

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, 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. 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 06/14/2022 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18444-#18471), and Voucher #1000250, totaling \$166,754.94. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Selmann 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 July 12, 2022 was 1046.75.
- The Columbia River Water feed stopped on June 6, 2022
- 2022 Weed Treatment signage was posted on July 5. The treatments were completed on July 6 and July 7. Approximately 300 acres were treated.
- Seven security cameras were installed at the MLIRD office due to high foot traffic from the homeless and vandalism of catalytic converters on MLIRD vehicles.
- MLIRD office received a phone call on July 11 from a resident who lives on Westshore Drive concerned about what appeared to be sewage floating in the lake. MLIRD employee Chris Wilson went to the location and stated he believed it to be a different type of algae and not sewage.
- MLIRD office received a phone call on July 12 from a resident who lives on Cove West Drive and was also concerned about the presence of sewage in the lake. MLIRD employee Chris Wilson went to the location and again was confident that it was algae; however, it does have the appearance of sewage and a foul smell. The City of Moses Lake and the Department of Health were notified. If the weather permits, Chris Wilson will be out on the lake with the harvester on July 13 weed harvesting and will attempt to remove some of the large areas where algae is present.

- MLIRD office received another phone call on July 12 from a resident who lives on Lakeside Drive who was concerned about the appearance and heavy smell of gasoline on the lake. Chris Wilson went to the location and confirmed that it did appear to be gasoline. The resident called the Moses Lake Fire Department, and MLIRD has not heard any other details regarding the situation.
- MLIRD is continuing to do water testing.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

President Bailey stated he has spoken with Harold Crose with the Moses Lake Watershed Council, who stated there are funds for helping with algae in Moses Lake in the Federal budget. The funds being included in the Federal budget makes it reasonably certain the funds will be coming to the Grant County Conservation District and/or the Moses Lake Watershed Council. President Bailey stated it is encouraging that, as a whole, the Moses Lake Watershed Council has the credibility to make it happen. Discussion on what the funds may be used for then took place.

Vice President Teals stated the residents in the Hirai Horn area are getting more concerned about the grass, weeds, and reeds growing in the lake near their properties. This makes it difficult to get any watercraft through the lake in that area. President Bailey said the harvester could be run through to help with some of the grass and weeds. He stated the reeds are a different issue as he does not believe MLIRD can cut the reeds. Director Selmann asked what would be involved in getting training to operate one of the harvesters. President Bailey stated a little time is all it takes to learn how to operate one. Director Selmann said if one was brought to Connelly Park, he could run it up and down to knock some of the weeds up in that area. Legal Counsel Brian Iller said some research would need to be done before that happens, such as if volunteer activities that an MLIRD employee would otherwise do need any special requirements. Director Dexter believes there is no issue if a homeowner removes the reeds by hand. Director Selmann stated he has looked into the issue for his own purposes and understands that maintaining access to launch your own small craft is the only exemption in Ecology's rules in removing reeds.

Director Selmann knows MLIRD is waiting on the appeals decision; however would like to set up a study session to look at other options so that when September comes, MLIRD has an idea to take to Legislature.

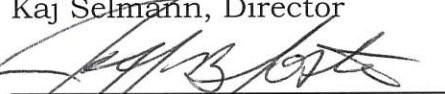
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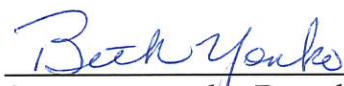
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.


 Bill Bailey, President


 Richard Teals, Vice President


 Kris Dexter, Director

 Kaj Selmann, Director

 Jeff Foster, Director

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 Secretary to the Board of Directors