

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Vice Chairman Bailey called the June 09, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members except Chairman Foster were present. General Manager, Chris Overland and Legal Counsel, Brian Iller was present as well. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)

Vice Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors and the audience for discussion on any agenda items and nothing was brought forward.

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

Vice Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items and Clay & Karen Crook, Lloyd Peterson, Jeff Powell, Director Perry and Director Teals asked to be added to the agenda to discuss non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the agenda. Director Perry then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Director Teals seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the 5/12/15 minutes in the consent agenda. Director Perry abstained from voting on 5/12/15 minutes as she was not present at that meeting. Director Teals had two corrections he wanted to be made. On page 5 in the 5/12/15 minutes, the word "of" used twice in a sentence both need to be replaced with the word "have" to make the sentence grammatically correct. Director Teals then made a motion to approve the 5/12/15 minutes with the corrections made. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously. The changes were made to the minutes so they could be signed at the end of the meeting.

Vice Chairman Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the Bills/Checks and Vouchers in the consent agenda. The items being approved consisted of the Bills/Checks (#15063 - #15108) and Vouchers (#1000125, #1000128 & #1000129) totaling in \$126,615.02. Vice Chairman Bailey had a question on check #15098 to Tatum Lawn Care in regards to if it was for the dredge site. General Manager, Chris Overland confirmed that check #15098 to Tatum Lawn Care was for weed spraying services at the dredge site. Director Teals then made a motion to approve the Bills/Checks and Vouchers in the consent agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. For the record, Vice Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on any items related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion was then carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager, Chris Overland reported on projects and events:

Recent events/news discussed:

- General Manager, Chris Overland and Ryan Walker with Grette Associates met at the Moses Lake North Dam site to address the required mitigation planting for the Moses Lake North Dam/Bridge Project. While they were there, they looked at different options for a possible “boat launch”. One option was concrete logs under the water that will require a lot of sign-offs from different agencies. Another option was a drivable dirt path down to the water that will require permission from Grant County. General Manager, Chris Overland believes it is important that MLIRD does one or the other, if for no other reason, so MLIRD may have access to maintain the netting and webbing on the downstream side of the Moses Lake North Dam. Director Dexter asked if the General Manager had checked with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to see if they would partner with MLIRD. General Manager, Chris Overland said that when WDFW was at last month’s meeting, they said that they supported the gentlemen wanting the boat launch again. So General Manager, Chris Overland is certain that they would or at least verbally support what MLIRD is trying to do. Vice Chairman Bailey stated that it would make sense for WDFW to be the lead agency. General Manager, Chris Overland said that he would check with them.
- The Governance Policy may be discussed at the next Board Meeting. Didn’t discuss with Chairman Foster gone.
- Parker Horn Pump Station was turned on for the 2015 season on May 13th.
- The fountain was placed back into the lake on May 15th.
- On June 4th, the harvester equipment was hauled to the Marina Drive lots and are ready for the 2015 weed harvesting season.
- The dredge is scheduled to go into the lake on June 23rd.
- The 2015 weed and algae treatment is scheduled to take place June 22nd – June 26th.
- From a business perspective, the financials are good for this time of the year. However, there are still a few Moses Lake North Dam bills that need to be paid.
- The Washington State Auditor’s Office has agreed upon the date of June 23rd, 2015 at 10:00 AM for the audit closing.
- The current assessment data went down \$8,500 in a month’s time. There was one change in exempt parcels.
- Dean Pullman [OBO Janet McCaslin’s request] has recently been in contact with the MLIRD office for a status update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 PM to discuss with legal counsel risks of a current practice or proposed action per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 15 minutes, and they were to return to Regular Session at 7:31 PM. Vice Chairman Bailey 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 7:31 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clay and Karen Crook voiced a concern that while out on their boat, they noticed five buoys near Cove West for a no wake zone. Some of the buoys were approximately 300 feet off the shoreline. They wanted to know what agency to contact with their concern, what permits, or whose permission anybody would need to place buoys that far out into the lake. Vice Chairman Bailey stated that MLIRD is not a police agency and cannot control any of that. He advised them to contact the Grant County Sherriff’s Department.

Lloyd Peterson was happy to see that the boat launch is open for discussion and that MLIRD has some level of interest to rebuild it. He believes the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife may or may not want to be involved. Vice Chairman Bailey said that he thinks it is safe to say that the discussion won't be dropped, but that it is going to be a process and take some time. Lloyd also had another question regarding an island in Moses Lake that has a city park located on it named Calbom Island Park and was curious to whom the gentleman was. Director Teals informed him that he was the gentleman that donated the park to the city.

