Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting July 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the July 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey and Director Selmann were present. Vice President Teals, 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 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 Foster made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 06/08/2021 Regular Meeting and 06/22/2021 Special Meeting, the and Voucher Bills/Checks (#18045-#18083), #1000238 \$84,497.94. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 06/08/2021 Regular Meeting and 06/22/2021 Special Meeting. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the Voucher #1000238, Bills/Checks (#18045-#18083) and \$84,497.94. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

President Bailey reported the following:

President Bailey has been spending time at the MLIRD office and has been pleased with how the MLIRD staff has responded to taking over certain tasks. He gave condolences again to the Overland family for their loss.

• President Bailey had been to a meeting earlier in the evening, and people had commented on the amount of water coming down Crab Creek and how they felt it was an exceptional volume to have in the month of July. President Bailey stated the MLIRD Staff has created a daily diversion chart of the water flows into Moses Lake, and the daily flows have been in the 500-600 CFS range since back in May – July. There have been a lot of comments on the lake being cleaner than usual. President Bailey believes there is more water flowing

down Crab Creek because he believes it is an agricultural need. These extra flows through Crab Creek are helpful and have had a great effect on the water quality of Moses Lake this year. Vice President Teals feels it is important for MLIRD to inform the USBR that the extra water flow through Crab Creek has been very helpful and beneficial for the Moses Lake community.

- Lake elevation was 1046.68' as of July 13, 2021.
- President Bailey discussed the water samples that the MLIRD Staff has taken the last few years. The first thing President Bailey noticed when looking over the data was the water temperatures this year through the month of May and June were 10 degrees cooler than in years past. All of these factors tie together and possibly have an effect on how good the water quality is this year. The toxin water samples taken this year have also been lower. President Bailey would like the Directors to go over the diversion flow chart, the water sample results from IEH and King County Labs and emails from Gene Welch so everyone is educated on all the factors happening this year when they are approached by a community member.
- MLIRD has heard back from most of the auction companies for the surplus equipment, and they will be sending proposals to the MLIRD office. Once all of the information is gathered, MLIRD staff will create a spreadsheet for all of the Directors to go over and make a decision on where to go from there.
- The 2021 aquatic weed treatment phase 1 was completed by Aquatechnex on July 7 and 8. There were approximately 310 acres treated.
- MLIRD Staff has been in contact with the company that does the assessment roll for the Grant County Mosquito District.
- Gene Baxter, an IT professional, has recently been in the MLIRD office providing technical support for the server and computers.
- MLIRD Staff has been in contact with a company that designs and maintains websites. The main focus right now is how MLIRD is going to continue to keep the website updated.
- The dredge spoils are still being moved at a good rate. President Bailey is pleasantly surprised at how much dirt has been hauled out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 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 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 7:35 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:35 PM.

No action was taken.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

President Bailey asked if Legal Counsel Brian Iller had drafted a resolution for the surplus equipment. Legal Counsel Brian Iller believes he was waiting on the Board for direction and could draft one up for the August Regular Board Meeting if needed. President Bailey stated he did not think one would be needed by the August Regular Board Meeting.

Vice President Teals has a concern regarding the phragmites growing on the west side of the fill and believes MLIRD needs to contact the Grant County Noxious Weed Board and make them aware of the situation. Director Dexter mentioned he would like to make sure all computer passwords are available to President Bailey. He also mentioned that the voice recording for the voicemail needs to be updated. Director Dexter stated he has been out boating in the Pelican Point area since the aquatic weed treatments were finished and found the treatments to be extremely effective. Director Dexter would also like MLIRD to continue to pursue ways with the USBR to establish a minimum amount of acre-feet of Columbia River water passing through Moses Lake each year because it is very critical to the Moses Lake community.

Director Selmann extended his appreciation to President Bailey for all of the extra work he is taking on with helping maintain things at the MLIRD office. President Bailey stated the credit goes to the MLIRD Staff.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM. Bill Bailey, President
Richard Teals, Vice President Bus Multi- Kris Dexter, Director
Kaj Selmann, Director Jeff Foster, Director
By: Secretary to the Board of Directors