

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the August 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board of 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

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 07/12/16, the Bills/Checks (#15704 - #15753) and Vouchers (#1000173 - #1000175) totaling in \$167,467.60. Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the consent agenda and abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

General Manager, Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1046.70 feet as of 11:00 AM on August 9, 2016 according to the USGS website.
- The Bureau of Reclamation has indicated that there are currently no large flows planned through the Rocky Coulee Wasteway until possibly this coming fall, and then the flows will be weather dependant as irrigation water is drawn from Potholes. The target flow is still 100 c.f.s. through Crab Creek.
- The dredge has been operating as much as possible while remaining within our permit. Director Teals asked how the dredging process was progressing. General Manager, Chris Overland said it was going okay, and that turbidity continues to be a challenge. MLIRD staff is trying different filter materials at certain locations to help manage the process.
- MLIRD is down to one harvester operator and will remain at one for the rest of the season.
- MLIRD tentatively plans to complete Phase 2 Aquatic Treatment by the end of August. Director Dexter wanted clarification on the statement he read in the minutes, "Phase 1 of the Aquatic

Treatments begin this week covering approximately 290 acres for approximately \$95,000. Last year, a little over 200 acres was treated.” General Manager, Chris Overland stated that was correct, and MLIRD is treating more acres this year than was treated last year. Director Dexter just thought it’s fabulous that MLIRD is able to treat a lot more acres this year for the same price as last year. Vice Chairman Bailey asked if the level of treatment is the same. General Manager, Chris Overland said that MLIRD does not have that information at this time. Director Teals also asked how MLIRD liked working with the new contractor. General Manager, Chris Overland stated MLIRD has enjoyed working with them so far. Aquatechnex is pleasant to be around and has new ideas. General Manager, Chris Overland added that next week, Aquatechnex is planning to do some aerial recon of the lake.

- MLIRD is currently still around 70% of budget spent which will change after a portion of the aquatic treatment invoices are paid.
- The assessment income for this month was approximately \$11,600.
- The current Assessment Roll build was 11,053 parcels which are down from 11,160 from last month’s build. The exemptions had not changed.

Chairman Foster asked how the Chief boat was running after the repairs. General Manager, Chris Overland stated a Mercury mechanic went for a ride on the Chief boat with staff. Based on the observations of the Mercury mechanic and corrective actions, the Chief boat appears to be running fine now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss with Legal Counsel, Brian Iller the union contract negotiations as authorized by RCW 42.30.140(4) and to discuss the pending litigation as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1). The expected time was 15 minutes, and they were to return to Regular Session at 7:35 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 7:35 PM to extend Executive Session another 10 minutes. They were to return to Regular Session at 7:45 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 7:45 PM.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Director Perry mentioned that she was recently out on a boat with some people that are relatively new to Moses Lake, and as they went by Cove West they asked how homeowners are allowed to put buoys out in the lake in front of their homes. Chairman Foster stated that to his understanding, no one has the authority to stick buoys in the lake. Chairman Foster believes MLIRD does not have any jurisdiction over that issue and that he thinks it falls under the jurisdiction of the Grant County Sheriff. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said this is a subject that could be discussed in executive session on behalf of the District’s authority to adopt that kind of rule, as there is language under RCW chapter 87.84 that might authorize the Board to do so. Director Teals said that it would be worthwhile to put the issue on next month meeting’s agenda to discuss in executive session. Chairman Foster asked if Director Teals would be a proponent for buoys in the lake or not. Director Teals said he would be for none in the Cove West area or at least not that far out into the lake. Director Teals also added there are reasons for no wake zones and understands them in some places of the lake, but to have just anyone put a number of buoys out is questionable to him. Chairman Foster also mentioned that for

rehabilitation purposes, maybe there are some areas around the lake that should have no wake zones. Director Perry added that she wouldn't mind the buoys if they are there legally. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said that he thinks the Corp of Engineers might have some issues with this as well and that he won't spend a lot of time on the issue, but will take a look and provide his thoughts at the next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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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