

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey and General Manager Chris Overland were present. Due to Governor Inslee's Coronavirus Stay at Home Order, Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, Director Selmann, Director Foster, and Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via-telephone. Also in attendance via-telephone was Harold Crose, Chair of the Moses Lake Watershed Council, and Charles Featherstone with the Columbia Basin Herald. 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 the audience 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 the audience 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 04/14/2020 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17562-#17592), and Voucher #1000224 totaling in \$56,780.55. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Selmann 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 at 1046.64 as of May 12, 2020.
- Rocky Coulee Wasteway feed is at approximately 98,000 Acre Feet.
- Parker Horn Pump Station is running.
- The Fountain will be installed tomorrow.
- Assessment income is 101% of the budget for the year to date, and expenses are at 57% of the budget.
- The Moses Lake Watershed Council met with the USBR on April 28 to discuss the W-20 project. Shannon Brattebo, with Tetra Tech and Gene Welch's Total Phosphorus Mass Balance report, suggests that 30,000 acre-feet is not a bad number for the W-20. However, the 30,000 acre-feet does not include new water and would be taken from the Rocky Coulee Wasteway allotted feed into Parker Horn. Harold Crose of the Moses Lake Watershed Council gave a brief update of the meeting with the USBR. He stated Marc Maynard, with the USBR, was the main speaker of the meeting. There were also representatives from two Irrigation Districts, along with MLIRD

representatives in attendance. Certain issues and concerns were addressed at the meeting with the W-20 project moving forward. He stated the USBR agreed to investigate more on some of the costs and technical parameters associated with the project. They also agreed to continue to meet with the Moses Lake Watershed Council through the summer. Harold Crose mentioned the USBR is in favor of the project and doing what can be done for Moses Lake. President Bailey stated he knows the Moses Lake Watershed Council has several of the State Representatives and Senator Warnick that are waiting for the MLWC to say it's time to talk to people in Boise or Washington DC. President Bailey wants to keep that in mind when the Moses Lake Watershed Council needs their help that they are prepared to ask for it. He also does not want to alienate the locals at the USBR. Harold Crose stated he has spoken with Senator Warnick and Representative Ybarra and has invited the Senator and State Representatives to the next MLWC meeting. Harold Crose said there is another grant cycle coming in June on some technical information that the Moses Lake Watershed Council could do in conjunction with the Grant County Conservation District, and the Moses Lake Watershed Council has every intention on putting in for that grant. Vice President Teals stated he is concerned with water coming in from the north instead of the Rocky Coulee Wasteway. The water coming from the Rocky Coulee Wasteway comes right through town and goes down to the south end and towards Connelly Park, which is all a really important part of the lake. He is afraid that if 30,000 acre-feet are diverted to the north, it might start a problem where most of the City of Moses Lake is. Director Selmann stated that Gene Welch did not seem to think it would adversely affect that part of the lake. Harold Crose stated the Moses Lake Watershed Council is considering that, and they have read some historical data on reduced flows through the Rocky Coulee Wasteway. He said it will be a complex system, and whenever you touch one thing, you're going to affect another. Director Dexter asked if the high phosphorus levels over "Adrian Sink" will dilute over time with running water through it. Harold Crose stated that the Moses Lake Watershed Council does not have enough data on that yet; however, it is a logical assumption. Right now, the MLWC believes that 40% of the phosphorus load comes from the soluble components through that arm of the lake. Harold Crose also stated there were over 2,000 pounds of carp removed from Moses Lake last week. They have had phone calls from residents around the lake saying, there is a noticeable difference in the presence of carp around their neighborhood. The carp netting project also has the Moses Lake Watershed Council looking into the possibility of using the carp that is commercially netted from the lake to compost them for organic fertilizer. President Bailey thanked Harold Crose for his leadership with the Moses Lake Watershed Council. Harold Crose stated the MLWC has the right group of people around the room to make things happen, and the right conversations are happening now.

## **WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS**

Discussion was held on holding a Special Meeting before next month's Regular Board Meeting to go through Shannon Brattebo with Tetra Tech and Dr. Gene Welch's report on the TP Mass Balance Model Results and Treatment Alternative Evaluation for the Rocky Ford Arm of Moses Lake, WA. General Manager Chris Overland discussed the best options or next steps. He is inclined to think that Sediment Inactivation and Water Column Stripping are a little out of the questions due to the pricing of the projects. The Board decided to discuss this at the Special Meeting on June 9th at 6:00 PM. General Manager Chris Overland stated he would invite Shannon Brattebo and Gene Welch to participate in the Special Meeting

as well. Director Foster would like General Manager Chris Overland to also invite the Moses Lake Watershed Council to participate in the Special Meeting as well.

Director Foster asked if the Board was prepared to defy the Stay at Home Order and have an in-person meeting next month. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he believes it would be a policy decision to be made by the Board. He believes it would be best to wait until a week before the meeting to make a decision as the restrictions for the Stay at Home Order may change by then. It was also suggested to hold the meeting outdoors where everyone could distance themselves from one another.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session held. However, Legal Counsel Brian Iller did state his understanding is Jerry Moberg filed an opposition to entry of the order in the Hansen v. MLIRD litigation and also a motion for reconsideration of the Judge’s Letter of Ruling or the decision in that case.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Bill Bailey, President

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Richard Teals, Vice President

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Kris Dexter, Director

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Kaj Selmann, Director

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Jeff Foster, Director

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Board of Directors