

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the January 09, 2024 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 Perry were present. Director Ketterer attended in person for the Oath of Office and then was excused and attended via-telephone for the rest of the Board Meeting. Legal Counsel Brian Iller was also in attendance. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded.

OATH OF OFFICE

President Bailey read the Oath of Office to Mr. Joe Ketterer and Mr. Charles Perry. After he finished reading, both Mr. Ketterer and Mr. Perry said "I do" in agreeance with the terms of the Oath of Office read to them.

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.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

President Bailey called on the board members for nominations for the 2024 MLIRD Board President.

Vice President Teals nominated President Bailey for President of the MLIRD Board for 2024. Director Perry seconded the nomination. President Bailey called for the vote and the motion carried. President Bill Bailey was re-elected President of the MLIRD Board for 2024.

President Bailey called on the board members for nominations for the 2024 MLIRD Board Vice President.

Director Perry nominated Vice President Teals for Vice President of the MLIRD Board for 2024. President Bailey seconded the nomination. President Bailey called for the vote and the motion carried. Vice President Richard Teals was re-elected Vice President of the MLIRD Board for 2024.

Director Dexter stated he did not vote in favor nor against the motions for nominatations for President or Vice President of the Board for 2024.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated the Board needed to discuss the possibility of amending MLIRD Consultant Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographic Services, LLC's contract to allow him to exceed his 60 hours a month to complete the irrigation assessment analysis for the total number of irrigated acres. This was added to the agenda under action items as 10. A. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 12/12/23 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#19046-#19066), and Voucher #1000268 totaling \$39,817.10. Director Perry made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Ketterer 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 January 9, 2024 was 1041.75.
- Mr. Charles Perry and Mr. Joe Ketterer will be sworn into office with the Grant County Judge on Wednesday, January 16, 2024.
- MLIRD Consultant Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographic Services, LLC had a positive phone conversation with Grant County Treasurer, Darryl Pheasant and Barb Bader with Harris Govern who manages the software development for the Grant County Treasurer's office. Mr. Welbourne will be sending another test run to the Grant County Treasurer's office before sending off the final 2024 Irrigation and Rehabilitation Assessment Rolls this week. Mr. Welbourne expressed how positive the phone conversation was and that he was pleased with the outcome of the phone call. Interim Manager Beth Yonko stated the 2024 Irrigation and Rehabilitation Assessment Rolls will be submitted early and shows all of the hard work that President Bailey has put in and will not be compensated for. She stated the District should really appreciate the fact that President Bailey has attended 49 meetings that he will not be compensated for. Most all of the 49 meetings were at the MLIRD office with MLIRD Consultant Neal Welbourne working hard on the irrigation and rehabilitation assessment roll process.
- The Grant County Treasurer's office emailed the MLIRD office stating they are having software issues and the December 2023 financial reports will be mailed out instead of emailed this month.
- The MLIRD website will soon have a link for MLIRD ratepayers and community members to add their email address to join a contact list for group notifications such as Regular Board meetings, Special Board meetings, and upcoming events regarding weed treatments, Connelly Park, Elections, etc.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Audience Member, Norm Estoos shared an interesting fact that he recently found his receipt for his MLIRD Irrigation Assessment from the 1970's and it was a total of \$0.84.

President Bailey gave a report on MLIRD's current financials. The checking account currently has approximately \$96,000. The irrigation account currently has approximately \$180,000. The repair and replace account currently has approximately \$72,000. The rehabilitation account currently has \$146,000. MLIRD will use these funds to carefully operate until the 2024 assessments start coming in.

Vice President Teals thanked the MLIRD staff for their efforts on how they handled the computer and email problems as he knows how difficult it can be.

ACTION ITEMS

Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he had a conversation with MLIRD consultant Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographic Services, LLC after last months Regular Board meeting who mentioned in order to complete the

work on the actual irrigated acreage in MLIRD, the cost would be approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 and could have it completed in the next couple months; however, he would need authorization from the Board to exceed his existing 60 hour a month maximum in the current contract. President Bailey stated the actual irrigated acres on each lot is now becoming very important information to know because based on the current method of analysis which is the entire size of the parcels have either reached or exceeded the certificated irrigated acreage on the water certificate with the Department of Ecology. In order for the Board to know for sure what the exact amount of known irrigated acreage is, Mr. Welbourne needs to complete this analysis. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated that ideally Mr. Welbourne will start working on the analysis right away. Vice President Teals made a motion to extend Welbourne Geographic Services, LLC's contract to complete the irrigated acreage analysis and allow him to exceed the current monthly limit of 60 hours a month. Director Perry seconded the motion. Director Dexter asked if Mr. Welbourne has already exceeded his 60 hour monthly limit for the month of January. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he believed he has not used up the maximum 60 hours for the month of January; however, Mr. Welbourne has been working hard on the assessment rolls. President Bailey stated the project would take several months. Director Dexter asked if the 60 hour limit per month even needed to be changed and to just extend Mr. Welbourne's contract until the analysis was completed. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated Mr. Welbourne is only paid for the hours he works; however, with the maximum limit of 60 hours each month and in order to get the analysis done in a short time period for MLIRD to know the exact amount of irrigated acreage, Mr. Welbourne will need to exceed the 60 hours per month. The motion carried unanimously.

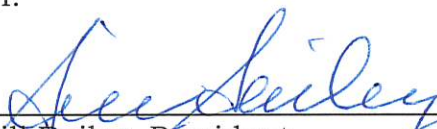
Director Ketterer thanked the MLIRD Staff for all of their hardwork recently.

Director Perry also thanked the MLIRD Staff for the hardwork done recently and specifically thanked President Bailey for all of the long hours he put in helping with the assessment roll methodology.

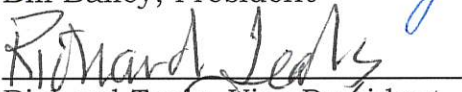
Discussion took place on hiring a General Manager. President Bailey asked Legal Counsel Brian Iller to email each Director a copy of the job description and then it can be reviewed at the next Regular Board meeting. Vice President Teals also pointed out that last year during this time, MLIRD was in a nebulous situation without any legislation. The legislation that was finally passed last year has made all of the difference so that now MLIRD is a viable institution and it is important to get a great General Manager hired. President Bailey said he has enjoyed helping and will continue to do so until a General Manager is hired to help lead MLIRD into the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.




Bill Bailey, President



Richard Teals, Vice President



Kris Dexter, Director



Chuck Perry, Director

Joe Ketterer, Director

By: Deek Youka
Secretary to the Board of Directors