Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting March 08, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the March 08, 2022 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, and Director Selmann were present. Director Foster, Director Dexter, and 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Bailey opened the public hearing for adding Parcel #161746021 to the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District boundaries.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Selmann 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 02/08/2022 Regular Meeting and the 02/10/2022 Special Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18322-#18347), and Voucher #1000246 \$51,419.09. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 02/08/2022 Regular Meeting and the 02/10/2022Special Meeting. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the #1000246, Bills/Checks (#18322-#18347) and Voucher \$51,419.09. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (cont.)

President Bailey stated that the Public Hearing for adding Parcel #161746021 to the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District boundaries was still open. There were no objections heard to adding Parcel #161746021 to the District.

RESOLUTIONS

Director Foster made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-002 for adding Parcel #161746021 to the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District boundaries. Director Selmann seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:10 PM to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation and potential litigation in the form of legal risks of a proposed action or current practice. Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 7:25 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:25 PM.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

President Bailey reported the following:

- Lake elevation on March 8, 2022 was 1041.78.
- 2022 Lakeshore Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, from 9:00 AM 12:00 PM.
- Connelly Park opens on Wednesday, April 13, from 6:00 AM 7:00 PM.
- President Bailey has been in contact with the Teamsters Union, and MLIRD is in the process of exploring the contract for the next labor negotiations. The Teamsters contract expires on May 31, 2022. The Board appointed Director Foster to help with the negotiations.
- Tetra Tech is finishing up the Moses Lake Whole Lake Mass Balance Model and Management Alternatives Evaluation. They are also adding a scenario to the project that will analyze having no Columbia River water.
- AquaTechnex has emailed MLIRD another water quality idea. This information has been forwarded to the Directors, Gene Welch, and the Moses Lake Watershed Council.
- Director Foster and Director Dexter will meet and discuss Jeremy Nolan's request and come back to the next Board meeting with a recommendation.
 - Director Selmann stated the Moses Lake City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding at their City Council meeting tonight. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Moses Lake and give President Bailey the approval to sign on behalf of the Board after the final edits to the MOU have been made by both MLIRD Legal Counsel Brian Iller and the City of Moses Lake Attorney. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. Discussion on the MOU then took place. President Bailey stated MLIRD initially planned on approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Moses Lake, allocating up to \$15,000 towards the feasibility study. The MOU now states MLIRD and the City of Moses Lake share the financial responsibility 50/50, which might cost MLIRD approximately \$50,000. Legal Counsel Brian Iller has stated MLIRD should have a spending limit included in the MOU. President Bailey suggested if the City of Moses Lake is requesting MLIRD allocate \$50,000 towards the feasibility study, then his opinion is to go for it as this project is important for the community, lake, and the future of Moses Lake to have the water available. He thinks having a cooperative agreement with the City of Moses Lake will enhance the ability to deal with any political issue that may be coming in the future relevant to water rights. Vice President Teals made a motion to amend Director Selmann's motion to include in the MOU with the City of Moses lake that MLIRD will go 50/50 on the financial participation with a maximum spending amount of \$50,000. Director Selmann seconded the motion. President Bailey called for a vote on the amendment to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey called for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

By:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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