

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, Director Perry, and Director Foster 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. Vice Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Perry 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 05/09/23 Regular Meeting, 05/18/23 Special Meeting, and the 05/25/23 Special Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18790-#18826), and Voucher #1000261, totaling \$100,554.54. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 05/09/23 Regular Meeting, 05/18/23 Special Meeting, and the 05/25/23 Special Meeting. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the Bills/Checks (#18790-#18826), and Voucher #1000261, totaling \$100,554.54. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS

Grant County Sheriff's Department – Lieutenant Char

President Bailey stated Lieutenant Char with the Grant County Sheriff's Department was going to speak regarding the ongoing issues with Connelly Park guests. Lieutenant Char said the temporary Connelly Park attendants have been having increased issues at Connelly Park with difficult and uncooperative guests that refuse to leave at closing, which forces the attendants to lock them, and the guests have to call the Grant County Sheriff's to come and unlock the gate. There was discussion on having the uncooperative guests trespassed from Connelly Park. President Bailey said he would like the Park attendants to avoid any possible confrontation. It was decided to continue closing the Park gate at the time documented, encourage the Park attendants to continue relaying the message of the Park closing time 30 minutes before and 10 minutes before, and if guests are picking up or hooking their boat up, to stick around and wait for the guests to leave.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

President Bailey reported the following:

- President Bailey went over MLIRD Consultant Kaj Selmann's report. Senate Bill 5460 goes into effect in July 2023.
- The rate models and GIS geospatial work is still ongoing. There will be public meetings held to go over rates after the Board has seen what is available.
- Meetings with Aspect Consulting, the consulting company for the City of Moses Lake, are ongoing regarding MLIRD's water right and access for the City of Moses Lake to use water out of MLIRD's water right. MLIRD is currently working on a draft Interlocal Agreement with the City of Moses Lake. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated the ILA is cooperative planning for water issues and the ability to deliver water to every resident in Moses Lake through the existing water pipes. The City of Moses Lake is exploring water treatment options.
- President Bailey discussed two different letters that may be sent out to all MLIRD ratepayers/lake water users on the lakeshore and all non-ratepayers on the lakeshore. Discussion also took place on advertising the non-ratepayer letter in the Columbia Basin Herald. The purpose of the letter to all MLIRD ratepayers/lake water users on the lakeshore is to notify them of changes in the MLIRD rates. Vice President Teals liked the idea of advertising the first letter as a press release as it is good information for the MLIRD ratepayers. He also suggested mailing the first letter to all MLIRD ratepayers, not just the MLIRD ratepayers who live on the lakeshore. He also mentioned sending the non-ratepayers on the lakeshore both of the letters. A&H Printers may be able to print all the letters and have a bulk rate discount. The letters should be mailed by July 2023. The letters will be reviewed at the July regular Board meeting and mailed out the following week. President Bailey also suggested adding the Press Release to the MLIRD website after the wording is agreed upon.

Interim Manager Beth Yonko reported the following:

- The 2023 Carp Tournament went well and had 21 boats and 935 carp caught, which resulted in approximately 13,000 pounds of carp being removed from the lake. The biggest carp caught was 26.7 pounds.
- On June 28, 2023 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Connelly Park, the Washington State Parks boating safety program will have approximately 18 children from the Moses Lake community to teach paddle board, boat safety, and training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel the legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as it relates to water rights, interlocal agreement, park trespass issues, and employee performance as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 30 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 8:40 PM. Legal Counsel Brian Iller indicated that further action may or may not be taken after as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

President Bailey entered back into the boardroom at 8:40 PM to extend Executive Session by 15 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at approximately 8:55 PM.

President Bailey entered back into the boardroom at 8:55 PM to extend Executive Session by 5 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at approximately 9:00 PM.


The Board entered back into Regular Session at 9:00 PM.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

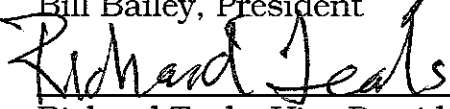
Discussion was had on the pay raise of MLIRD's consultant. Director Foster made a motion to approve MLIRD's consultant with the new rate of \$125.00 an hour. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried four to one, with Director Foster in opposition of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

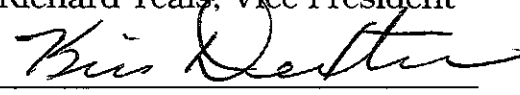
The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.



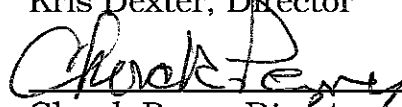
Bill Bailey, President



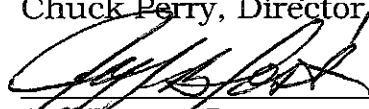
Richard Teals, Vice President



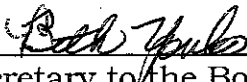
Kris Dexter, Director



Chuck Perry, Director



Jeff Foster, Director

By: 

Secretary to the Board of Directors