

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the October 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board of Directors except Director Perry were present. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller and General Manager, Chris Overland was also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

## **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

## **DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Foster then called on the board members to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Bailey moved for the approval of the agenda. Director Teals seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Foster called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 09/13/16, the Bills/Checks (#15809 - #15854) and Vouchers (#1000179 - #1000180) totaling in \$72,397.17. Director Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS**

Director Teals stated over the years; Moses Lake has seen a lot of great changes and the history of MLIRD goes way back. However, Director Teals feels no one knows the history of Moses Lake better than Don Beckley and went on to say that the extraordinary changes of Moses Lake are because of the many years of work of Mr. Beckley, multiple agencies, and Moses Lake community members. Director Teals then presented Mr. Beckley with a plaque to show MLIRD's appreciation for the many years of commitment, service, and hard work he dedicated to making Moses Lake the beautiful and healthier lake it is today. Director Teals added he knows Mr. Beckley was not solely responsible for all that went into making Moses Lake the lake it is today, however, the Moses Lake Clean Lake Project would not have succeeded the way it did without the guidance of Mr. Beckley.

Mr. Beckley then reflected back to when his great-great-great Uncle owned the hardware store at Wheeler, and there was no lake; at least not a healthy or clean lake. He added it all started when a group of Realtors thought they could put a dam at the south end of the lake and raise Moses Lake up 35 feet to create an oasis in the desert. Those same realtors held random drawings at weekly dances to get people to come to

Moses Lake. They gave away one free city lot every Saturday night for approximately three years. This increased the population of Moses Lake. Mr. Beckley then gave acknowledgment to Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District, Department of Ecology, Environmental Protection Agency, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Dano Law Firm, Block 40 Community Club, Irrigators Inc., area farmers, employees of MLIRD, community members and everyone else that was also involved in the process of making Moses Lake a healthier lake. Mr. Beckley added it wasn't him; it was all the agencies and the Moses Lake community that made things happen for the better.

Mr. Beckley stated that if MLIRD would provide 1,000 booklets, he and his wife would like to make a contribution by placing 1,000 stickers on the booklets that read "This booklet is provided by the WA State Lake Protection Association and the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District." and place them in the waiting rooms of establishments in Moses Lake. Mr. Beckley thanked MLIRD again and expressed that he was honored in receiving this acknowledgment and plaque.

General Manager, Chris Overland then shared a newspaper clipping from one of the Moses Lake Clean Lake Project books he had come across. A part of the clipping read "Project Manager Don M. Beckley announced today that the second and final sign-up period for the Moses Lake Clean Lake Project has been completed, and to date, nearly 80 farmers in the watershed area have completed applications to participate in the program." General Manager, Chris Overland has made three of the Moses Lake Clean Lake Project books available on the MLIRD website because he felt the information was too important to get left behind in a drawer. General Manager, Chris Overland thanked Mr. Beckley for everything he has done for MLIRD and Moses Lake.

## **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1046.73 feet as of October 11, 2016 according to the USGS website.
- As MLIRD approaches a new election season, General Manager, Chris Overland announced that both Jeff Foster & Richard Teals continue to be eligible for the position of Director.
- Both Chairman Foster and Director Teals' positions are up for election this year. MLIRD has made contact and confirmed with Dennis Clay for the position of the 2016 Election Inspector and Debbie Doran-Martinez and Dave Helms for the positions of the 2016 Election Judges. The notice of the Director positions will be posted next Friday, October 21, 2016 here at the MLIRD Office 932 E. Wheeler Road, City of Moses Lake Library, Moses Lake City Hall, and the Grant County PUD Office. Director Dexter made a motion to appoint Dennis Clay for the position of the 2016 Election Inspector and Debbie Doran-Martinez and Dave Helms for the positions of the 2016 Election Judges. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.
- Reporting on operations; 11,000 cubic yards of spoils was estimated to have been removed from the lake by the dredge at the end of September, and 3,900 cubic feet of weeds was estimated to have been removed from the lake by the harvesters for the 2016 season.
- Scheduled seasonal shutdowns in the near future are shutdown of the Parker Horn Pump Station, shutdown and removal of the fountain, removal of the Pelican Horn carp barrier, closing Connelly Park for the season and removing the dredge from the lake on November 1, 2016 for the season.

