

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:30 PM, President Bailey called the May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Bailey, Vice President Teals, Director Dexter, Director Perry, and Director Ketterer were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via-telephone. The record shows the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The record indicates that this meeting was recorded.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM(S)**

President Bailey called for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

**DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)**

President Bailey called for discussion on any non-agenda items, and Mr. Lloyd Petersen asked to be added to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Ketterer 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 members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 04/09/24 Regular Board Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#19137-#19167), and Voucher #1000272, totaling \$77,681.03. Director Dexter and Vice President Teals stated there were corrections needed on page 1 and page 2 of the 04/09/24 Regular Board Meeting minutes. MLIRD staff would make the corrections to the minutes. Director Perry made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the 04/09/24 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Director Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lloyd Petersen

Mr. Petersen stated at the December Regular Board meeting, he had mentioned the lack of crawdads in front of his property, and he did not see his comments in the December Regular Board meeting minutes. MLIRD staff stated the December minutes had not yet been added to the MLIRD website; however, his comments regarding the crawdads were included. The minutes have since been added to the MLIRD website and were also emailed to Mr. Petersen. He also stated he was reviewing other MLIRD Regular Board Meeting minutes, and he noticed that Ron Sawyer with the Columbia Basin Conservation District came to one of the MLIRD Regular Board Meetings asking for donations to help fund the community play "Yarely," and the MLIRD Board had approved to donate \$1,500. Mr. Petersen stated he already pays an assessment to the CBCD and MLIRD on his taxes. He does not understand how Ron Sawyer thinks it is okay to come to MLIRD asking for donations for an educational fund. Mr. Petersen wanted it on record that he disapproved of the Board donating funds to the community play "Yarely." President Bailey stated it was his and the Board's understanding that the

play “Yarely” was not a budgeted item for the CBCD. President Bailey stated he looks at the play “Yarely” as an opportunity for many kids to become more familiar with Moses Lake and the importance of having good water quality. Director Dexter also mentioned that the vote for the motion to donate \$1,500 to the CBCD for the play “Yarely” was split and not a unanimous vote; two MLIRD Board members voted against the motion. President Bailey also said it would take time for the fountain project with the City of Moses Lake to be resolved. Mr. Petersen also asked if the Parker Horn Pump Station was still functioning, if it served a great purpose, and if the I-90 culverts were still cleaned out. President Bailey stated the Parker Horn Pump Station was still running and seemed to have made a significant difference after the Pump Station was installed. President Bailey also mentioned that the State of Washington DOT cleaned out the I-90 culverts a few years ago; however, he was unsure if the culverts were still currently cleaned out.

### **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

- Lake elevation on May 14, 2024 was 1046.73.
- President Bailey will give the CERB Grant presentation in Olympia on Thursday, May 16, 2024.
- The FY25 Community Project Funding grant for \$5,000,000 has been completed and submitted.
- MLIRD Staff is looking into getting approved by the USDA for grant management to receive the \$500,000 FY24 Community Project Funding grant awarded to MLIRD and any possible future funds.
- Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographic Services has completed 97% of the project for irrigable acres in the District. Mr. Welbourne suspects this project to be 100% complete by May 30, 2024.
- The District boundaries have been updated to include Parcel #111885103, Antonio and Tonya Cuellar.
- Legal Counsel Brian Iller has drafted a letter for the waterfront parcels not in the District that may or may not be illegally irrigating from the lake. Discussion took place on corrections and additions to the draft letter. Legal Counsel Brian Iller said he would make some changes to the draft letter and recirculate it with the Board of Directors tomorrow.
- Connelly Park is now open seven days a week from 5:30 AM – 8:00 PM.
- The MLIRD Bylaws and Governance Policy that was approved at the April 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting has been updated with the new meeting start time of 5:30 PM and is ready for Board signatures.
- Prothman recruiting agency has sent over a contract proposal for the Board to review and approve.
- There are six 2024 Assessment Ratepayer requests for the Board to review and respond within approximately 60 days.
- Funds from the 2024 Assessments have started to arrive in the MLIRD bank accounts.
- Communications have taken place with the City of Moses Lake regarding the Moses Lake Fountain.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Prothman Recruiting Agency Contract**

President Bailey stated that Prothman has assisted the City of Moses Lake and the Port of Moses Lake in recruiting employees. Prothman is fully prepared to start the search for a new District Manager as soon as the contract has been signed. The search for a new District Manager will be across the country, beginning with the west side. President Bailey stated that Baugher Group, LLC, which was discussed last month as a possible recruiting agency, did not seem to have expertise in the particular area the

Board was looking for. He also thought it would be better if the Board used an agency that had no association with any of the Board members. Vice President Teals made a motion to sign the proposed contract with Prothman to search for a new District Manager. Director Perry seconded the motion. Director Dexter said he would have liked to have researched the recruiting agency's website before agreeing to sign the Prothman contract. Director Perry stated he is in favor of signing the Prothman contract based on knowing that both the Port of Moses Lake and the City of Moses Lake have had good experience with the agency.

The motion carried with four in favor, and Director Dexter abstained from voting on the motion.

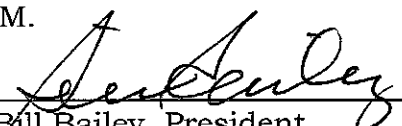
#### **WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS**

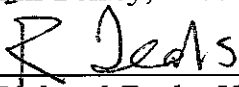
President Bailey stated there has been five to six requests from MLIRD ratepayers regarding the 2024 Assessments. MLIRD Staff prepared binders with all of the information regarding each request for all of the Directors to review and then discuss at the June 11, 2024 Regular Board meeting.

Discussion took place on how the CBCD Phosphorus Mitigation grant project with Eutrophix was going. The treatment will be implemented at Drumheller Dam and the Rocky Ford Arm from April 2024 – October 2024.

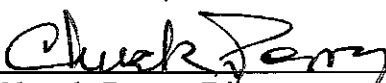
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

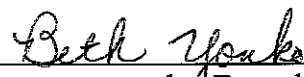
  
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Richard Teals, Vice President

  
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Secretary to the Board of Directors