

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, and General Manager Chris Overland were present. Director Selmann, Director Foster, and Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via telephone. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 04/13/2021 Regular Meeting and 05/03/2021 Special Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17979-#18011), and Voucher #1000236 totaling \$73,850.87. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was 1046.64' as of May 11, 2021.
- There have been approximately 70,000 acre-feet this year to date from Rocky Coulee Wasteway of Columbia River water. The water feed began on March 29, 2021.
- There have been approximately 5,000 yards of dredge spoils moved since last month's meeting. General Manager Chris Overland believes there are approximately 5,000 yards of dredge spoils being moved each month.
- The annual Carp tournament is scheduled for May 22, 2021. MLIRD will have a dumpster placed at the Connelly Park boat launch for all fishermen to dispose of the carp properly after the tournament.
- The fountain is scheduled to be placed in the lake on May 12, 2021.
- There have been recent conversations with Harold Crose, the Chairman of the Moses Lake Watershed Council, and representatives from Eutrophix regarding Rocky Ford Creek filter bags. Eutrophix is working with Dan Newhouse representatives to

secure federal funding for the project. This may also include doing internal loading control with Phoslock.

- Aquatechnex, MLIRD's aquatic weed treatment contractor, has recently advised MLIRD of an issue with the new WSDOE aquatic treatment permit regarding the allowable timeframe to apply treatments. The new allowable timeframe is August 31, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Aquatechnex is currently working with WDFW and WSDOE for solutions. Director Selmann does not know if treating after August 31, 2021 will be worth the financial investment and is concerned about the economic impact of the lake use for June, July, and August. Director Dexter stated it would be worth finding out if applying an aquatic weed treatment in August would help minimize the aquatic weeds in the spring of the next year. Director Foster asked if Legal Counsel Brian Iller could determine if MLIRD is contractually obligated to the contractor each year. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he did not believe MLIRD would be obligated if there was a permitting issue such as the one being discussed now; however, he would look through the contract and email the Board his findings.
- 2021 water testing will include B-G algae species identification, toxin testing near Connelly Park, water sampling through IEH labs, Hach Sonde testing, and the Nutrient Mass Balance Modeling to better determine sources of Internal Loading will begin soon due to HAB concern for health and safety on the lake. The Nutrient Mass Balance Modeling will approximately cost \$35,000 for water improvement. Gene Welch, Ph.D., UW Professor Emeritus, and Shannon Brattebo, M.S., P.E., with Tetra Tech, will be the coordinators of the project. The project will set the stage for Alum and help identify where the Internal Loading that fuels HAB's. This is similar to the Phoslock project being discussed with the MLWC and Eutrophix. Eutrophix's plan to improve Moses Lake starts with assessing phosphorus in the lake sediments, capture phosphorus with phosphorus filtration technology at inflow from Rocky Ford Creek, which is the filter bags discussed earlier in the meeting. Their next step would be to apply Lanthanum Modified Bentonite to the deep areas of Moses Lake to prevent the release of phosphorus.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

President Bailey asked what was happening with the Moses Lake Watershed Council. General Manager Chris Overland stated the MLWC has a new website and encourages people to visit it to obtain information. Director Foster stated that he thinks the website looks good and would like the Directors to promote the website as much as they can. The link to the MLWC website is located on the MLIRD website as well.

Director Foster asked how the calls from the escrow and title companies were coming. General Manager Chris Overland stated the MLIRD office sent letters out to escrow and title companies in Moses Lake and surrounding areas and has not received questions from the companies.

A discussion then took place on the communications between MLIRD and the City of Moses Lake. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he would like to discuss the subject in Executive Session.

President Bailey would like General Manager Chris Overland to find out more information on what it would take to upgrade the horsepower or put in a new motor in the Dump Truck. He also asked to find out more information on the hydraulics on the Semi Truck by the June Regular Board meeting.

Director Foster asked what the progress was on putting together an equipment list for a surplus auction. President Bailey stated the

equipment list had been approved. As he recalls, it was covered and approved at the last meeting. President Bailey stated there was an email relative to an auction that was sent to all Directors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30 PM to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation in the form of risks of a proposed action or current practice as it relates to water right issues, ILA with the City of Moses Lake, cooperation with the City of Moses Lake regarding water usage, and the RFQ as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session but is not expected. The expected time was 20 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 7:50 PM.

At 7:50 PM, President Bailey extended Executive Session 15 minutes. The Board was to return to Regular Session at approximately 8:05 PM.

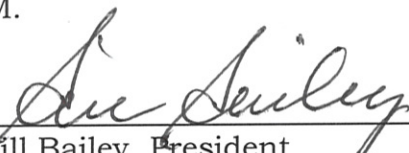
At 8:05 PM, President Bailey extended Executive Session 10 minutes. The Board was to return to Regular Session at approximately 8:15 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:15 PM.

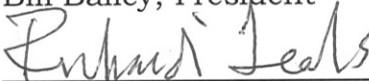
President Bailey stated General Manager Chris Overland would respond to City Manager Allison Williams's email thanking her and let her know the MLIRD Board will be considering all of the issues, and when the MLIRD Board comes to an agreement, they will get back in touch with her for continued discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.



Bill Bailey, President



Richard Teals, Vice President



Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By: 

Secretary to the Board of Directors