Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Special Board Meeting December 06, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 11:00 AM, President Bailey called the December 06, 2022 Special Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Foster, and Director Perry were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via-telephone. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chairman Bailey gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Charles Perry, swearing him in as an MLIRD Director.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

President Bailey stated MLIRD currently has two specific specialty contractors, Eugene Welch, Ph.D., UW Professor Emeritus, and Shannon Brattebo with Tetra Tech. Tetra Tech has been under contract for the last few years and is nearing the end of the spending limit of the last contract, which is approximately \$35,000. Gene Welch has been attending the Moses Lake Watershed Council meetings on MLIRD's behalf. Gene Welch and Shannon Brattebo came to a special meeting in November at the MLIRD office to discuss proposals with the Columbia Basin Conservation District and MLIRD and to discuss the grant that the Columbia Basin Conservation District is receiving. President Bailey stated he believes MLIRD's specific part of the Moses Lake Watershed Council is the background of the water testing and the scientific expert's Gene Welch and Shannon Brattebo working with MLIRD. He recommends MLIRD continue working with both of them and continue the lake modeling. MLIRD does not have a proposal from either of them yet. President Bailey stated he would reach out to Gene Welch and Shannon Brattebo and discuss future work with them.

President Bailey stated MLIRD received a proposal from Kaj Selmann for a contract of service. President Bailey and Vice President Teals met a couple of weeks ago to go over specific instructions on who Kaj Selmann was to contact during his week long contract. Discussion was held on the positive report back from Kaj Selmann regarding conversations held individually between Kaj Selmann and Grant County Treasurer Darryl Pheasant, Mick Hansen, and the City of Moses Lake. Director Perry stated he would be concerned if any commitment was agreed to be made on behalf of the MLIRD Board by Kaj Selmann. President Bailey stated specific instructions were given to Kaj Selmann not to make any commitment without the approval of the MLIRD Board. The MLIRD Board can then make decisions based on the information provided in the report from Kaj Selmann. Director Foster would like to see a contract drafted by Legal Counsel Brian Iller for Kaj Selmann before any further work continues.

Vice President Teals made a motion for Legal Counsel Brian Iller to draft a contract for Kaj Selmann to move the legislation for MLIRD forward. Director Foster asked for the motion to be amended to remove "to move the legislation for MLIRD forward." President Bailey stated the Board is

after a contract to be drafted that allows the MLIRD Board to instruct Kaj Selmann to pursue avenues that the Board deems necessary. Vice President Teals amended his motion for Legal Counsel Brian Iller to create a draft contract for Kaj Selmann. Director Foster seconded the motion. President Bailey stated MLIRD does not currently have a General Manager or anyone politically involved, with the exception of the Board Members that have relationships with the legislators. President Bailey also said he does not think any of the Board Members have the time to go out and contact certain individuals. He stated at this point, Kaj Selmann is not an MLIRD Director, nor is he an MLIRD employee. Kaj Selmann has been passionate about the development of the water and irrigation system and the community. President Bailey stated the Board Members need to write down what they each feel the contract should have. Vice President Teals stated Kaj Selmann has many strong points regarding the lake and the issues involved. Vice President Teals amended his motion again for MLIRD to hire Kaj Selmann as MLIRD's consultant at the rate that the Board asks him to work on, terminable upon notice drafted by Legal Counsel Brian Iller. Director Foster seconded the motion. Director Foster stated he wanted to make sure the contract that Legal Counsel Brian Iller creates is a draft contract, and then any additions or corrections that the Board of Directors has will be added. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 AM.

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By: Secretary to the Board of Directors