

Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District
Regular Board Meeting
May 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the May 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Foster, and Director Dexter were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via telephone. Also in attendance were Marc Maynard, Clyde Lay, and Todd Knittel with the USBR. Along with David Cossette and Terry Anderson with the American Power Boat Association. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

President Bailey opened the public hearing for MLIRD Land Petition – Parcel #314312000 owned by Richard and Rebecca Howard.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Foster 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 members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 04/12/2022 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18383-#18409), and Voucher #1000248, totaling \$51,224.89. 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.

PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS

USBR - Marc Maynard, the Ephrata Field Office Manager; Clyde Lay, the Deputy Field Office Manager; and Todd Knittel, the Operations Supervisor

Marc Maynard recapped last year's irrigation water feed schedule. A large amount of irrigation water was fed through Moses Lake, which had a positive effect on the water quality. He stated when the Bureau is able to operate and achieve positive benefits for Moses Lake; they are pleased to work together with MLIRD to do that. Potholes Reservoir was low at the beginning of the 2022 season, so the Bureau has been feeding a large amount of water through Moses Lake to get the Potholes Reservoir elevation up. Pending weather conditions stay consistent with how they are now, the USBR will be looking to reduce feed water substantially in the near future.

Marc Maynard also gave an update on the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route. The USBR is actively working on land parcel acquisitions to close out mitigation efforts as a result of the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route to push water down Crab Creek. They have started mitigation work in the Troutlodge Fish Hatchery and Rocky Ford Creek area. The USBR is anticipating operations to begin for the Potholes Supplemental Feed Route around March-April of 2024.

President Bailey asked Todd Knittel to comment on opening the Moses Lake North Dam gates a couple weeks ago after they had been closed to bring the lake up to the summer level. Todd Knittel explained that in an effort to try to reach the target elevation of the Potholes Reservoir by June 1, the Bureau was pushing excess of 2,000 CFS down Rocky Coulee. The USBR Dam gates were open completely, and Moses Lake was filling fast. Todd Knittel called MLIRD and asked for the Moses Lake North Dam gates to be opened two feet to help more water move through.

Director Foster asked if they have a forecast of how much water they plan to feed through Moses Lake for 2022. Marc Maynard stated it would all depend on the weather. He said last year, the weather was hot and dry for a long time, and they had to feed a lot of water for the irrigation districts. The soil conditions are still dry from the lack of moisture over the last year and a half, which takes a while for the soil to recover. He also stated if the USBR is hitting the elevation targets at the Potholes Reservoir on their average schedule, then they will cut the feed water around the same time every year. Once the maximum elevation target is met, the Potholes Reservoir is designed to operate to draft the rest of the season without any additional feed water from Moses Lake. When the elevation is low at the start of the season, and they have a hard time achieving the maximum elevation due to the return flows, moisture conditions, and other agricultural demand considerations, that's when the Bureau ends up having to feed more water through the system to get it to the Potholes Reservoir. Todd Knittel added that they aim for a target of June 1 for getting the Potholes Reservoir up to a specific elevation based on approximately 50 years of historical data. If the Bureau overshoots the elevation and runs feed water longer than needed and the weather is cooler in the summer, then the Potholes Reservoir ends up with too much water, and they have to dump the excess. The Board thanked the Bureau for coming and appreciates the information.

American Power Boat Association – David Cossette and Terry Anderson

David Cossette stated he would like to get inboard boat races back at Connelly Park for the year 2023 and would like to know if that would be something the Board would be willing to discuss. Discussion on the details for an inboard boat race at Connelly Park then took place. Terry Anderson believes the District should have minimal involvement in the event. The APBA and the sponsoring clubs will have the responsibility to take care of putting the event on, permits, insurance, etc. President Bailey stated the Board is open to discussing the possibility and would like a proposal from them listing the needs for the event. David Cossette will get Legal Counsel Brian Iller a copy of their agreement. President Bailey stated the Board looks forward to hearing from you.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont.)

