## CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the April 11, 2017, Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Directors were present. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller and General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

## DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

## **DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Foster then called on the board members to approve the agenda. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller asked if General Manager, Chris Overland wanted to include discussion in Executive Session regarding the Parker Horn Pump Station lease and it was agreed to be added to the agenda under Executive Session. Vice Chairman Bailey moved to approve the agenda as amended. Director Teals seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 03/14/17, the Bills/Checks #16049-#16094 and Voucher #1000187 totaling \$62,399.53. Chairman Foster asked that "to see if they wanted to undo" be added to the beginning of the last paragraph on page five of the meeting minutes from 03/14/17 for a correction on what was said. It was noted that said correction would be made. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Director Perry seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on any items related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion was then carried unanimously.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Dredgit Environmental Corporation V.P. Pat Hightower was then introduced, and Mr. Hightower stated that Dredgit Environmental Corporation is a dredging company that offers their services cleaning up lakes, ponds, and works in other specialty areas. His main purpose in Moses Lake is talking with General Manager, Chris Overland in trying to figure out the best and most economical way to get Moses Lake cleaned up and ways to keep it maintained. Dredgit has five dredges and a mechanical processing system for dewatering. Mr. Hightower said Dredgit is not an advocate of using a lot of chemicals. However, in many places, they have to implement chemicals because the sediment is so fine that it needs a flocculent. Dredgit works with a lot of paper mills, chemical plants, municipalities, race tracks, water plants and much more. Mr. Hightower mentioned that MLIRD has a large amount of material to deal

with and stressed that any proposal has to be beneficial to both sides. Chairman Foster asked if Mr. Hightower has had experience with permitting processes. Mr. Hightower explained that he has, however, Dredgit tries to remove sediment naturally if possible and environmentalists tend to support this approach. Mr. Hightower said the least amount of chemicals used, the better off MLIRD is. Mr. Hightower has taken samples of material from Moses Lake which is being sent to the lab at Dredgit to see how the material can be contained, get a source for the material, and set up a process. He said that once an area is cleaned up, maintaining it is easy with a maintenance plan. Vice Chairman Bailey asked if they pump the material to their dewatering plant and if so, how far can it be pumped. Mr. Hightower answered that they do, and the material can be pumped about 5 miles when using booster pumps. Dredgit has a dredge that has a 16-inch stretch that can dredge about 45,000 yards a day. Mr. Hightower mentioned that the first thing he needs to do is get a particulate size analysis performed and go from there. Director Perry asked if MLIRD has ever used chemicals in the dredging process. General Manager, Chris Overland said that MLIRD had not used chemicals in the dewatering process that he is aware of. At the end of Mr. Hightower's presentation, General Manager, Chris Overland thanked him for coming.

# MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was 1045.92 as of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Lakeshore Cleanup was Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Moses Lake Fire Department and was a successful effort. There were approximately 200 volunteers, and three tons of garbage was collected as reported by the Lakeside Disposal employee.
- Connelly Park opens for the season tomorrow, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 AM.
- Financials at the end of March was at 86% to budget.
- There is a pending lease request with the Parker Horn Pump Station.
- The RFP documents for the 2017 Aquatic Treatments are due tomorrow, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:00 PM and will be scored soon after that.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:25 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel potential litigation in the form of legal risks of a proposed action or current practice as it relates to the Parker Horn Pump Station lease as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 10 minutes, and the Board was to return at 7:35 PM. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller indicated that there may or may not be further action taken as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:35 PM.

## WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

Director Teals brought up that last year; MLIRD had invited Don Beckley to the October Board Meeting and presented him with a plaque in honor of renaming the Parker Horn Pump Station dock to "Don Beckley's Landing." Director Teals asked when an appropriate time was to have a ceremony at the Parker Horn Pump Station dock or if MLIRD still wanted to have one. Chairman Foster said that all Board members agree it is a good idea to have something more public at the Parker Horn Pump Station dock. Vice Chairman Bailey asked if it would be a good idea to do it the same day the fountain is put in the lake. Chairman Foster said the more events MLIRD has, the more opportunity we have to put them together to make a bigger event. General Manager, Chris Overland said he isn't sure how much press MLIRD has done for the day the fountain goes into the water. Chairman Foster said that any opportunity MLIRD has to make good news, we should take it. General Manager, Chris Overland said the fountain usually is put in the lake before Memorial Day weekend. Director Teals mentioned doing something during the Spring Festival. Vice Chairman Bailey said the only concern he would have would be the possibility of there being technical difficulties with the fountain the first day it goes out on the lake. Vice Chairman Bailey would rather have the fountain on the lake before Spring Festival. Director Teals mentioned that the fountain could be in the lake for a few days before, and then tie it in with the ceremony with Don Beckley and talk about the fountain during the ceremony as keeping the lake clean and everything MLIRD has done. Chairman Foster said that he doesn't see the ceremony happening before the Regular Board Meeting in May, so asked that a plan is made by then. Chairman Foster also mentioned that with Mr. Beckley's reaction that he had at the previous Board meeting, he may or may not want to have any special time for a ceremony. Vice Chairman Bailey said that either himself or Director Teals could get ahold of him and ask him if he is going to be in the area sometime in May. Director Teals said he would give Mr. Beckley a call the following day.

Director Teals thanked everyone involved in the Lakeshore Cleanup Project. Director Perry mentioned she met a lady at Lakeshore Cleanup who encourages all of their employees to bring the whole family so kids can be involved in a community service and to learn not to litter.

# ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Jeffrey B. Foster, Chairman

Bill Bailey, Vice Chairman

Mary Perry, Director

Kris Dexter, Director

Richard Teals, Director

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Secretary to the Board of Directors

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