

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 PM, President Teals called the February 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Teals, Vice President Ketterer, Director Perry, Director Dexter, Director Dart, and General Manager Sam Castro 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 Teals called for discussion on any agenda items, and nothing was brought forward.

DISCUSSION OF NON-AGENDA ITEM(S)

President Teals called for discussion on any non-agenda items, and Reva Miller asked to be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Teals called on the board members to approve the agenda. Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding action item Interlocal Agreement with the Columbia Basin Conservation District and action item Petition of Adding Lands to the District – Parcel #091187051 owned by Cove West Homeowners Assoc. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Teals called on the board members to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the meeting minutes from the 01/14/25 Regular Board Meeting and 01/08/25 & 01/14/25 Special Board Meetings, Bills/Checks (#19449 - #19471) and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000281 totaling \$75,017.79 and Irrigation Voucher #1000281 totaling \$7,961.99. Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Dexter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER MLIRD BOARD REPORT

General Manager Sam Castro reported the following:

- The Technical Memorandum for the Comparison of Options to Deliver Dilution Water to Moses Lake and the W-20 option was discussed.
- MLIRD Program Tracking that General Manager Sam Castro created was discussed. Director Perry was impressed with the Program Tracking sheet and stated that he does not know that MLIRD has ever had anything like it and it defines what the organization does as a whole.
- The Moses Lake Elevation as of February 11, 2025 was 1043.46 feet.
- There will be a bass club tournament at Connelly Park at the beginning of April 2025.
- The barge boat was hauled to Spokane to have the needed repairs completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reva Miller stated she has lived at 303 W 4th Avenue #A in Moses Lake, WA since 2020. She contacted the Grant County Assessors office in 2022 in regards to the Special Benefits Program and she qualified which reduced her taxes to a savings of \$611 a year making her total taxes approximately \$712 a year. When she received her 2024 tax statement with the assessments for MLIRD her total for the year was approximately \$1,081 which is higher than what she started at back in 2022. She would like to know what benefits she receives and why her parcel is considered in the District. President Teals thanked her for bringing it to the Board's attention and General Manager Sam Castro will look into the legality of the situation and report back to her by Wednesday of next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:24 PM to discuss with legal counsel the received and evaluated complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 5 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 6:29 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 6:29 PM.

The Board went into Executive Session again at 6:30 PM to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to agency enforcement actions as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 10 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 6:40 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 6:40 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Director Dexter made a motion to move forward with advertising the Petition of Additions to MLIRD for parcel numbers 161358000, 161359000, 161359005, 161703000, 161358005, 161706000, 161714000, and 091187051. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Interlocal Agreement with the Columbia Basin Conservation District was discussed. The ILA will expire in June 2025 and is in regards to updating the MLIRD Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan. Director Dexter made a motion for Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Columbia Basin Conservation District. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glen Zuger had mentioned that Othello would be receiving Columbia River Water and asked if Moses Lake would now receive less CRW due to this. General Manager Sam Castro stated that Moses Lake would not receive less. There currently is a canal that goes towards Ephrata and out to Quincy and within a few years, the City of Othello will be permitted to draw water out of the irrigation system for the purpose of recharging the city's aquifer. General Manager Sam Castro is suggesting if there was a W-20 canal, the CRW for the City of Othello would not have to go around Moses Lake. General Manager Sam Castro is going to have discussions with the USBR regarding this matter and update the Board next month.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.


Richard Teals, President

Joe Ketterer, Vice President


Kris Dexter, Director


Chuck Perry, Director

Samuel Dart, Director

By: 
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Sam Castro