President Bailey stated Resolution 2022-003 was for MLIRD Land Petition – Parcel #314312000 owned by Richard and Rebecca Howard. President Bailey asked if there was anyone wishing to comment on adding Parcel #314312000 to the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District. Being that no one wished to comment, President Bailey closed the public hearing. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-003, adding Parcel # 314312000 into the Moses Lake Irrigation and

Rehabilitation District. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

President Bailey reported the following:

- Lake elevation on May 10, 2022 was 1046.67.
- The Moses Lake North Dam gates were opened 2 feet per the USBR's request on 4/29/22 as the USBR dam gates were open all the way and was not allowing enough water into the Potholes Reservoir fast enough. The ML North Dam gates are scheduled to be closed entirely on 5/11/22.
- Connelly Park is now open seven days a week.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Foster and Director Selmann met last week and went over the inventory of the parcels owned by the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District. Director Foster then gave a brief report on each parcel and where they were located. The parcels included #111190000, #111191000 #111192000 #111193000, #110260000, #170077000, and #171028001. Director Foster stated the discussion was not to decide what the District wants to do with these parcels but to refresh the Board on what parcels the District owns. Director Foster and Director Selmann would like to set up a study session/special meeting where all 5 Directors can go over the owned parcels. President Bailey asked if Director Foster discovered any parcels MLIRD has taken for not paying taxes/assessments. Director Foster stated he and MLIRD Staff is not aware of any parcels acquired that way in recent years; however, he would look again and make sure there were not.

President Bailey stated processing land petition costs have increased at the Grant County Auditor's office by \$100.00 this year and asked if the Board would like to increase MLIRD's land petition processing fee. Director Foster made a motion to increase MLIRD's land petition processing fee to \$400.00. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and potential litigation in the form of legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(iii). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 20 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 8:15 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:15 PM.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

President Bailey, Director Foster, and MLIRD Staff Beth Yonko met with the Union representative for the Teamsters two weeks ago. The Teamster Union representative proposed keeping the contract the same, other than changing the dates. President Bailey made a motion to accept the proposal of the Teamster Union representative. Director Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Bailey stated he believed it was time to appoint MLIRD Staff Beth Yonko as the Interim Manager of the District as he is going to be in and out of the office for the next two months and would feel more comfortable if she was in that position. Director Dexter made a motion to

appoint MLIRD Staff Beth Yonko as Interim Manager of the District. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. Director Foster asked if the Secretary to the Board should also be discussed. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated part of the duties of the Manager of the District is to act as the District Secretary to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

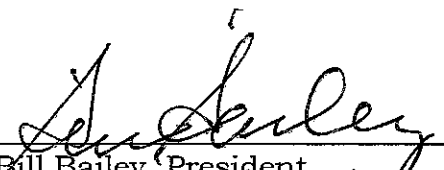
Vice President Teals asked if a proposal had been made to the District regarding the use of Connelly Park for the upcoming Carp Tournament. President Bailey stated MLIRD has been in contact with Ty Swartout, and the tournament was scheduled for May 21, 2022 at Connelly Park.

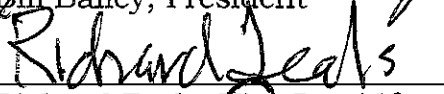
President Bailey stated MLIRD had received a lot of information from Gene Welch, Tetra Tech, and others, and he would like the Board to try to stay as current as possible on the information.

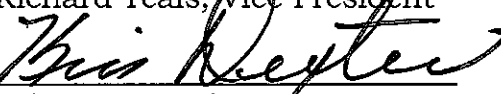
Vice President Teals stated Dave Bren with the City of Moses Lake, who Director Selmann was working with, left and now works for Grant County and hopes this does not mess up the MOU with the City of Moses Lake. President Bailey does not believe it will, and over the next few years, the City of Moses Lake is going to see some marked improvements in many areas if the cooperation with the City of Moses Lake can continue.

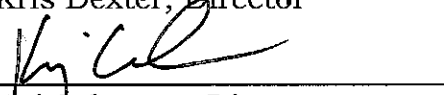
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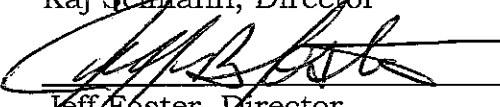
The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.


Bill Bailey, President


Richard Teals, Vice President


Kris Dexter, Director


Kaj Selmann, Director


Jeff Foster, Director

By: Beth Yonko - Interim Manager
Secretary to the Board of Directors