

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:30 PM, President Bailey called the September 10, 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 Ketterer, and Director Perry were present. Also in attendance was General Manager Sam Castro. 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 nothing was brought forward.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Bailey called on the board members to approve the agenda. Director Perry made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Ketterer 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 08/13/24 Regular Board Meeting and 08/07/2024, 08/08/2024, 08/21/2024 Special Board Meeting, Bills/Checks and Vouchers: Check numbers (19273-19305) and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000276 totaling \$136,028.71 and Irrigation Voucher #1000276 totaling \$15,114.31. Director Ketterer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Bailey abstained from voting on anything related to Basin Property Management, Inc.

**PRESENTATIONS/SCHEDULED GUESTS**

City of Moses Lake Parks and Recreation – Doug Coutts

Doug Coutts with the City of Moses Lake stated there is approximately \$25,000 in estimated repairs that is needed for the Moses Lake Fountain. His plan is to go through the Lodging Tax Funds to help pay for the costs of the repairs. For this plan to work, the City of Moses Lake would have to be the owners of the Moses Lake Fountain. Doug Coutts proposed that Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District and the City of Moses Lake enter into a Intergovernmental Agreement where the Moses Lake Fountain becomes the property of the City of Moses Lake so they can apply for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) funds. The City of Moses Lake will then take on the maintenance of the Moses Lake Fountain. Then MLIRD and the City of Moses Lake will collaborate putting the Moses Lake Fountain in and out of the lake each year. MLIRD will also continue to pay for the utilities of the Moses Lake Fountain. Vice President Teals made a motion to encourage the City of Moses Lake to take possession and ownership of the Moses Lake Fountain and MLIRD will take the obligation to assist in the installation and removal of the fountain into the lake every year and

continue to pay the utilities. Director Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Doug Coutts stated he will have the City of Moses Lake Legal Counsel write up an agreement and bring it back to MLIRD for ratification and he will begin the process of applying for the LTAC funds to cover the substantial repairs of the Moses Lake Fountain.

### **MLIRD STAFF REPORTS**

- Lake elevation on September 10, 2024 was 1046.80.
- The Drumheller Dam site was vandalized on July 16 and July 23, 2024. The treatment injection system was restarted on August 13, 2024. The treatment is planned to continue until mid-October.
- The Moses Lake Watershed Council “State of Our Lake” meeting will be held at the Civic Center Council Chambers on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographic Services will continue to update MLIRD records monthly from the data he receives from Grant County.
- Starting this month, MLIRD will be submitting two separate vouchers for both the RCW 87.03 Irrigation account and the RCW 87.84 Rehabilitation account to the Grant County accounting office.
- A motion is needed to authorize Director Joe Ketterer and General Manager Sam Castro to be added to the WA Trust Bank Signature Card. Director Dexter made a motion to authorize and add General Manager Sam Castro and Director Joe Ketterer to the Moses Lake Irrigation & Rehabilitation District’s WA Trust Bank Signature Card. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Director Dexter stated Moses Lake did recently have an algae bloom and asked if the USBR communicated with MLIRD in regards to additional flows. MLIRD Staff Beth Yonko stated that the USBR does not communicate that with MLIRD and additional flows are based on the irrigation needs down South. Director Dexter stated he would like to see MLIRD write a letter to the USBR thanking them for the additional flows and MLIRD appreciates that the USBR is helping the Moses Lake community and the lake by running additional flows through Moses Lake. President Bailey stated it is common for the USBR to run additional flows through Moses Lake this time of year. However, if the USBR could start the flows a few days before Labor Day in the future it may help the lake during the holiday.
- Connelly Park hours will change to 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM on October 1, 2024.
- President Bailey stated there is a fair amount of funds left for aquatic weed treatments and he has asked MLIRD’s aquatic weed treatment contractor AquaTechnex to take a look at some shoreline treatments this coming winter. AquaTechnex will also be completing an updated bathymetry map that has partially been done and paid for by the Columbia Basin Conservation District.
- President Bailey also asked that EutroPHIX give MLIRD a presentation on the Phosphorus Mitigation project at Drumheller Dam.
- Director Dexter also asked if there was an algacide that could be done in the lake before holidays such as Labor Day to mitigate any algae blooms. MLIRD Staff Beth Yonko stated she would discuss that with MLIRD’s aquatic weed treatment contractor AquaTechnex.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2024-004 “Approving Petitions to Change the District Boundaries to Include Lands Described in Said Petitions” is ready for the Board of Directors to sign. Advertisements were ran on August 23, August 30, and September 6, 2024. There were a total of 22 land petitions on the

resolution. Director Dexter made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-004. Vice President Teals seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

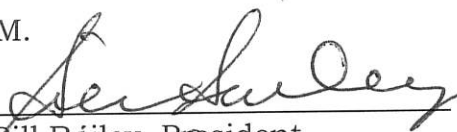
### **WORKSHOP/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS**


President Bailey stated he would like to schedule a Special Board Meeting on October 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM to review and adjust the 2025 assessment methodology.

Vice President Teals stated him and Director Perry went on a site-visit to Moses Pointe to look at some weed growth from a gentleman who has voiced their concerns. He said there did appear to be quite a bit of aquatic weeds that were approximately 100 yards out from the shoreline. Vice President Teals feels it would be an important area to add to the aquatic weed treatment contractor AquaTechnex's list to review. President Bailey stated this area would be reviewed during the winter shoreline treatment.

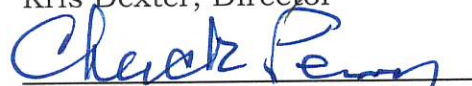
### **ADJOURNMENT**

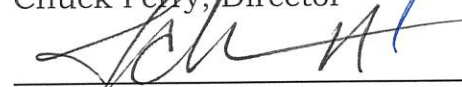
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

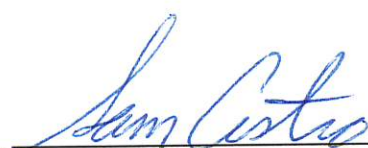
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Bailey, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Teals, Vice President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Dexter, Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chuck Perry, Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Ketterer, Director

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