Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting November 09, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Vice President Teals called the November 09, 2021 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that Vice President Teals and Director Selmann were present. President Bailey, Director Dexter, 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)**

Vice President Teals called for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

#### **DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Vice President Teals called for discussion on any non-agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Teals called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 10/12/2021 Regular Meeting, 10/22/2021 Special Meeting, and 10/28/2021 Special Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18192-#18223), and Voucher #1000242 totaling \$67,588.08. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda. President Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

MLIRD Staff reported the following:

- The Moses Lake North Dam gates opened on November 1, 2021. The water level of Moses Lake was 1042.98 feet on November 9, 2021.
- An MLIRD Election will not be held this year as Mr. Bill Bailey and Mr. Kris Dexter were the only candidates who completed and submitted a petition of nomination for MLIRD Director Position #3 and MLIRD Director Position #5. Their new term will commence beginning in January 2022. Director Selmann made a motion to declare MLIRD candidates Mr. Bill Bailey and Mr. Kris Dexter elected for the 2021 MLIRD Election. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The MLIRD Surplus Equipment auction information is on the MLIRD website. Preview dates are November 10, 11, and 15 from 8:00 AM 3:00 PM, located at 1740 W Pheasant Street.
- Connelly Park closed for the season on October 31, 2021. The boat docks were removed on November 2, 2021. The buildings and irrigation system have been winterized. The septic tank will be emptied later in the month.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:15 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. The expected time was 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 7:30 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:30 PM.

## WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Vice President Teals made an announcement to the Board that Mr. Don Beckley had passed away on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Mr. Don Beckley was a strong supporter of MLIRD and will be greatly missed. President Bailey stated he was a great friend to all and to the District. Vice President Teals said he was glad MLIRD was able to honor Mr. Don Beckley with the Don Beckley's Landing for all the help he brought to the Clean Lakes Project.

Director Selmann shared with the Board that he has been speaking with Dave Bren, the City of Moses Lake Municipal Service Director, in regards to the copy of the MOU drafted by Legal Counsel Brian Iller. He stated Dave Bren shared the MOU with Allison Williams, the City Manager, and it was well-received and might have some minor changes and edits. In further conversation between Director Selmann and Dave Bren it was said that the City of Moses Lake would be discussing their comprehensive water plan at the City of Moses Lake Board meeting tonight. Potable water, wastewater, and irrigation water will be discussed as part of the comprehensive water plan. The feasibility study for the comprehensive water plan is estimated to cost \$100,000. In conversations with Allison Williams, Dave Bren, and Director Selmann, one of the things that have been important is that it is not just up to the City of Moses Lake. The irrigation portion of the feasibility study would cost approximately \$15,000. Part of what the feasibility study would include would be replacing potable water sources with irrigation sources. Director Selmann proposed that MLIRD allocate \$15,000 to show good faith that MLIRD would be in if the City of Moses Lake and MLIRD could agree not only an MOU but an Interlocal Agreement to cover the irrigation portion to help develop the comprehensive water plan and partnering to design and figure out the best ways to replace potable water with irrigation water. He feels it would be a good step forward to show that MLIRD would be good-faith partners and is excited to get the project moving forward. Director Selmann made a motion to approve \$15,000 in funding toward the development of the irrigation portion of the comprehensive water plan with the City of Moses Lake on the condition that a suitable agreement with all the parties is made under an Interlocal Agreement. President Bailey seconded the motion. President Bailey stated he and Director Selmann had previously met with Allison Williams, the City Manager, multiple times this year. At one point, the City of Moses Lake had stated that MLIRD should be putting together a plan which was looked at and was extremely overwhelming. President Bailey believes that MLIRD needs to show the City of Moses Lake that the District is committed and willing to participate in the initial planning with the City of Moses Lake, and committing the \$15,000 should demonstrate that. Director Dexter is with no concerned about spending \$15,000 of MLIRD finances assessments coming in. Vice President Teals stated he and President Bailey would meet soon regarding the MLIRD finances and personally feels there are funds to help with this important issue that needs to move forward. Director Selmann said in terms of getting to the point where MLIRD has a known income stream, this project is a reasonable down payment on the other political and surrounding legal issues to make them resolve more efficiently. President Bailey stated MLIRD has never been this close to working out an agreement with the City of Moses Lake and the

surrounding area on providing lake water for irrigation purposes, and with the critical aspect of potable water in the general area, he feels it is something MLIRD has to do. He thinks the project is important to the community, the City of Moses Lake, the surrounding area, and the entire Odessa Aquifer and that MLIRD needs to be involved. The motion carried unanimously.

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM. Bill Bailey. Pr Richa Teals. ice President Kris Dexter, Director l Kaj S Imann, Director ster, Director

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Secretary to the Board of Directors