

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Foster called the July 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that all Board Members 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)

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

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

Chairman Foster called on the Board of Directors and the audience for discussion on any non-agenda items and Chairman Foster asked to be added under Workshop/Director Questions and/or Comments to present a recap on the Moses Lake North Dam & Bridge expenses.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Foster called on the Board of Directors to approve the 6/09/15 and 6/23/15 minutes in the consent agenda. Legal Counsel, Brian Iller stated that all minutes need to include all legal wording for the executive session as it is said during the meeting and written on the agenda for the minutes of 6/09/15 and moving forward. Director Dexter also stated that on page 3 of the 6/09/15 minutes, the referenced Island sign needed to be changed to "Calbom" instead of "Calhom". Vice Chairman Bailey then made a motion to approve the 6/09/15 and 6/23/15 minutes with the corrections made. Director Perry 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.

Chairman Foster 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 (#15109-#15162) totaling \$859,167.42 and Vouchers (#1000130-#1000133) totaling in \$696,626.73. Director Perry 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:

- Lake elevation was at 1046.7 feet as of July 14, 2015.

- Latest data provided to MLIRD from the USBR indicates the rate of flow through the Rocky Coulee Waste-Way at 630 C.F.S.
- Assessment Roll data was created, and there were 347 exempt parcels which are up two from the previous month.
- MLIRD now has the ability to select an area in Moses Lake and create a mailing list of every parcel within that selected area using ArcGIS.
- Examples were shown of lake views with Google Earth that has a feature which allows you to view the same image over time.
- MLIRD has added more water testing locations along with using the Secchi Disk as a tool during the ongoing water testing.
- USBR appears to own the adjacent parcel on the south side of the North Dam and since WDFW is the managing partner of that parcel, General Manager, Chris Overland has approached those agencies and proposed the idea of adding a boat launch on that parcel. More to follow on this subject.
- General Manager, Chris Overland has communicated with the Army Corp of Engineers and spoke numerous times with WSDOT on the subject of cleaning the culverts under the I-90 that connect the bodies of water on either side. The WSDOT website states that WSDOT is required to install and maintain all culverts on state highways, but that statement appears to be conditional. The estimated cost of cleaning out the culverts as a project was estimated to be around \$100,000. The possibility of grant funding was also discussed. Project challenges were also briefly discussed such as, safety management, disposal of debris, permitting, traffic control, etc. Vice Chairman Bailey stated that MLIRD first needs to find out who is responsible for keeping the culverts maintained. General Manager, Chris Overland believes that MLIRD should try to leverage WSDOT if they are responsible to keep the culverts maintained as fish passages as per the WSDOT website. General Manager, Chris Overland showed a bathymetry image of the area indicating the shallowness of the lake at the culvert location.
- General Manager, Chris Overland has communicated with members of the Hayden Lake Watershed Improvement District in Hayden Lake, ID where they have seven of the floating wetlands that they have had for several years. He also spoke with the Kootenai Environmental Alliance, who represents the product for the manufacturer. General Manager, Chris Overland believes that a floating wetland habitat might be useful in the Parker Horn area. A certain type of plant is used in the floating wetlands to help control nutrient levels such as phosphorus. One 5' X 5' floating wetland costs approximately \$1,500-\$1,800. Director Perry and Director Teals both like the idea of the floating wetlands and think it is worth a try to see what effect they may have in Moses Lake. General Manager, Chris Overland stated that he spoke with a gentleman with biology background on the floating wetlands and he indicated that approximately 12% of your phosphorus is going to be taken out through the floating wetland. The other 88% would be oxygenation of the water. Vice Chairman Bailey suggested that MLIRD speak with Grette Associates and the manufacturer about the floating wetlands. General Manager, Chris Overland said that he would follow up on it.
- Vice Chairman Bailey asked General Manager, Chris Overland if he had followed up on the two requests discussed at the last regular board meeting. The requests included how much water the USBR ran through the Rocky Coulee WW this year versus years past and also providing copies of the dredge permits to all the Directors. Discussion followed and it was noted that the Rocky Coulee WW flow data had been emailed to all Board of Directors on Friday, July 10, 2015 and Dredge permitting data was included in the Directors binders for the July 14, 2015 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 PM to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation in the nature of the legal risks of the proposed action or current practice regarding dredging as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii). The expected time was 15 minutes and they were to return to Regular Session at 8:00 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. The Board entered back into regular session at 8:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Clough wanted to express in 2011 he took a weed sample to the Grant County Noxious Weed Board, and they identified it as Eurasian Milfoil. He explained that right after that was when MLIRD did a thorough aquatic weed treatment in the Lewis Horn area. Three weeks ago he said he thought he found another sample of Eurasian Milfoil, so he took it into the Grant County Noxious Weed Board who again identified it as Eurasian Milfoil. His concern is if that particular aquatic weed gets out of control, everything else MLIRD is doing will be immaterial. Chairman Foster said that MLIRD does have a weed control program in place and that his information will be given to the General Manager.

Glen Zuger was under the impression that during the General Manager's presentation, a picture he had showed of the Wild Goose area had been treated for weeds. General Manager, Chris Overland explained that the picture of the Wild Goose area was a random example chosen to illustrate how MLIRD is now capable of producing a mailing list for purposes such as public notification related to weed treatments. Glen wanted to know if the Wild Goose area was going to be treated in 2015. General Manager, Chris Overland said that a certain area in Wild Goose has already been treated. Chairman Foster asked that he come back to the office during business hours and speak with the General Manager regarding this issue.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion on having a study session for the review of the Governance Policy then took place. A special meeting for reviewing, modifying, and possible adoption of the Governance Policy was then set for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM.

Approval of the financial statement footnotes may be completed at the August Regular Board meeting as they had not been provided to MLIRD as of July 14th, 2015 in final form.

WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Chairman Foster then gave a recap on the Moses Lake North Dam and Bridge expenses. He reported that MLIRD had made the final pay request for reimbursement from Grant County for the final payment due to North Central Construction and Strata on the bridge. Chairman Foster indicated that the bridge was ~ \$39,000 under budget with the amount used in the ILA with Grant County. North Central Construction's contract was ~ \$2.5 million not including sales tax. After the last check is paid, MLIRD will have paid NCC ~ \$2.25 million. Strata was paid ~ \$679,000 and of that, ~ \$107,000 was reimbursed from Grant County. The total expense for the Moses Lake North Dam and Bridge cost ~ \$3.7 million and of that Grant County reimbursed MLIRD ~ \$612,000 and the Department of Ecology granted MLIRD ~ \$2,033,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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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