Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Regular Board Meeting October 11, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, Director Foster, and Director Selmann 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. Director Foster made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice President Teals 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 09/13/2022 Regular Meeting, 09/20/22 Special Meeting, and the 09/21/22 Special Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#18538-#18565), and Voucher #1000253, totaling \$56,224.95. President Bailey asked for a change of wording in the 9/21/22 Special Meeting minutes. Director Foster made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change made to the 9/21/22 Special Meeting minutes. Director Dexter 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 October 11, 2022 was 1046.79.
- The Columbia Basin Conservation District is requesting a letter of support for a DOE grant they are applying for. The grant will help with cattle fence support, natural species and shade enhancement to the shoreline of Rocky Ford Creek, GIS Mapping of the Moses Lake Shoreline, natural species restoration of Moses Lake's shoreline, and outreach programs. Director Foster made a motion to authorize MLIRD Staff to write a letter of support for the CBCD in regards to the DOE grant they are applying for. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The Equalization Meeting advertisements are tentatively set to be ran on 10/18, 10/25, and 11/01. Discussion on the advertisement was then had. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated if the MLIRD Board would like to assess for the year 2023, the advertisement should be in compliance with the trial courts decision which states MLIRD cannot assess a rate under RCW Ch. 87.03, but instead a Board approved dollar amount per acre. President Bailey asked Legal Counsel Brian Iller to come up with the language for the Equalization Hearing advertisement for assessing \$0.25 under RCW

Ch. 87.84 and a Board approved dollar amount per acre under the RCW Ch. 87.03. Legal Counsel Brian Iller asked that Interim Manager, Beth Yonko send him last years MLIRD budget and he would fix the wording of the advertisement and email it to the Board of Directors and Staff tomorrow.

- The preliminary work is being created for the 2023 assessment roll and schedule of rates by Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geograpic Services, LLC. He has been communicating with Bobbee Poplawski, the Chief Deputy at the Grant County Assessor's Office.
- MLIRD Director Canidancy Petition's are due at the MLIRD office no later than Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Petition's are available at the MLIRD Office.
- MLIRD Staff will not be attending the October Moses Lake Watershed Council meeting due to the MLIRD audit that will be taking place. President Bailey and Director Selmann stated they will be sure to attend the October MLWC meeting.

# WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Selmann gave an update with the Moses Lake Watershed Council. There have been discussions regarding misinformation in the Watershed Management Plan which has led Director Selmann to facilitate a meeting to go over the draft Watershed Management Plan. MLIRD will pay for the expenses to have Gene Welch and Shannon Brattebo with TetraTech to come to Moses Lake for a meeting to discuss their point of view of the draft Watershed Management Plan with staff members of the Columbia Basin Conservation District and Director Selmann. There will also be discussion and a technical review of the documents pertaining to the \$3.1 million grant that has been allocated for lake treatments on Moses Lake. This meeting is tentatively planned for the last week of October.

President Bailey stated a resolution needs to be created for the purpose of charging fees for petition's to exclude lands from the District and the fee to petition to include land from the District needs to be rasied. Director Selmann made a motion to raise the fee for petitioning lands in or out of the District to \$500.00 to cover advertising, filing, and staff time. Director Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Foster stated he did not think a new resolution was needed. He believed that the wording on the document from "in" to "in and out" and the fee raised to \$500.00 would be acceptable.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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Richard Teals, Vice Presiden

Kris Dexter, Director

Selmann, Director

Jeff Foster, Director

By

Secretary to the Board of Directors