Jeff Powell wanted to discuss MLIRD's ability to control the levels of the lake with the new dam. He asked if the lake was going to be any lower this year for the winter months. General Manager, Chris Overland said that the possibility should be there to drop 12 – 18 inches lower if it were decided to do so. Jeff asked if there was a plan for maintaining the water level in the fall at its lowest point, so they don't have a freezing problem with their docks again. General Manager, Chris Overland stated that MLIRD is likely going to follow the historical model from years past. Vice Chairman Bailey added that the Bureau of Reclamation still has control over the levels and, in addition, the elevation of O'Sullivan Dam affects the levels as well. He also added that he believes the levels are significantly impacted by the elevation of O'Sullivan Dam [Potholes Reservoir] and is impacted by what the Bureau of Reclamation projects as run-off.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Perry shared that in the Spokesman-Review on May 31st, 2015, there was an article called "Blooms at Bay." The article was about an experiment they are starting in Hayden Lake, ID that has floating wetlands in the lake to absorb phosphorus so the algae growth is less. She believes it may be an idea that would add value to Moses Lake. Director Perry said that the University of Idaho has done some work on it and she believes that we could probably get a graduate student from the University of Washington and/or Washington State that might want to take on a project like this. She thought that it might be an idea to explore that may help take care of some of Moses Lake's algae issues. General Manager, Chris Overland said that MLIRD has been in contact with a Professor named Gene Welch at the University of Washington that did some business with the District back in the 60s-80s. They have talked specifically about the phosphorus issue in Moses Lake. Director Perry said that one of the things they are doing in Idaho is they are getting the landowners involved and having them sign up if they want one of the wetlands to attach to their docks. She believes an idea such as this may generate a lot of interest in Moses Lake. Vice Chairman Bailey said that it might be worth investigating. Vice Chairman Bailey asked that for the record, he would like the article "Blooms at Bay" be attached to the minutes. (*See Attachment*)

Director Teals wanted to bring up that MLIRD owns four lots on Marina Drive in Moses Lake, WA. Two of the lots are used for MLIRD's weed harvester equipment. The other two lots he believes could be available for sale. He thinks MLIRD should consider selling the other two lots to cover some expenses in different areas. He said MLIRD did have them up for sale some years ago when lots were selling at a very high price in Moses Lake. He doesn't think MLIRD needs all four of those lots. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said that MLIRD would have to adopt a resolution declaring the property surplus and that there would be a process to follow. General Manager, Chris Overland stated that as more new homes encroach upon the four lots property that MLIRD owns now, that MLIRD operations may get pushed out of that area. He believes that if MLIRD starts thinking about selling any of the Marina Drive lots, they should also start thinking

about re-locating the weed harvester operations. Vice Chairman Bailey thinks that at some point MLIRD should talk to the city about their property down behind Marina Shores and the Holmes Brothers property as a potential area for MLIRD's future weed harvester operations.

Director Teals also brought up that on I-90 between Montlake and the Peninsula, there are five large culverts that are between the island and the north and the south sections. Those culvert passages are filled up, and little to no water can pass through. He believes that it is DOT's responsibility to keep water flowing through there. He thinks MLIRD needs to look into it and see if we can get the appropriate agencies to clear the culverts so that the water can flow more easily. The culverts are said to be approximately 4 feet in diameter and are filled up to about 3 feet with rock and debris. Director Dexter believes that it would help the flow of water through the Montlake area. Vice Chairman Bailey said there is an access through Montlake Park and that General Manager, Chris Overland could probably get a key from the Moses Lake Parks and Recreation Department and stated that he believes MLIRD should look at it and also contact DOT to find out who needs to clean the culverts out. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller suggested that it may be the CORP of Engineers that have jurisdiction over the culverts because they would have had to of approved the building of the bridge and the fill. The CORP of Engineers may put pressure on DOT to get it cleaned out.

Vice Chairman Bailey asked if General Manager, Chris Overland knew the reasoning behind the Bureau of Reclamation pushing a lot more water down the waste-way into the lake this year or if it was something he could find out. General Manager, Chris Overland said that he could find that information out. He also said that the Bureau of Reclamation was going to run 2,000 cubic feet per minute up until the first week of June. Vice Chairman Bailey is just curious as to how much more water has gone through this year than in past years.

Vice Chairman Bailey also announced that it appears that the Moses Lake North Dam will come in several hundred thousand dollars under budget.

It was said by Vice Chairman Bailey, Director Perry and Director Dexter that they will be in attendance at the audit closing meeting on June 23rd, 2015 at 10:00 AM so a special meeting will need to be held for that reason. Director Teals stated that he would not be available to attend the audit closing meeting.

Vice Chairman Bailey also stated that before the 1st of July he would like a copy of the dredge permit available to all the directors. Dredging is scheduled to begin on July 1st. Vice Chairman Bailey would also like an email sent to all the directors so they can all see the copy of the dredge permit and the dredging schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 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

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