

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Bailey called the November 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that Chairman Bailey, Vice-Chairman Dexter, Director Teals and Director Selmann were present. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller and General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

Chairman 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)**

Chairman Bailey called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items and Abel Sabedra and Randy Zielke asked to be added to the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 10/08/19 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17337-#17379) and Voucher #1000218 totaling in \$86,545.74. Director Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Selmann seconded the motion. Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

## **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1043.25 as of November 12, 2019.
- Director Teals completed and turned in a petition of nomination form for MLIRD Director – Position #1 on November 4. There were no other challengers for this position; therefore, Mr. Richard Teals is declared MLIRD Director – Position #1 with his new term beginning January 2020. Mr. Jeff Foster and Mr. Ron Sawyer both completed and turned in a petition of nomination form for MLIRD Director - Position #4 on November 4. Therefore, on December 10, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM at 932 E Wheeler Road, an election will take place for MLIRD Director - Position #4.
- Kayden Industries began dredging on 8/22/19 and ended on 11/02/19. Within those 72 days, Kayden Industries reportedly removed 50,781 cubic yards of sediment. The spoils relocation project will now begin.
- General Manager, Chris Overland was asked by the Board of Directors to establish a value of the MLIRD Dredge. Fair Market Value was established at \$31,250 through a certified used

equipment appraiser. Resolution 2019-004 declares the MLIRD dredge and discharge pipe as excess personal property.

- MLIRD is still awaiting the Army Corp of Engineers on the permit for mechanically dredging the Trestle Causeway. The Army Corp of Engineers has said that, as long as MLIRD is mechanically dredging “in-the-dry,” MLIRD is okay to proceed behind Walmart. General Manager, Chris Overland is waiting to get that in writing.
- Possible 2020 blue-green algae projects may include a north-lake dilution study, alum injection study near Drumheller Dam, Mass Balance Lake Modeling, and alum water column treatments.
- MLIRD received data from the Grant County Treasurer’s office on 10/07/19 for the use in the Equalization Process. MLIRD advertised on 10/21, 10/28, and 11/04 for purposes of equalization at \$1.00 per thousand of total assessed value. The current Grant County Treasurer’s data for Land and Improvement Value suggests a total of approximately \$2,124,703,910 on 10,894 parcels. General Manager, Chris Overland then showed slides of four proposed budget models. Each model showed variations ranging from adding \$300,000 for Dredge Spoils Relocation to also adding \$100,000 - \$200,000 to fund additional lake research. Possible 2020 Blue-Green Algae Projects were then looked at again. Chairman Bailey would like MLIRD to find out what the Moses Lake Watershed Council is going to do so no lake quality efforts are duplicated. His opinion is to sit down with the MLWC and find out information on what their plans for next year are before MLIRD starts making decisions on the 2020 Budget. Chairman Bailey would also like MLIRD to keep dialog going with the Grant County Health Department on the current water sampling and locations.
- Total income is at 104% of budget and expenses are at 37% of budget; however, no dredge payments have been made yet.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:17 PM to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation in the form of the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 7:32 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:32 PM.

## **ACTION ITEMS/RESOLUTIONS**

Vice-Chairman Dexter made a motion to declare the MLIRD Ellicott 370 Dagoon Dredge, including 10-inch discharge line(s) as excess personal property, declare it for sale and have it advertised for bid. Director Selmann seconded the motion. Chairman Bailey asked to make sure and advertise it in areas around the United States that are known for dredging. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Abel Sabedra is requesting a utility easement crossing the northwest corner of the Connelly Park parcel. Chairman Bailey stated that Mr. Sabedra needs to make sure the easement is to the Grant County PUD. Mr. Sabedra said the Grant County PUD requires a 5-foot easement on either side of the line. The line is a 2-inch diameter line that will be in conduit and dug 3 feet under the ground. Chairman Bailey would like Mr. Sabedra to make sure his request for an easement is coming from the Grant County PUD and bring the paperwork into General Manager, Chris Overland who can send it to Legal Counsel, Brian Iller to go over. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller stated there are certain legal restrictions on gifting public property to private individuals. However, if the easement is to

accommodate a fellow municipal entity, there may be acceptations that will allow the District to grant the easement. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said he needed to do more research on the issue. Chairman Bailey suggested Mr. Sabedra speak with the Grant County PUD some more and have the engineer he is working with contact General Manager, Chris Overland and find out for sure who is getting the easement. Mr. Sabedra asked if General Manager, Chris Overland could look at the paperwork he sent him regarding the easement as he says he cannot decipher the language and let him know what else the easement may need to say. General Manager, Chris Overland stated he would look at the paperwork Mr. Sabedra sent him next week and get back to him.

Randy Zielke is aware of all the material that comes down Crab Creek and is deposited into the Moses Lake Fill area and farther down. He would like to know if it could be addressed to look at soil percolation rates in the farm lands around the area, along with bare crop land that doesn't have any dump or root systems to hold back snow or rain that leads to the sediment flowing into Crab Creek. He has heard of places out of state abandoning their irrigation practices because they found through good planting practices and no-till cover crops to be helpful. He stated the local USDA office has a no-till planter available to rent. However, someone needs to convince the farmers in the area to subsidize their cover crop seeds late in the fall and early spring to have a living root in the soil, so there is less run-off. Chairman Bailey stated MLIRD, along with the Moses Lake Watershed Council, is aware that adjacent land usage needs to be re-studied again. Chairman Bailey thanked him for all his knowledge he brought to the meeting tonight.

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

Director Teals would like to look into bringing back a summer institute for the youth of our community to study the lake, thinking that it was a valuable learning experience for instructors and for the kids involved to find out more about Moses Lake. Discussion followed where combining something like this with Moses Lake Parks & Recreation or volunteering with the health department as possible options. Chairman Bailey then asked General Manager, Chris Overland to research all costs involved in the Water Quality Institute for the Board to go over by February 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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Bill Bailey, Chairman

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Kris Dexter, Vice-Chairman

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Richard Teals, Director

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Kaj Selmann, Director

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