Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the June 14, 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, Director Dexter, and Director Selmann were present. 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 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Foster 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 05/10/2022 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18410-#18443), and Voucher #1000249, totaling \$58,371.31. 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.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

- Lake elevation on June 14, 2022 was 1046.76.
- The Tetra Tech agreement ends on June 30, 2022 and has an unused balance of approximately \$5,000. President Bailey is going to speak with Shannon Brattebo with Tetra Tech regarding the future with them. President Bailey would like to set up a study session in July to discuss what information MLIRD should be providing the Moses Lake Watershed Council and the missions of MLIRD.
- President Bailey stated a motion needed to be made to add Interim Manager Beth Yonko to the bank signing card for her to be able to sign checks. Director Foster made a motion to add Interim Manager Beth Yonko to the Washington Trust bank signing card. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- MLIRD has started water testing for 2022. The King County Toxin test results and the 2022 Banks Lake Diversion Flow Charts were discussed. Approximately 117,000 AF of water has been pushed through Moses Lake so far this year.
- MLIRD received a phone call from an MLIRD ratepayer asking why
 he owed \$800 to MLIRD. MLIRD Staff advised him that for the years
 2021 and 2022, MLIRD did not assess. However, the Grant County
 Treasurer's office will have the information he may need for previous
 years. He had previously called the Grant County Treasurer's office

about the issue, who told him the Grant County Treasurer's office is no longer collecting assessments for MLIRD. The gentleman stated he would call his mortgage company and see if they could provide him with information. MLIRD Staff advised him to call back if more assistance was needed. The MLIRD office has not heard back from him. Director Foster asked Legal Counsel Brian Iller if the Grant County Treasurer's office is obligated to still collect previous years' assessments for MLIRD. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated the Grant County Treasurer's office has a duty to still collect MLIRD's previous assessments; however, if the Board would like to discuss potential action, the Board could go into Executive Session. Director Foster asked if there was a way to check who hasn't paid their MLIRD assessments and if the Grant County Treasurer's office is still collecting MLIRD assessments for years previous to 2021. Legal Counsel Brian Iller asked that the information be put together, and the Board can discuss the situation at a later time.

- MLIRD also received a phone call from a gentleman asking if Director Jeff Foster would be voluntarily stepping down from his seat as an MLIRD Director due to a conflict of interest now that he is running for Grant County Commissioner. Interim Manager Beth Yonko stated she told the gentleman she had no knowledge of that at this time. He also asked if MLIRD knew the RCW's for conflict of interest. She stated she did; however, she could not relay them off the top of her head. She then said MLIRD's Legal Counsel keeps the Board members updated on any conflicts of interest. Director Foster stated that MLIRD looked into this situation four years ago when he ran for Grant County Commissioner and determined that MLIRD is a different kind of entity. Director Foster has no intentions of stepping down if he is elected Grant County Commissioner. Legal Counsel Brian Iller is reviewing the matter and will discuss it at the next Regular Board meeting.
- Vice President Teals and Director Foster are up for re-election this year.
- MLIRD Lead Maintenance Tech, Chris Wilson and an Express Employment employee were able to get the fountain placed before Memorial Day weekend.
- The harvester will be placed in the lake on June 15, 2022.
- Aquatechnex has completed its 2022 Survey on the lake for weed treatments. They plan on treating approximately 300 acres. Aquatechnex also stated weed treatments would be delayed some this year due to the weather.
- The Teamster Union contract has been signed and returned to the Union. The contract is for three years. President Bailey stated there were no changes made other than the dates.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Selmann, Legal Counsel Brian Iller, and the City Manager Allison Williams, had a meeting to discuss how far Director Selmann and former City of Moses Lake Municipal Director Dave Bren, who is now working for Grant County, had gotten on the MLIRD/City of Moses Lake Irrigation Study. Director Selmann stated the meeting was productive, and they discussed different models in terms of the most feasible before they go into building a plan. The City of Moses Lake has a water rights consultant group perfecting the City of Moses Lakes' rights. The same water right consultant group is going to connect with Director Selmann and review MLIRD's water right to help define the logistics and make sure the water right is signed off on by the Department of Ecology. Discussion on the different models then took place.

President Bailey announced the MLIRD Board was invited to join the City of Moses Lake Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department for a special dedication of the Dick Deane Family Historical Park at 800 Alder

Street Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 11:30 AM. Vice President Teals stated he would be going to the dedication.

Director Selmann asked if when MLIRD starts harvesting if there was a way to keep a record of the weight of weeds that are taken out of the lake. President Bailey stated they would be able to record the volume removed from the lake. Director Selmann said there are studies on how to calculate how much phosphorus is being removed from the lake in the weeds that are removed, and it would be worth documenting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Richard Teals, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By:

Secretary to the Board of Directors