- The Moses Lake North Dam gates are scheduled to go full-open on November 7, 2016 as MLIRD coordinates with USBR to lower the lake elevation to winter levels.
- Year to date expenditures are approximately 75% of budget, but that does not reflect all financial data due to Grant County being electronically shut down and unavailable on October 11, 2016 so MLIRD had no way of getting updated information.
- All required advertisements have taken place for the adoption of Resolution 2016-007 to petition Jeromy & Rosaria McKean parcel into the Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District.
- The 2017 Assessment Roll data is on file and open for inspection at the MLIRD office for anyone who would like to review it. Discussion was then held on scheduling the Equalization Meeting and it was decided to schedule that meeting on November 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM. All required advertisements will be placed in the local newspaper to inform anyone that would like to come to the Equalization Meeting.
- Aquatechnex has proposed a specific area of the lake to be treated with Alum for next year. General Manager, Chris Overland shared a handout with everyone and then Director Dexter asked General Manager, Chris Overland's opinion on Aquatechnex this year. General Manager, Chris Overland believes that Aquatechnex was easy to deal with but they did have one product delivery issue that was a setback.
- Director Dexter brought up that at last month's meeting, it was discussed possibly shutting the Parker Horn Pump Station off when the USBR is not running any water through Moses Lake. He stated he believes there is no reason for MLIRD to be running the Parker Horn Pump Station if there is not fresh water coming into Moses Lake and that it would also save electricity. General Manager, Chris Overland stated that the USBR is only running about 100 c.f.s through Crab Creek into Moses Lake which is way down from the big flows Moses Lake receives earlier in the year. General Manager, Chris Overland also mentioned there is an inverter on the pump and thought the reason might have been for periods when Moses Lake is not getting any heavy USBR flows, or lend itself to that. MLIRD can turn the inverter down. General Manager, Chris Overland also said he believes it makes sense to shut the pump off when MLIRD is dredging so nothing is being passed down into an already troubled part of the lake. Chairman Foster believes the USBR is not going to call MLIRD to let us know how much water they are planning on flowing through Moses Lake so MLIRD would know when to turn the pump on or off but does think it is something to keep an eye on. General Manager, Chris Overland announced it costs approximately \$2,000 a month to run the Parker Horn Pump Station. General Manager, Chris Overland also mentioned back in the Brown and Caldwell days during the Moses Lake Clean Lake Project, some of the justification they used for the Parker Horn Pump Station was running the flows through the summer to refresh that part of the lake. The past few years the USBR has not run heavy flows through the summer months. The USBR has stopped around June, and they now have two different alternative routes to get the water down south. General Manager, Chris Overland has recently gone to Ephrata and visited with the USBR on this matter.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel, Brian Iller the union contract negotiations as authorized by RCW 42.30.140(4), to discuss pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1), and to discuss potential litigation in the form of the risks of a proposed action or current practice regarding lake buoy placement authority and maintenance responsibility as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 15 minutes, and they were to

return to Regular Session at 7:50 PM. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller indicated that there may or may not be further action taken as a result of the discussion in Executive Session.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:54 PM. Chairman Foster apologized for being four minutes late in returning from Executive Session.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The 2017 Assessment Roll data is now available at the MLIRD office for anyone that would like to review it before the Equalization Meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Director Dexter then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-007 to petition Jeromy and Rosaria McKean’s parcel #161682050 into the District. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Glen Zuger asked if Legal Counsel, Brian Iller had found any information on whether or not property owners are allowed to place buoys in the lake. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said he was not aware of anything that prohibits anyone from doing so and that the MLIRD Board has not adopted any policy or resolution that addresses where buoys can or cannot be placed. He advised Mr. Zuger that the agency to talk to would be Grant County to see if they have any restrictions for buoy placement or the Corps of Engineers. Chairman Foster added that to the MLIRD Board’s knowledge, they do not know of any other entities that have taken any position on lake buoy placement and added if Mr. Zuger was curious, he may also check with the Grant County Sheriff’s Department.

**WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS**

Director Teals wanted to thank the Board of Directors and MLIRD Staff for all the work that went on to get the plaque and dedication in place for Mr. Beckley, and he appreciates the Board of Directors support on the matter. Director Teals would like to coordinate with General Manager, Chris Overland and Mr. Beckley about getting this to the press and making sure everyone that was involved is included.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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Jeffrey B. Foster, Chairman

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Bill Bailey, Vice Chairman

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Mary Perry, Director

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Kris Dexter, Director

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Richard Teals, Director

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