

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 PM, Chairman Foster called the November 08, 2016 Special Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Directors were present except Director Teals. 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)

As this is a Special Meeting, non-agenda items are not discussed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the Board to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Bailey moved for the approval of the agenda. Director Perry seconded the motion with the adjustment to the agenda of moving executive session. The motion was then carried unanimously.

Action Items

The purpose of the Special Board Meeting was for equalizing the 2017 Assessment Roll. General Manager, Chris Overland advised the Board the required three advertisements had taken place. Advertisements ran on October 17th, 24th, and 31st of 2016. Also reported was that no parties had come to the MLIRD office to discuss or contest the 2017 Assessment Roll. General Manager, Chris Overland anticipated the final 2017 Assessment Roll will be presented for approval at the January 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Legal Counsel, Brian Iller thought that a discussion on modify the 2017 Assessment Roll was appropriate to better show the division of the assessment of .25 per 1,000.00 assessed value, RCW 87.84; and .75 per 1,000.00 assessed value, RCW 87.03. To Legal Counsel, Brian Iller's understanding, MLIRD staff has already included this on the 2017 Assessment Roll draft and stated that this step will help satisfy a recommendation that was made by the SAO. Chairman Foster asked to see what that might look like and General Manager, Chris Overland showed the draft Assessment Roll with the 75/25 additional columns.

General Manager, Chris Overland shared that the Assessment Roll that he has received from the County Treasurer, shows 10,979 parcels for a total of \$1,928,346 whereas the Assessment Roll created by MLIRD shows 11,050 parcels in the amount of \$1,793,007 for a difference of \$135,000. Chairman Foster's thoughts were that MLIRD could accept the Roll as prepared by the Treasure if that's what MLIRD decides to do.

Legal Counsel, Brian Iller expressed that there is a duty to exercise reasonable care with respect to ensuring the information from the Treasurer is correct and felt that this is what General Manager, Chris Overland has done in going through the information while creating his own Assessment Roll. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said that it might be

better to accept the Roll that the Secretary to the Board of Directors has presented that is compliant with the statutes. General Manager, Chris Overland reminded the Board that it is not until January 15, 2017 that the Assessment Roll is due and the office will continue to work on the Roll and communicate with the Grant County Treasurer's office as needed.

The decision was made to leave the Equalization Meeting open for any visitors, as the Board of Directors went into Executive Session. This would allow more time for anyone wishing to come and discuss the Assessment Roll or address the Board of Equalization.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel, pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) related to the Hansen litigation. The expected time was 20 minutes, and they were to return to at 7:00 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.

It was decided upon returning from Executive Session to continue the Equalization Meeting until the end of the November 08, 2016 7:00 PM Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Equalization Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Jeffrey B. Foster, Chairman

Bill Bailey, Vice Chairman

Mary Perry, Director

Kris Dexter, Director

Richard Teals, Director

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Transcribed By: _____