

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the May 08, 2018 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board of Directors were present except Vice Chairman Bailey who attended via-telephone. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller and General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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 audience member; Brian Liggett wanted to discuss the aquatic weed treatments scheduled for 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Teals 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 04/10/18 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#16614-#16656) and Voucher #1000200 totaling in \$87,355.33. Director Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Selmann seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS

J R Newhouse & Co. – Chris Newhouse

Chris Newhouse with J R Newhouse & Co. reported he was trying to get the 2017 Year End Financial Report completed by this Board Meeting; however, unresolved discrepancies with recent County Reports received, as well as other subsequent events has delayed the completion. Mr. Newhouse proposed on having the 2017 Year End Financial Report to the Board of Directors in approximately a week for their review, and if there were questions, they could be asked at the June Board Meeting. The Board of Directors agreed with Mr. Newhouse, and they would discuss the 2017 Year End Financial Report at the June Board Meeting.

United States Bureau of Reclamation – Alexis Mills & Toni Turner

Alexis Mills is the Lead Operator on a project with the USBR, and Toni Turner is the Program Manager of the Irrigation Operations and Technical Services Group with the USBR in Ephrata, WA. Alexis Mills gave an informative presentation on the overview of the operations that are associated with the Columbia Basin Project, Moses Lake, and Potholes

Reservoir, how Moses Lake and Potholes Reservoir are connected, the Feed Program and how it relates to the operations of Moses Lake and Potholes Reservoir, ongoing USBR projects, data collection by USBR, and where data and report availabilities can be found. The Board of Directors and General Manager, Chris Overland thanked both of them for coming. Chairman Foster added how the Board of Directors appreciates getting an update on what is happening with the USBR.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1046.70 feet as of May 08, 2018.
- The Fountain is scheduled to be placed in the lake on May 10, 2018.
- Aquatic Treatments will begin soon starting with survey work of the lake.
- Connelly Park opened April 11, 2018.
- Title companies are calling the MLIRD office more frequently in regards to past and current assessments due. General Manager, Chris Overland shared with the Board a database system created so that when someone calls seeking 2018 assessment information, the office can easily provide the requested information.
- After reviewing recent Grant County Reports, there appear to be discrepancies that possibly have to do with the Grant County Assessor's Office and their data that requires further examination.
- Rocky Coulee Wasteway is expected to stop flowing at the end of May.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) as it relates to the Hansen v. MLIRD and MLIRD v. Pheasant. The expected time was 20 minutes, and the Board was to return at 8:15 PM. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller indicated that there may or may not be further action taken after as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

Chairman Foster entered back into the boardroom at 8:15 PM to extend Executive Session another 10 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at 8:25 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:25 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Liggett asked if MLIRD plans on treating the lake for weeds for the 2018 year. General Manager, Chris Overland replied that MLIRD does plan on doing aquatic weed treatments this year. He reported that in years past approximately 200 acres were treated and that last year there were approximately 300 acres treated. General Manager, Chris Overland said MLIRD plans on treating approximately 325-350 acres for the 2018 season. General Manager, Chris Overland said the survey work helps determine what areas will be treated. Survey work for the 2018 Aquatic Weed Treatments is scheduled to begin on May 17, 2018.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Selmann asked if he could get direction from the Board for him to sit in on some of the meetings that General Manager, Chris Overland, and the USBR may have when reviewing the water quality reports and discussing some of the potential ways the USBR is looking at moving water around. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said he thinks it's appropriate to ask to be assigned to examine and report back to the Board. However,

Legal Counsel, Brian Iller added that Director Selmann needs to be careful not to represent the Board and take positions on behalf of the District while he is there. He said Director Selmann could gather information, ask questions, and say he will bring the ideas back to the Board and things will be decided as a Board. Director Teals made a motion to allow Director Selmann to attend any meetings that General Manager, Chris Overland may have with the USBR regarding flows and water quality and report his findings back to the Board. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Teals made a motion to remove Director Dexter's motion from the April Regular Board Meeting of ceasing the recordings of all future Board Meetings from the table. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The motion to cease the recordings of all future Board Meetings was then put back on the table for discussion. Discussion was then had on the pros and cons of ceasing the recordings of all future Board Meetings. Chairman Foster called for a vote. Director Dexter and Director Teals voted for the motion, and Chairman Foster, Vice Chairman Bailey and Director Selmann voted against the motion. The motion was defeated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 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