

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 PM, President Bailey called the May 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Selmann, and General Manager Chris Overland were present. Director Dexter, Director Foster, and Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via telephone. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

President Bailey called on the board members and anyone attending via telephone for discussion on agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

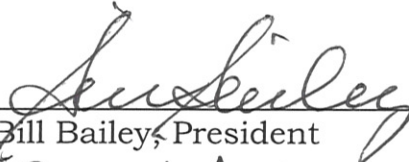
President Bailey announced the meeting today was to discuss and possibly take action on a preliminary draft of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on optimizing lake water for irrigation. Discussion took place on the email received from Allison Williams, City Manager for Moses Lake, stating the City Council is ready to consider an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with MLIRD. Also discussed was the draft RFQ advertisement presented by General Manager Chris Overland. President Bailey stated he feels MLIRD needs to know how the community feels if it would be feasible to somehow deliver lake irrigation water to MLIRD ratepayers and surrounding areas that could potentially be petitioned into the District. President Bailey believes MLIRD needs more information from the City of Moses Lake on what they would like to see in the engineering study. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he thinks an ILA should come first before starting the RFQ. He stated through the course of negotiating the ILA, he thinks it will become more apparent as to what investigating and cooperation it will involve. Then based on the ILA, MLIRD, the City of Moses Lake, or both could issue an RFQ that is more tailored to get exactly the information each entity is looking for. Vice President Teals felt when Allison Williams, the City Manager, spoke at the last meeting held regarding this matter was that MLIRD would be coming forth with a feasibility study for them, and he believes that MLIRD has enough funds to support doing so. However, MLIRD should be upfront in saying MLIRD is anxious to work with them on a feasibility study. Director Foster mentioned the possibility of having both the MLIRD Board and the City Council meet to discuss what the vision might be before MLIRD tries to structure a proposed ILA. President Bailey would like the Board members to think about necessary items to include in the ILA and have their ideas ready for the next regular board meeting.

Suggestions for the ILA and feasibility study were then discussed. President Bailey believes the ILA should be a simple agreement that states what MLIRD will do and what the City of Moses Lake will do. Then after the ILA is signed, both entities can sit down and figure out what the feasibility study should entail. Vice President Teals made a motion to have General Manager Chris Overland email Allison Williams, the City Manager, and let her know MLIRD is interested in an ILA and would like to have a

meeting with representatives from both sides to discuss what the ILA will entail. Director Selmann seconded the motion. Director Foster would like the meeting to include all MLIRD Board members and all City Council members to avoid having to wait weeks for another meeting to bring the information back to both Boards. He also feels it would be more beneficial for all members to be able to bounce ideas off of each other instead of it just being two representatives from each side. President Bailey amended the motion to have General Manager Chris Overland email Allison Williams, the City Manager, and let her know MLIRD is interested in an ILA and give the City of Moses Lake the option to convene a study session with a few representatives or a special meeting with all City Council members and all MLIRD Board of Directors. Vice President Teals believes the easiest way to move forward would be to have a committee of a few representatives for the study session. Vice President Teals does not believe that time is a factor, and another meeting can be scheduled to inform all other representatives of what was discussed at the study session. He would not like his motion amended. President Bailey agreed that time is not a factor; however, he also understands the concept of having the entire MLIRD Board and City Council meeting together. After further discussion on the motion, Vice President Teals amended his motion to give the City of Moses Lake the opportunity to decide which option would work best for them and have General Manager Chris Overland email Allison Williams, the City Manager to let her know MLIRD is interested in an ILA and ask to convene a study session with a few representatives or a special meeting with both City Council members and MLIRD Board of Directors to discuss an ILA. Director Selmann seconded the amendment to the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.



Bill Bailey, President



Richard Teals, Vice President



Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By: 

Secretary to the Board of Directors