

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the June 13, 2017, Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Directors 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)

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Foster then called on the board members to approve the agenda and the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 05/09/17, the Bills/Checks #16141-#16191 and Voucher #1000189 totaling \$72,568.02. Director Perry made a motion to approve Item 2, 3.a. and 3b. Director Teals second the motion. 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 the following:

- Lake elevation was 1046.70 as of June 14th, 2017.
- There is 53 C.F.S flowing through Crab Creek, and Rocky Coulee Wasteway is currently shut-off for this part of the season.
- The Parker Horn Pump Station lease is currently pending.
- On May 26th, 2017 a car went into the lake about 100 yards west of Don Beckley's Landing.
- Aquatic Alum treatments took place in the Montlake area of the lake on May 30th and 31st.
- Conventional aquatic treatments are scheduled to take place starting the week of June 19th, 2017 with a target of 350 acres. A map of the treatment areas for phase one can be found on the MLIRD website.
- There was a small fire at Connelly Park this month that was reportedly caused by a bad transformer connection. Grant County PUD assured MLIRD that following their visit, all other connections are fine.
- Predicted incomes in the budget are at 96% of the actual incoming assessments, year to date. And expenditures are at 70% of budget.
- An Ellicott Dredge Field Service Representative out is here conducting an overall analysis on the MLIRD dredge – both, in and out of the water. The dredge will be placed in the lake tomorrow, Wednesday, June 14, 2017 for vessel testing purposes.
- Dredge spoils have been moving well with the new location. Approximately 700 yards have been removed in the last month.

- General Manager, Chris Overland recently took part in a 5½ hour nationwide Harmful Algal Bloom webinar put on by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and commented on a project that the University of Washington had been working on where UW researchers have been tracking via satellite, changes in Moses Lake water quality attributes over time, as water passes through the lake.
- Pictures were then shown of Alum treatments underway in the Montlake area of the lake.
- MLIRD water testing results were then shared. Springs entering the lake are showing high nutrient loading. Director Dexter asked that with this testing, does MLIRD hope to figure out why it is so high in those certain areas and find a plan to help lower it. General Manager, Chris Overland thinks that is ideally the objective of the water testing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel potential litigation in the form of legal risks of a proposed action or current practice regarding liability risks as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii) and to consider 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). The expected time was 20 minutes, and the Board was to return at 7:40 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.

Chairman Foster entered back into the board room at 7:40 PM to extend Executive Session another 15 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at 7:55 PM.

Chairman Foster entered back into the board room at 7:55 PM to extend Executive Session another 5 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at 8:00 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:00 PM.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

Director Teals mentioned that Paul Hirai had contacted him regarding the cattails in front of his property. General Manager, Chris Overland said as far as he knows, this matter was taken care of. Chairman Foster said that if MLIRD were to get 100 calls from people around the lake, would MLIRD jump to go and take care of all of them or is there a plan annually to work on different areas. General Manager, Chris Overland said MLIRD takes care of the calls on an orderly basis. However, the dredge is not shutdown to go and take care of a call that comes in. At the first opportune moment, MLIRD will attempt to take care of a concerned caller. Director Teals also mentioned that Mr. Hirai had told him he had a concern about the Marina Drive properties and the weeds being a hazard. Director Teals said when he drove by it seemed that MLIRD had done some recent cutting of the weeds.

Director Teals also said that there are four lots at the Marina Drive location and MLIRD has only ever used two of the lots. Director Teals would like to put the two lots that MLIRD does not use up for sale again. Chairman Foster said he remembers putting the two surplus lots up for sale and it was determined that the two lots bring no value. Director Perry remembers that one was because it was under water and the other there was an issue with. Director Teals said that when MLIRD first bought them, there were four lots. He would like to put a couple of the lots up for sale. Vice Chairman Bailey said the lots needed to be gone out and looked

at because the two end lots were unbuildable and that just because they are lots doesn't mean that you can build on them. Chairman Foster asked General Manger, Chris Overland to look at the lots and see if all are being used for harvester purposes or if they could be used for something else.

Director Dexter said that the bid that we have to dredge on the fountain side of the Alder Street fill for 50,000 cubic yards was going to cost approximately \$493,000. For curiosity sake, he asked if MLIRD could get a bid with taking that side out in the dry to at least see the cost difference. General Manager, Chris Overland said he would start that conversation with Ryan Walker at Grette Associates to see if he thinks it is realistic or reasonable ever to get a permit to dredge in the dry in that area. Director Dexter said that when Ryan Walker was here, he said that he thought that was the best way to do it. Director Dexter said just because DOE has a plan that they have done for years, things change, politically things change, and he would like to know what the cost is. Chairman Foster asked if Director Dexter was asking General Manager, Chris Overland to have Grette Associates pursue the idea of a permit to remove the island on fountain side of the fill in "the dry." General Manager, Chris Overland said that it is by far cheaper to dredge it in the dry than it would be to hydraulically dredge it. However, the property owner is the same owner MLIRD is dealing with on the Parker Horn Pump Station lease, and MLIRD may get the same resistance or more. Chairman Foster agreed with Director Dexter that if MLIRD has bids for dredging hydraulically for approximately \$500,000 and mechanically condition upon getting the permit and for "say" approximately \$100,000 and going to the elected officials and let them know MLIRD can spend ~\$100,000 and get it done or spend ~\$500,000 and make everybody environmentally happy. Vice Chairman Bailey mentioned that if MLIRD goes to any contractor in the world, they are going to ask you where they are going in and out of the lake and where they are going to put the stuff taken out of the lake. These questions are one of the big problems. Vice Chairman Bailey said if the City of Moses Lake will turn loose of the Park and can launch there into the lake with mechanical equipment, then you could do it. Otherwise, homeowners would need to be taken out. He said there just isn't a way to get in with equipment there. Director Dexter brought up that train cars were briefly talked about being used to aid in dredging. Vice Chairman Bailey stated that you would still need to get from "in the water," skip over the bank, and over the park to get to the train cars and nobody is going to let you get away with running equipment up and down the bank there. Director Dexter asked in Vice Chairman Bailey's opinion if the idea was worth pursuing a bid, or seeing if the City of Moses Lake would allow MLIRD to use the Park to do that. Vice Chairman Bailey mentioned that another problem is that area never really gets dry, there is water moving through there, and he sees it as an absolute nightmare financially. Director Perry remembers years ago this topic being discussed in depth and the resolution in the end, was that it wasn't going to work. Vice Chairman Bailey said there is an isolated spot that is now an island, and it needs to be taken out and do it the most efficient effective way MLIRD can, but there is no way to get in there except on the water. Chairman Foster would personally rather see General Manager, Chris Overland and Grette Associates spending their time on getting the permits to move the island the method Dredgelt proposed to MLIRD. There was no action taken on this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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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