

## **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 PM, President Bailey called the March 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller and General Manager Chris Overland were also present. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

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

President Bailey 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)**

President Bailey called on the board members and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Selmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

President Bailey called on the Board of Directors to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from 02/11/2020 Regular Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#17491-#17526), and Voucher #1000222 totaling in \$73,462.86. Director Foster made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

## **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager Chris Overland reported the following:

- Lake elevation was at 1043.20 as of March 10, 2020.
- Rocky Coulee Wasteway is expected to come on around March 19.
- Recent information from the USBR states that feed water through Moses Lake may be less than last year due to elevated Potholes Reservoir conditions.
- The Rocky Ford Arm dilution was discussed at the recent Ephrata meeting on March 5 with the Irrigation Districts and the USBR.
- Tetra Tech and Gene Welch are in the process of doing a Total Phosphorus Mass Balance exercise. The next step for Alum Water Column Stripping is Jar Testing, once the lake fills.
- Should MLIRD proceed with working an Alum Injection project? There is considerable permitting and engineering that will need to take place.
- Lakeshore Cleanup is scheduled for March 28.
- Connelly Park opens April 8.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

President Bailey opened the two received dredge offers. Vice President Teals read the offers as follows:

- BioTerra Environmental Engineering Inc. from Richland, WA made an offer of \$51,611.
- Bergerson Construction from Astoria, OR made an offer of \$51,050. Their terms are the purchase amount will be paid to MLIRD made as-is, where-is. MLIRD will assist in loading the equipment from the trucks for delivery. No sales tax to apply. The offer is valid for 60 days.

General Manager Chris Overland stated both companies came to see the Dredge on a site visit. President Bailey stated it is MLIRD's best interest to choose the highest offer. Vice President Teals made a motion to accept BioTerra Environmental Engineering Inc.'s offer. Director Foster seconded the motion. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he would draft a Bill of Sale stating the equipment is being transferred as-is without warranties or representations. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated the Board needs to accept the highest offer and add reasonable conditions on the acceptance. President Bailey suggested if the sale of the purchase is not exercised within five days, then MLIRD may move on to the next highest offer. Director Selmann made a motion to amend the motion and accept BioTerra Environmental Engineering Inc.'s offer with the conditions of a Bill of Sale stating the dredge, discharge line, and floats will be sold as-is, where-is, the sale is to be consummated within seven days, 60 days to remove the equipment without storage fees and if the sale is not consummated within the seven days, MLIRD has the right to move on and accept the next highest offer. Director Dexter seconded the motion. President Bailey called for a vote on the amendment of the motion, and it was carried unanimously. President Bailey called for a vote on the motion as amended, and it was carried unanimously. General Manager Chris Overland will notify both companies of the Board's decision.

## **WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS**

The mechanical dredging project behind Walmart was discussed. President Bailey asked that discussion on mechanical dredging wait until next month unless there was any information to provide the dredging committee. General Manager Chris Overland stated the permit is complete and ready to go on the mechanical dredging behind Walmart. There are approximately 12,000 cubic yards of dirt to be removed mechanically from behind Walmart.

Director Selmann and Director Foster reported on the recent meeting with USBR, the Irrigation Districts, and the Moses Lake Watershed Council. The next meeting will be scheduled for the end of April or beginning of May.

Director Foster isn't sure everyone knows the economic impact to the watershed and everything surrounding. Harold Crose, with the Moses Lake Watershed Council, believes it could have an impact of as much as \$70 million a year. The Moses Lake Watershed Council has commissioned a study and will know more about the impact it may have. Director Foster would like to slow down on getting into the technical side until it's figured out if the Bureau will even have any flow inventory to work with. Director Selmann stated the general number for feasibility was left at 50,000 AF for the W-20.

Vice President Teals asked if a program involving students with the water quality of Moses Lake was discussed at the last Moses Lake Watershed Council meeting. Director Foster stated there was, and it was left with the

Grant County Health District because they are the entity that organizes the water testing.

President Bailey stated last fall, MLIRD discussed the Grant County Health District and MLIRD doing additional testing on the lake and what it would cost. General Manager Chris Overland stated from what he recalls testing would be \$65 per test. Director Selmann stated there was discussion at one of the Moses Lake Watershed Council meetings that there was something potentially at the WA State Department of Health level for testing. He described it as a system of testing that gets run through a state website that all the collection of data will go to. He said the hope is to have signs posted that has a QR code and be able to use your cell-phone to give you the latest test results of the area you're in. Director Foster stated MLIRD needs to decide how much MLIRD wants to do independently or does MLIRD let the Moses Lake Watershed Council through the DOE or the Grant County Health District take the lead on the microcystin testing. President Bailey stated as he recalled, one of the limiting factors was the number of labs that do the microcystin testing. He would like to find out if the University of WA is the only lab or if others do microcystin testing, how many tests for Grant County they can do, and the costs of the test and bring the information back to the Moses Lake Watershed Council. Director Foster stated there had been volunteers come forward to help with testing, and there has been discussion on holding training for the volunteers.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Bill Bailey, President

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Richard Teals, Vice President

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Kris Dexter, Director

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Kaj Selmann, Director

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Jeff Foster, Director

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