

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the June 09, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members were present. General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. 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 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 05/12/2020 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17593-#17623), and Voucher #1000225 totaling in \$73,526.46. Director Foster 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 at 1046.72 as of June 09, 2020.
- Rocky Coulee Wasteway feed is approximately 153,000 Acre Feet year-to-date and has been shut off since June 5, 2020.
- Parker Horn Pump Station is currently running.
- Ideas being explored for water quality include Alum water column stripping, Alum sediment inactivation, Alum injection at Rocky Ford Creek, and MetaMateria environmental products. General Manager Chris Overland and Director Selmann will be attending a meeting via-telephone with MetaMateria on June 11, 2020 to discuss ideas. Cost estimates of the water quality ideas from the TP Mass Balance Model Results and Treatment Alternative Evaluation for the Rocky Ford Arm of Moses Lake, WA prepared by Shannon Brattebo with Tetra Tech, Inc. and Gene Welch, Ph.D., UW Professor Emeritus were then discussed. President Bailey stated the Moses Lake Watershed Council is who needs to be leading because they have more resources through the various members of the council. Director Foster stated he had asked General Manager Chris Overland to come up with a report to show to the community and the Moses Lake Watershed Council what MLIRD has contributed to date both in expenses and exercises. Director Foster does not want the community to think MLIRD is not doing anything to assist the

Moses Lake Watershed Council efforts. Director Foster would like MLIRD to be mindful of all the ideas being “looked at” because it all has costs associated with it. Director Selmann believes all the basic research being done now is vital, especially with the Moses Lake Watershed Council setting up its own funding and grants. He believes if the basic research MLIRD is doing now is not continued, it pushes everything farther out until the Moses Lake Watershed Council has its own grants and funding. Director Selmann believes spending money now on research is MLIRD’s part of the contribution to the Moses Lake Watershed Council. He also feels that for the ratepayer’s sake is a good investment to be made to get the process going a year or two in advance. Vice President Teals agrees and thinks the Moses Lake Watershed Council should have a spreadsheet of the expenses that the MLIRD has gone through to promote the MLWC’s movement in Moses Lake. Another water quality option discussed was a pipeline running from the Bifurcation area to Rocky Ford Creek. President Bailey believes it might cost a lot less than the W-20, and the operation and maintenance would be less expensive in the long run. Director Foster asked if the Board would like to spend the extra money to find out if this option is worth it or feasible. General Manager Chris Overland stated he had approached the USBR in regards to the Bifurcation pipeline option, and he is waiting to hear back from them before he gets a hold of Peter Burgoon with Gray & Osborne, Inc. The grants that the Moses Lake Watershed Council has applied for was then discussed. Director Foster stated he spoke with Harold Crose about getting a full-time employee on board with the Grant County Conservation District specifically assigned to the Moses Lake Watershed Council now that the City of Moses Lake has re-joined the GCCD. Director Selmann stated that logistically if MLIRD does not take on some of the research, it won’t happen a year from now because of the funding cycle with grants. He asked if it made sense for the ratepayers for MLIRD to put the research investment up front as part of the contribution now, or wait for the Moses Lake Watershed Council to have the grant money 12-18 months from now to get some of these research questions answered. The Directors are curious to know what the USBR has to say about the Bifurcation pipeline option.

- Aquatic Weed treatments are scheduled for the week of June 21, 2020.
- Sportsman’s Warehouse is launching its fourth annual Carp Derby that began on June 1, 2020 and will run through July 24, 2020. General Manager Chris Overland spoke with the Manager of Sportsman’s Warehouse, who stated they had no plan for the carp, just that the participants are to dispose of them off-site. General Manager Chris Overland stated it would cost the District approximately \$125 a week to finance a dumpster to help dispose of the carp. The Directors were all for financing a dumpster for the duration of the carp derby at Sportsman’s Warehouse.
- Financial statements were not received until late June 9, 2020 and have not yet been entered into Quickbooks to have a report on finances. The Directors looked over the County reports on the District’s current financials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). 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 8:00 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:00 PM.

Director Foster made a motion to authorize Legal Counsel Brian Iller to engage in the hiring of a consultant to assist him in the analysis of MLIRD's response to the current litigation. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. Director Foster added that Legal Counsel Brian Iller is not to exceed \$20,000 unless further authorized by the Board to do so. The motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Dexter stated he appreciated meeting in person for the Board meeting as opposed to via-telephone. Let the record state all Directors and staff kept their social distance from one another.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Bill Bailey, President

Richard Teals, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors