Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District Special Board Meeting February 06, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER

At 8:00 AM, President Teals called the February 06, 2025 Special Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Teals, Vice President Ketterer, Director Dexter, Director Dart, and General Manager Sam Castro were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via-telephone. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:07 AM to discuss with legal counsel to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 30 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 8:37 AM.

Executive Session was extended another 10 minutes and the Board was to return approximately at 8:47 AM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:47 AM. No action was taken.

# **BOARD WORKSHOP**

Items that were discussed:

- Moses Lake North Dam
  - o Emergency Operations Plan
  - o Breach easement location
  - o Consideration of a private easement
  - The unauthorized boat ramp that was established on the downstream side of the Moses Lake North Dam. The board was is favor of making sure that the activity on that side of the property immediately stop and MLIRD continue to enforce the misuse of the unauthorized boat ramp. There is a Department of Fish and Wildlife boat ramp that is accessible that recreationists should be using to access the downstream area of the Moses Lake North Dam instead. General Manager Sam Castro stated signs have been posted that state "No Trespassing."
- Current and future dredging projects
- MLIRD owned property on Marina Drive. President Teals would like to see a more improved accessible section for residents to launch small watercraft such as kayaks and paddleboards.
- 2025 Capital Improvement Program
- CERB Grant Moses Lake Waterflow Study
- The NRCS Grant EutroPHIX Pilot Project Phase 2 is still underway. The sole source resolution, sole source justification form, notice of intent to sole source, and the draft contract agreement are all under review by Legal Counsel Brian Iller. General Manager Sam Castro

stated there is not a rush to get the documents finished yet until MLIRD receives an award letter from NRCS.

- Annual Maintenance and Inspection Plan
- Date change for the regular board meeting for November due to it falling on a holiday. The board decided the regular board meeting in November will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:30 PM
- Whether or not the Board would like to add public meeting remote access for Board meetings was discussed. The Board was in favor of moving in the direction of making remote access for Board meetings available to the public barring any IT problems. General Manager Sam Castro stated he has drafted a job description for an on-call IT technician and when that is completed and filled, that person would be able to provide MLIRD with remote access for the public in the event MLIRD does have technical issues.
- 2025 event schedule
- History of aquatic weed treatments and weed harvesters
- Surplus of MLIRD Equipment was discussed. The Board would like to keep both of the aquatic weed harvesters.
- A pier at Connelly Park
- A aquatic invasive species waterless cleaning system
- An automatic gate for Connelly Park
- W-20 canal was discussed. General Manager Sam Castro would like to first secure any easements for the possibility of the future construction of the W-20 to the Rocky Ford Arm of Moses Lake. This way the easements are in place if funding was to become available.
- MLIRD Water Rights
- MLIRD's Annual Plan

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Joe Ketterer, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director

Chuck Perry, Director

Samuel Dart, Director

By:

Secretary to the Board of Directors

Sam Castro