

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:45 PM, Chairman Foster called the November 14, 2017, 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.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

General Manager, Chris Overland stated that this Special Board Meeting is for equalizing the 2018 Assessment Roll. This Special Board Meeting requires three advertisements that were run in the local Columbia Basin Herald on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> of 2017. Ratepayers may come to discuss or contest the 2018 Assessment Roll. The 2018 Assessment Roll that MLIRD received from the Grant County Treasurers Office showed 11,027 parcels totaling in \$2,011,802 at \$1.00 per thousand assessed value.

Chairman Foster opened the Equalization Meeting to give anyone the opportunity to protest the 2018 Assessment Roll.

Vice Chairman Bailey asked if the Assessment Roll was divided into two portions. General Manager, Chris Overland agreed and said \$0.75/\$0.25.

Chairman Foster asked Legal Counsel, Brian Iller if this is the time a discussion would be had on not assessing at a \$1.00 per thousand. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said yes, if that is something the District would like, as long as the Board is considering in reducing the assessment rate. Chairman Foster also asked if it was appropriate to ask MLIRD staff what the estimated expense needs are for 2018 and Legal Counsel, Brian Iller also agreed. General Manager, Chris Overland said his opinion was it is too premature to talk about the assessment rate until MLIRD decides what the dredging project might look like on the fountain side. Bids for the Fountain Side Dredging Project are due tomorrow at 3:00 PM. Chairman Foster asked Legal Counsel, Brian Iller if it was possible at a future time to reduce the amount of the assessment rate before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018? Legal Counsel, Brian Iller restated that the purpose of having an Equalization Meeting is for people to come in and ask that their assessment is lowered or ask that the assessment rate as a whole be lowered. Since no one was present to do that, Legal Counsel, Brian Iller said that leaves the Board with the discretion to reduce the assessment rate if the Board decides the level of assessment isn't needed and that could be at any point up until the assessment roll has to be finalized and sent to the Grant County Treasurers Office.

The record indicates that Director Teals joined the Special Board Meeting at 6:53 PM.

Chairman Foster asked if this was the first time MLIRD has exceeded \$2,000,000 in assessed value. General Manager, Chris Overland said to his knowledge, this is the first year. Director Perry asked if MLIRD was getting close to the limit where MLIRD has to do something different. Chairman Foster advised her that MLIRD does not have to do something different, but has the opportunity too once MLIRD's budget exceeds \$2,000,000.

Chairman Foster suspended the Special Board Meeting for the purpose of equalizing the 2018 Assessment Roll and will reconvene near the end of the Regular Board Meeting.

Chairman Foster reopened the Special Board Meeting for the purpose of equalizing the 2018 Assessment Roll at 7:54 PM to hear anyone else who would like to speak to the Board of Equalization.

After hearing no objections, Vice Chairman Bailey made a motion to close the Equalization Meeting of the 2018 Assessment Roll. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion was then carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Board of Directors