Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting August 09, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Vice President Teals called the August 09, 2022 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, and Director Foster were present. President Bailey, Director Selmann, 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)

Vice President Teals called for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

Vice President Teals called for discussion on any non-agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice President Teals called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Foster made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice President Teals called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 07/12/2022 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18472-#18506), and Voucher #1000251, totaling \$63,781.99. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. President Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS

Chris Newhouse - J.R. Newhouse & Company, PLLP

Chris Newhouse presented the 2021 Financial Statement to the MLIRD Board of Directors. Mr. Newhouse briefly discussed the report on resources and uses arising from cash transactions. For the 2021 year, MLIRD did not collect any assessments; therefore, most of MLIRD's resources came from the sale of assets. Overall, the total fund has gone down by \$550,000 for the year 2021. The Board thanked him for taking the time to come and present the 2021 Financial Statement. Director Foster made a motion to accept the 2021 Financial Statement prepared by J.R. Newhouse and Company, PLLP. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

- Lake elevation on August 09, 2022 was 1046.74.
- The lake clarity at the Connelly Park boat launch is great for this time of the year. Director Foster asked if MLIRD should put a statement on the website regarding the clarity of the lake. Vice President Teals said he thinks it is always a good idea to keep the public informed about how clear the lake is. President Bailey stated

he would be in the office tomorrow to help draft a statement to post on the website.

- Toxin sampling at Connelly Park continues at 5 locations. As of today, all results have been under the WA DOH and US EPA recreational guideline level of 8 ug/L. There have been delays with the other water samplings due to mechanical boat issues.
- Chris Wilson plans on having the harvester out this week, pending wind conditions.
- MLIRD has received a "Petition To Exclude Lands."

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Vice President Teals stated there was an addition that needed to be added to the agenda. The addition needed was a "Petition to Exclude Lands From MLIRD." Legal Counsel Brian Iller said the statute states to publish the notice in an advertisement, and then at the next regular Board meeting, the Board will be able to review the petition.

Vice President Teals asked Legal Counsel Brian Iller if there was a need for an executive session. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated MLIRD did receive a wage claim from a former MLIRD employee that is being reviewed; however, at this point, there is no significant risk, and he will report more on it next month.

Vice President Teals stated he received a letter from a resident in the Hirai Horn area. The residents are concerned about the reeds and access through the lake in that area. Vice President Teals asked Legal Counsel Brian Iller if he knew of any laws that say homeowners can remove reeds by hand that is preventing them from having access to the lake, who stated the homeowners should get advice from their own personal attorney. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated that MLIRD should not tell the homeowners what they can and cannot do and to refer them to the DOE and the Corps of Engineers. Director Foster stated it would be nice to give the homeowners a positive response to their letter. Legal Counsel Brian Iller said to send him a copy of the letter, and he will make a recommendation to the Board at the next Regular Board meeting.

Director Selmann reminded the Board to be thinking about a time to get together to go over options to take to Legislature. President Bailey stated depending on the date of the September Regular Board meeting, he plans on addressing it then.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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Richard Teals, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director

Kaj Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By

Secretary to the Board of Directors