

Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 12, 2026

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:00 PM, President Teals called the May 12, 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 Dexter 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 04/14/26 Regular Board Meeting and 04/14/26 Special Board Meeting, Bills/Checks (#19927 - #19955), and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000296 totaling \$85,812.76 and Irrigation Voucher #1000296 totaling \$14,056.26. Director Dexter made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice President Ketterer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Hendricks

Mr. Hendricks stated he believes MLIRD assessments are up 60% from last years and wants to know what caused the increase. Executive General Manager Sam Castro stated he would be giving a presentation on the Equalization Process that will touch base on the MLIRD budget and may answer some questions.

Lloyd Petersen

Mr. Petersen stated he would like to see a monthly Manager's report of the District's activities to keep the public informed of what is happening. He also would like more answers as to what the drone that the District plans on purchasing will be used for and where it will be launched. He understands there is a 400 foot ceiling as to flying a drone over public property. He also believes carp are a major contributor to the phosphorus in the lake and would like MLIRD to spend money to remove them either by electric shock, netting, or a bounty.

Clark Schweigert

Mr. Schweigert stated MLIRD ratepayers are the tax payers of the District for the use of the lake and pay for everyone else to be able to use the lake. Over the course of a year, approximately 525,000 people use the lake. He would like to see a kiosk placed at Connelly Park and charge people to offset the costs the ratepayers pay in assessments each year.

Harold Hochstatter

Mr. Hochstatter asked if MLIRD assess an entire farm or if it is based on acreage. Vice President Ketterer stated that it may be helpful if he had the assessment methodology sheet.

Michael Hansen

Mr. Hansen stated the Irrigation District was formed to help the farmers retain the water rights. He believes now the District is assessing to much.

Pete Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter stated his company does not use any irrigation water and was still assessed \$428 for 2026. He added that he would like to see the assessments used more effectively in the coming years.

### **MLIRD BOARD REPORT**

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

- Lake level was 1046.81 feet
- MLIRD received a phone call from the USBR asking if two of MLIRD's North Dam gates could be opened.
- MLIRD went out for proposals for the 2026 Aquatic Plant Treatment and received two sealed proposals. MLIRD scored the proposals on May 4, 2026 and awarded Aquatechnex, LLC the contract.
- MLIRD has reached out to Senator Murray's staffer Toni Ball and will be meeting with MLIRD staff to find out more about Moses Lake's need and what grant opportunities are out there.
- One of the newly purchased harvester's has been shipped and will be in Moses Lake in the next week.
- A proposed date for MLIRD's open house is set for September 8 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
- MLIRD staff has met with Signs Now regarding a front parking lot sign
- There was a 2026 assessment correction that was sent to the Grant County Treasurer.
- 2026 Carp Classic Tournament will be held at Connelly Park on May 16, 2026.
- The MLIRD webpage is in the process of being revamped and updated.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:30 PM to discuss the legal risks of a proposed action as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii). Possible action may be taken after Executive Session. The expected time was 15 minutes, and the Board was to return approximately at 5:45 PM.

The Board entered back into Regular Session at 5:45 PM.

No action was taken.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

Vice President Ketterer made a motion to remove Resolution 2026-005 from the table. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on the changes made to Resolution 2026-005. The main change was the addition of the language, "in instances where there are City, County, State, and National alerts for dangerous weather, fires, or other hazardous situations."

Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-005. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Director Dexter made a motion to move forward with the process of advertising the Petition of Additions to MLIRD for Parcel #170163000, #1710320000, #171049009, #171038000, #171028000. Director Meise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Equalization Process Presentation

Executive General Manager Sam Castro stated that MLIRD’s equalization process is governed by the State of Washington under RCW 87.03 and RCW 87.84.

The presentation outlined all of the RCW’s pertaining to the equalization process, MLIRD’s assessment methodology approval, and MLIRD budget approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

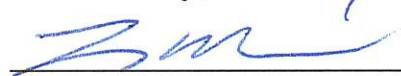
Director Dexter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Meise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.


  
Richard Teals, President

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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.