

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 PM, President Bailey called the June 11, 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. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Perry 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 05/14/24 Regular Board Meeting, the Bills/Checks (#19168-#19199), and Voucher #1000273, totaling \$72,087.03. Vice President Teals made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Lloyd Petersen stated he had turned in a Public Records Request requesting copies of the Daily Journals from MLIRD Lead Maintenance Technician Chris Wilson. He stated he received an email back stating there was no documents or no information regarding this matter. He would like to know more about the daily operations that take place to keep the District operations going. Interim Manager Beth Yonko stated that there are no daily journals so there is nothing to provide Mr. Petersen for his request other than explaining the tasks that he is in charge of maintaining such as Connelly Park, the Parker Horn Pump Station, Water Testing, Harvesting Operations, the Moses Lake North Dam, etc. Director Dexter agreed with having Chris Wilson keep a daily journal to get a general idea of what he does each day. President Bailey suggested Chris Wilson could even use his timesheet where he keeps track of his hours and write down the general task(s) that he worked on for the day. Interim Manager Beth Yonko stated she would get that put place.

MLIRD STAFF REPORTS

- Lake elevation on June 11, 2024 was 1046.74.
- Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geograpic Services has 99% of the irrigable acres of the District complete. The final irrigable acres should be available on approximately June 27, 2024. Grant County

parcel updates will be published in late June due to a software upgrade with Grant County and Mr. Welbourne will get MLIRD's data updated after that happens.

- Legal Counsel Brian Iller's drafted letter to the waterfront parcels not in the District that may or may not be illegally irrigating from the lake was then discussed. Director Dexter stated he thinks the letter sounds good, explains the situation, to cooperate, and what can happen if they do not. The letter will come from Legal Counsel Brian Iller's office on their letterhead for more emphasis. Legal Counsel Brian Iller stated he incorporated the Board's comments from the last draft letter that was emailed and if there are no other adjustments, his office is ready to send the letter. Director Perry said he believes the latest draft letter is complete; however he does think it could be worded softer to entice people to join the District rather than forcing but would not slow down the process of getting the letter mailed out if the Board agrees the letter is ready because it does have all of the components the letter needs. Vice President Teals made a motion to have Legal Counsel Brian Iller's office mail out the latest drafted letter to the waterfront parcels not in the District that may or may not be illegally irrigating from the lake. Director Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- The 2024 Rocky Coulee Wasteway average flow was 1,210 CFS over a 75 day period.
- The Columbia Basin Conservation District's Phosphorus Mitigation Project is going well. EutroPHIX will be completed with the in-lake phase of the treatment which will open the Connelly Park boat launch to the public again tomorrow. President Bailey and Interim Manager Beth Yonko interviewed with EutroPHIX on Thursday, June 6, 2024 regarding the project and general information about MLIRD.
- The open District Manager position information is on the MLIRD website as well as the Prothman website including their Facebook and LinkedIn profiles.
- The contract with Aquatechnex for weed treatments is ready for 2024. Weed treatments are tentatively set for the week of July 8, 2024. Director Dexter asked if there was any information on which weeds are good and bad for the lake. President Bailey mentioned it may be helpful to send the Board of Directors a copy of last years survey to review and refamiliarize themselves. He believes there is approximately 20 aquatic weeds that are both good and bad. The Columbia Basin Conservation District is also completing an entire lake aquatic weed study that will be completed by the end of June. Vice President Teals also mentioned there was some Phragmites starting to grow along the Alder Street Fill.
- MLIRD was awarded the \$75,000 CERB grant for the hydroflow study on the natural inflows into Moses Lake that will hopefully provide some municipal water out of the MLIRD 50,000 acre feet water right and MLIRD staff is working with Aspect Consulting and CERB to get the paperwork finalized.
- One of the aquatic weed harvesters is scheduled to be delivered to the Marina location within the next week or two. The permit is in place through October 31, 2027.
- The MLIRD Philosophy Statement has been updated with the current Board of Directors and is ready for a signature.
- Water testing for the year 2024 is ongoing and has been weather dependent the last couple weeks due to high winds.
- President Bailey also mentioned the FY24 Community Funding Project for \$500,000 that MLIRD was awarded. This grant was awarded to MLIRD after the \$3.1 million grant that the Columbia Basin Conservation District was awarded for the Phosphorus Mitigation Project. One part of the Phosphorus Mitigation project is an injection system at Drumheller Dam. The MLIRD Board may want to consider continuing the injection treatment with the FY24 grant

for \$500,000 which is what was stated when applying for the grant in the beginning stages. Director Dexter would like to know the restrictions and what latitude the Board will have regarding the grant money to serve the community the best MLIRD can. Interim Manager Beth Yonko stated MLIRD applied for the grant right after the CBCD \$3.1 million grant to support the Phosphorus Mitigation Project.

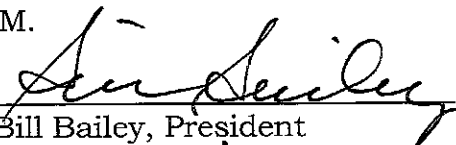
DISCUSSION ITEM

2024 Assessment Requests

President Bailey scheduled a Special Board Meeting for June 20, 2024 at 4:00 PM to review the 2024 assessment requests that MLIRD has received.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

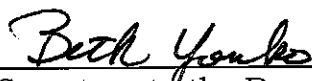

Bill Bailey, President


Richard Teals, Vice President

Kris Dexter, Director


Chuck Perry, Director


Joe Ketterer, Director

By: 
Secretary to the Board of Directors