

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:45 PM, Chairman Foster called the November 13, 2018 Special Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all directors were present with Director Dexter attending via-telephone. 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 Foster called on the board members, and the audience for discussion on any agenda items and nothing was brought forward.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

General Manager, Chris Overland stated that this Special Board Meeting requires three advertisements and those took place on 10/16, 10/23 and 10/30 of 2018. This meeting is for anyone who would like to contest the 2019 assessments & schedule of rates. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller opened the hearing to anyone who wants to comment on the draft 2019 Assessment Roll & Schedule of Rates.

Audience Member, Mick Hansen addressed the Board stating he read there would be a hearing on the protest on the assessments and taxations for 2018. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said he was not sure where Mr. Hansen read what he is stating, this hearing is for the equalization of the proposed 2019 assessment roll and schedule of rates. Mick Hansen asked if there was ever going to be a hearing on the protest of 2018 assessments. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller stated that if there ever is a protest submitted, then there would be a hearing. General Manager, Chris Overland stated MLIRD had received one protest on the 2018 assessments. Chairman Foster reiterated that none of this has anything to do with this meeting which is the equalization of the proposed 2019 assessment roll and schedule of rates. Mick Hansen noted that due to the fact that he is in court he would prefer not to make any comments at this time that might jeopardize the case. He said he came here because he did protest. He stated that when the assessments came out, he paid his taxes and did protest on the taxes. He said his protest at the time was basically the fact that MLIRD is taxing everybody. It is not an assessment; it was determined in court that it is a tax. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said this is the time to talk about the 2019 proposed assessment roll, and schedule of rates and the Board will hear any objections including Mick Hansen's. Mick Hansen stated it is taxes that MLIRD is charging and the fact that MLIRD is taxing the total property value and according to all the RCW's that he has seen is strictly based on land value only. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said those are the subjects of the litigation that is pending. All of the arguments have been made on behalf of MLIRD and MLIRD is authorized to do what it's been doing for decades. Audience Member, Mick Hansen had no further comments.

Chairman Foster suspended the November 13, 2018 Special Board Meeting for the purpose of equalizing the proposed 2019 Assessment Roll and schedule of rates at 6:55 PM and will reconvene near the end of the Regular Board Meeting.

After hearing no objections, Chairman Foster closed the hearing of the equalization meeting for the proposed 2019 assessment roll and schedule of rates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Jeffrey B. Foster, Chairman

Bill Bailey, Vice Chairman

Kris Dexter, Director

Richard Teals, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors