support the Technical Advisory Committee within the ML Watershed Council. He understands that MLIRD wants to coordinate the efforts with the Council, and the Technical Advisory Committee would be the point of contact for doing so. If the Board supports using MLIRD funds to support those outside experts that it's already contracting with for the ML Watershed Council Technical Advisory Committee, it would largely overlap activities. He is trying to figure out the methodology and how to approve the resources to create a work flow and how to make those resources available under the auspices of the ML Watershed Council. If MLIRD wants to do the Alum under the auspices and with the approval of the ML Watershed Council, then how does the District fund expenses such as technical experts and coordinate the processes. President Bailey stated every member has a unique role in the Moses Lake Watershed Council. He also said he would like to see General Manager Chris Overland serving on the Technical Advisory Committee as well as Director Selmann. Director Selmann stated the activities of the Technical Advisory Committee are talking about completely overlapping what MLIRD is talking about doing. MLIRD wants to do what it's doing under the auspices and the workflow of the whole ML Watershed Council. Director Selmann wants to know when it comes time to consult with an expert on a project, where will the funds come from to support it. Director Foster feels funds were set aside last month for Special Projects and is more in favor of helping fund the sub-committee work and hiring the experts than he is for MLIRD committing to \$600,000-\$1,000,000 for actual treatments. He believes that kind of funds needs to come from the collaborated group of DOE, Grant County Conservation District, etc.

Director Selmann stated he thinks that is the reason President Bailey suggested having General Manager Chris Overland on the Committee was so he could speak within the committee if asked if MLIRD has the funds to go ahead and support anything being suggested. President Bailey wants to make sure that what MLIRD is doing stays consistent with what the ML Watershed Council is doing. He stated this is why he feels strongly about General Manager Chris Overland working on the Technical Advisory Committee. Director Selmann mentioned to the Board to look through all the sub-committees to see if there is any that the Board Members would like to participate on.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mick Hansen addressed the Board regarding concerns he had with the way the process of addition of lands to the District is handled. Some of the concerns mentioned were making it known in the advertisement how far the land being petitioned into the District was from the existing District boundaries. He also believes the advertisement should be run in the Local Columbia Basin Herald instead of the Grant County Journal. It was stated Legal Counsel Brian Iller sent a letter to Mr. Hansen answering his questions that he brought to the January 14 MLIRD Board Meeting. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he would not provide legal advice in open session, however, wanted to address certain concerns. After discussion, Legal Counsel Brian Iller thanked Mr. Hansen for his thoughts and stated the Board would decide what they would like to do with these policy issues he has brought forward.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Selmann mentioned the Public Outreach Committee of the ML Watershed Council has discussed doing neighborhood meetings and would like participation from some of the MLIRD Board Members when these meetings are scheduled.

Director Foster asked where MLIRD was at with the mechanical dredging. President Bailey asked to have this as a topic of discussion at the next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Bill Bailey, President

Richard Teals, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors