

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00PM, Chairman Foster called the February 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members were present, as well as General Manager, Chris Overland and Legal Counsel, Brian Iller. 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. Jerry Ellis asked to be added to Action Item 8D to discuss the herbicide treatment.

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

Chairman Foster called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items and three were added as non-agenda items. Tom Bennett and Clay Crook were added to Public Comments. Dave Sievers asked to be added to discuss a boat launch at the Moses Lake North Dam and Chairman Foster stated that he was already on the agenda as action item 8C.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Foster called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Perry then made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Teals seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Foster called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consists of the meeting minutes from 01/13/15, the Bills/Checks (#14874 - #14918) and Vouchers (#1000116 - #1000118) totaling in \$111,376.87. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Perry seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on any item relating to Basin Property Management, Inc. b Vice Chairman Bailey had a question in regards to check #14886 – Iron Horse Real Estate on what it was for. General Manager, Chris Overland informed Vice Chairman Bailey that it was the lease at the Parker Horn Pump Station. Vice Chairman Bailey also requested a change of wording in the 01/13/15 minutes. On page four he wanted the word “none” changed to “most”. The changes were noted and changes were made before the end of the meeting so they could be signed. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **MOSES LAKE NORTH DAM CONSTRUCTION**

Ryan Carter with Strata then gave a brief update on the progress on the Moses Lake North Dam Project.

Recent events:

- The micro piles have been completed
- Structural steel is being installed right now

- Load bearing tests were done on the micro piles
- The next phase is the rebar installation
- After they complete the floor footing, they will start on the side walls which will come up and basically connect to the sheet pile to form the concrete side walls
- The head gates will be arriving next Monday which will be installed just before they pour the concrete on the head wall area
- They look to be finished with the rebar installation by the end of the week
- Then they will start to place the concrete slab next week

After Ryan Carter with Strata finished his presentation, Director Dexter brought up the additional services for Strata. Director Dexter made a motion for clarity to request a line item detailed document for the additional services to Strata on the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 document. Discussion on the additional services took place. Director Perry asked Director Dexter if he had seen the Summary of the Additional Services from Strata that had a line item breakdown. Director Dexter stated that he had not seen that document before. Chairman Foster asked if any of the Directors wanted to second the motion. There was no second to the motion. Director Dexter then withdrew his motion

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

John O'Callaghan & Stephanie Utter then gave a presentation on the history between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District. John O'Callaghan is the Irrigation Operations Manager Supervisor Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation. He has been with the Bureau of Reclamation for approximately 24 years. Stephanie Utter is the Ephrata Field Office Manager and has been with the Bureau of Reclamation for approximately 16 years. John O'Callaghan informed the Board of Directors that they would like to come back sometime in June or July to discuss bringing the lake up to a full pool to establish the high water line. Stephanie Utter discussed setting up a work session in the future to discuss the MoU between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District. Stephanie Utter also brought to the Board of Director's attention a granting program called WaterSMART. There was no action on any of the topics discussed during their presentation.

## **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager, Chris Overland reported on projects and events:

Recent events/news discussed:

- The lake level was at 1043 as of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- There are 3 Resolutions to be discussed and approved.
- The Governance Policy has been updated from 3 Board of Directors to 5. Materially the policy is approximately the same. Director Perry and the General Manager are going to go through the Governance Policy some more and make requested changes. Discussion on the Governance Policy then took place between the Directors. Chairman Foster would like a redlined document of the October 2010 Governance Policy with any changes the Directors would like to see be made. Chairman Foster stated that at a future meeting, be it March or April's, the board of directors could present their changes they would like made to the Governance Policy for discussion and then they would proceed at the next present meeting the passing of the new changes requested.

- Equipment repairs are still ongoing.
- Approximately 3,500 cubic yards has been taken out of the settling ponds and been hauled to the spoils pile.
- A recent dredge soil analyst appoints the top soil at the dredge site to low-medium monetary value.
- Two additional employees will be attending CESCL training on February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A renewal land lease has been signed for the existing settling pond and an appointment has been set for next week with the owner of the spoils storage location to get that lease signed.
- Ryan Walker with Grette Associates continues to work on the dredge permitting process.
- We are still waiting to hear back from the Department of Ecology on the status of the algae and aquatic weed grants that we submitted earlier.

Chairman Foster asked if any of the Directors or audience members would care if we moved action items ahead of Executive Session. Director Dexter moved to amend the agenda to allow the action items to be presented before Executive Session. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Rich Finger with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife then discussed the carp control in Moses Lake, WA. He is a wildlife biologist. His experience with carp control is small compared to the amount of acreage Moses Lake has. He said that it was not impossible but it was just a matter of how much money you are going to have to direct at it. Discussion on possible ways to remove the carp then took place. Chairman Foster said that the District would like to work with WDFW to help with this cause. We want the WDFW to know that we are anxious to do what we can, when we can. Chairman Foster asked Rich Finger to get more information to our General Manager and we will go from there. Rich Finger said that he didn't want to commit anybody with WDFW, but that he will definitely pass the information along and see where it goes. No other action was taken.
- Mr. Sievers brought forward the idea of having a boat launch located at the Moses Lake North Dam. He felt that after talking with one of the "workers" that it wouldn't be a problem. He believes that it is going to be similar to the boat launch located there before the rebuild of the Moses Lake North Dam. Chairman Foster explained that everything out there has been approved by WDFW, Bureau of Reclamation and Dam Safety Office and he knows that the MLIRD Board of Directors cannot tell anyone to change plans to accommodate a "boat launch". No action was taken on this.
- Dave Klutz with Lakeland Restoration then gave a presentation on what Lakeland Restoration has done in the past for weed treatment for MLIRD. Discussion on the contract between MLIRD and Lakeland Restoration was then discussed. Dave Klutz believes that we are looking at 150 acres to treat this year which is very similar to what Lakeland Restoration treated last year. The contract that Lakeland Restoration and MLIRD had put together last year was for one year with the continuation of 3 years with the same prices. Lakeland Restoration has been providing MLIRD with weed treatment for the past four years. MLIRD has applied for a \$50,000 Algae Grant and a \$75,000 Aquatic Weed Grant this year. Dave said that if we receive both of the grants we applied for then all of the Algae treatment will be paid for with the grant money and half of the Aquatic Weed treatment

will be paid for with grant money. He also said that we can sign the contract and if there is not enough money, then we can cut back on the treatment acres. Jerry Ellis then spoke as taxpayer of the district and shared what he thought was most important and what he wanted seen done as far as weed treatment this year. More discussion on the 2015 Lakeland Restoration contract was had between the Board of Directors, the General Manager and Dave Klutz. Director Dexter then made a motion to extend the contract for another year at the same level of ability to modify it based on our budgetary consents. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

- Director Dexter wanted to discuss the Interlocal Agreement with Grant County in regards to the bridge at the Moses Lake North Dam that was signed by the MLIRD Board of Directors on 1/13/15. It was then sent to the county to be signed by them. There, the county needed to revise the contract to from \$625,000 to \$650,000. The county signed and dated the contract on 1/20/15. So the contract that MLIRD signed is not the contract the county signed. Director Dexter had a copy of the 1/20/15 contract that the county had signed. He proposed that they sign the 1/20/15 contract and then the contract is a good clean contract. Discussion on re-signing the revision page then took place. Vice Chairman Bailey moved to ratify the action of agreeing to the revised contract with Grant County on 1/13/15 to increase the amount of reimbursement to \$650,000.00 from \$625,000.00. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.
- Director Dexter wanted to discuss the MLIRD 2015 budget to include an operational margin so MLIRD can have leeway on the budget. Director Dexter made a motion to adjust the MLIRD 2015 budget to include a goal of a 15% operational margin. There was no second on the motion so Director Dexter withdrew his motion.
- Director Teals wanted to discuss the Vision 2020 meetings. When he was on the Board years back he would attend the Vision 2020 meetings and would provide information on where MLIRD is at and what we were up to. He would like to know if the Board would feel it would be appropriate for him to do that again now that he is on the MLIRD board again, and he will share his information that he receives from the Vision 2020 meetings to the MLIRD meetings as well. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize Director Teals to be our hands on with Vision 2020. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:05 PM. The expected time was 10 minutes and they were to return to Regular Session at 9:15PM. Chairman Foster indicated 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 9:15PM.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**2015-001** – A motion was made by Director Perry to accept resolution 2015-001. Director Teals seconded the motion. This resolution is to adopt a new public records policy. The existing one is outdated and the rates per copy needed changed. The motion was then carried unanimously.

**2015-002** – A motion was made by Director Dexter to accept resolution 2015-002. Vice Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. This resolution is

for the disposal of the CAT D6 Bulldozer for a sale or trade in. The motion was then carried unanimously.

**2015-003** – A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bailey to accept resolution 2015-003. Director Perry seconded the motion. This resolution is for a piece of surplus equipment for a sale. It is the Soil Compactor that we have used at the Park that we no longer have any use for. The motion was then carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Bennett wanted to know if the past audit had been “cleaned up”? Chairman Foster indicated that from what he knows it has been done. He is fairly confident that it was addressed. We will know for sure starting our next audit within the next week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44PM.

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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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