

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 PM, President Teals called the April 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District to order. The record shows that President Teals, Vice President Ketterer, Director Dexter, Director Perry, Director Meise and Executive General Manager Sam Castro were present. Legal Counsel Brian Iller attended via-telephone. The record shows the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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. 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 03/10/26 Regular Board Meeting and 03/10/26 Special Board Meeting, Bills/Checks (#19894 - #19926), and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000295 totaling \$107,973.17 and Irrigation Voucher #1000295 totaling \$17,995.25. Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Meise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Hansen – MLIRD Ratepayer

Mr. Hansen wanted to know the process to have his assessments reviewed.

The Board stated they would add him to the agenda next month and have a presentation on the Equalization Process.

MLIRD BOARD REPORT

Executive General Manager Sam Castro gave a brief update on the monthly business of the District.

- Lake level was 1046.75 feet
- MLIRD was informed in a Moses Lake Watershed Council meeting that the USBR's goal was to reach a lake elevation of approximately 1047.5 feet until June 1, 2026. MLIRD was also informed recently by a lakefront property owner that their deed and plat to their property stated the normal maximum high water level was 1047.0 feet.
- The advertisement for MLIRD's 2026 Aquatic Weed Treatment – Request for Proposal was in the Columbia Basin Herald on April 1, April 8 and April 15, 2026. The proposals are required to be submitted by April 30, 2026.
- MLIRD has a meeting with the Port of Moses Lake and the City of Moses Lake regarding the legal framework on water rights on April 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM.
- MLIRD has purchased 2 used good-condition harvesters and conveyers and they will be delivered the end of this month or beginning of May.
- Discussion was had on creating a Coffee and Conversation meeting with the public to discuss MLIRD business.
- Discussion also took place on setting a date for an MLIRD open house.

- The Port of Moses Lake has invited MLIRD to attend and have a booth at the Moses Lake Air Show on June 12 and June 13, 2026.
- Lakeshore Cleanup was on Saturday, March 21, 2026 and was a success with approximately 1.5 tons of garbage collected and approximately 100 volunteers.
- The Moses Lake North Dam gates were closed by MLIRD maintenance technicians on Monday, April 6, 2026.
- Connelly Park opened for the season on April 8, 2026.
- Connelly Park events scheduled for this year include the 2026 Carp Tournament on May 16, 2026 and the 2026 Vintage Test and Tune on August 28, 2026.
- Agenda Items for May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting will include dates for coffee and conversation, MLIRD's open house, 100-year MLIRD celebration, review the equalization process, and a no public access sign for Parker Horn Pump Station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:35 PM to discuss litigation that has been specifically threatened as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) and to discuss the legal risks of a proposed action as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(iii). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 5:50 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 5:50 PM.

No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

Executive General Manager explained why there is a need to rescind Resolution 2026-003 from the March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. RCW 87.03.460 specifically states the word "shall" receive compensation and that "any Director" may waive compensation; meaning it is up to each individual Director to choose whether or not they want to waive their compensation. It is not up to the Board as a whole which is how the rescinded resolution stated. MLIRD staff has made the needed amendments to Resolution 2026-003 and has created a "MLIRD Director – Authorization to Waive Compensation" form if a Director would like to choose to waive their compensation for any given months.

Director Dexter made a motion to rescind the approval of Resolution 2026-003 – Adjustment of Director's Compensation from March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-003 – Adjustment of Director's Compensation

Director Meise made a motion to approve amended Resolution 2026-003. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-005 – Closing of Connelly Park During Emergency Events

Discussion took place on whether closure of the park was necessary at only 20 mile per hour winds. The Board discussed adding the verbiage of "shall have the option as deemed appropriate by MLIRD staff, to close Connelly Park to the public in the instances where there are city/county/state/national alerts for dangerous weather, fires, or other hazardous emergencies.

Vice President Ketterer made a motion to table Resolution 2026-005 until May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Director Meise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-006 – Drone Policy

Director Meise made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-006. Vice President Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-007 – Authorizing the Special Market Condition Purchase of 932 E Wheeler Road, Moses Lake, WA Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280

Director Dexter made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-007. Director Meise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

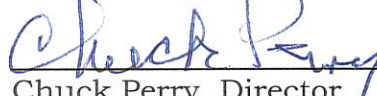
ADJOURNMENT

Director Dexter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.



Richard Teals, President


Joe Ketterer, Vice President


Kris Dexter, Director


Chuck Perry, Director


Fred Meise, Director

By: 
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Sam Castro, C.P.O.