

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 PM, President Teals called the July 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-teleconference.

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 Meise 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 06/09/26 Public Hearing and 06/09/26 Regular Board Meeting, Bills/Checks (#19986 - #20019); and Rehabilitation Voucher #1000298 totaling \$390,834.14 and Irrigation Voucher #1000298 totaling \$75,952.58. Vice President Ketterer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael B. Hansen

Mr. Hansen stated he would like the Board to consider the ratepayers high assessments. He mentioned he has multiple parcels and one of them is being assessed highly at \$2,500 for less than half an acre. President Teals thanked him for his comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Shannon Brattebo – Tetra Tech Inc.

Shannon Brattebo gave an informative presentation on the Moses Lake 2025 Water Quality Summary and updated the Board on the successfulness of the 2024 and 2025 Phosphorus Mitigation Project. The water quality data from 2025 shows a 43% average Total Phosphorus reduction and a 71% reduction in Whole-Lake Internal Loading.

Bradley Roth – Aquatechnex, LLC

Bradley Roth gave an informative presentation on the 2026 Weed Treatment Program. Treatments took place on July 7, 8, 9, 2026. Approximately 490 acres of weeds were treated.

MLIRD BOARD REPORT

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

- Lake level was 1046.73 feet
- MLIRD is nearing the total amount of irrigable acreage with the current water right. Discussion is needed on whether the District would like to obtain a second water right.

- Discussion is taking place with the Department of Interior regarding the easement at Connelly Park for the Port of Moses Lake.
- Neal Welbourne with Welbourne Geographical Services will be giving a presentation to the Board at the August Regular Board meeting in regards to the 2027 Assessments.
- The Connelly Park buildings are scheduled to be demolished in the next few weeks.
- The septic system at Connelly Park has been pumped and inspected.
- MLIRD staff has met with Grant County Planning in preparation of the requirements of constructing a new building and bathrooms at Connelly Park.
- MLIRD staff is meeting with Senator Murray's Central Washington Regional Community Outreach Director, Toni Ball on July 21, 2026 in regards to FY28 funding request for phosphorus mitigation and the Parker Horn Pump Station.
- The Lead Summit will be held on November 4 and 5 at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

ACTION ITEMS

FY28 Congressional Directed Spending Request

Vice President Ketterer made a motion to direct Executive General Manager Sam Castro to pursue State, Federal, and any other available funding sources for Phosphorus Mitigation outside of any normal budgeted expenses on behalf of Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District. Director Dexter seconded the motion.

President Teals asked if the Board wanted to limit the funding requests to only phosphorus mitigation.

Vice President Ketterer amended his motion to direct Executive General Manager Sam Castro to pursue State, Federal, and any other available funding sources for Phosphorus Mitigation and water quality improvements outside of any normal budgeted expenses on behalf of Moses Lake Irrigation and Rehabilitation District.

The motion carried unanimously.

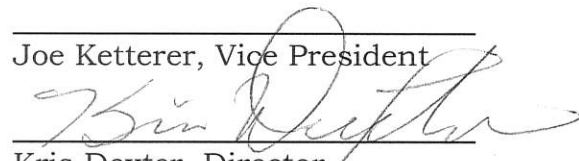
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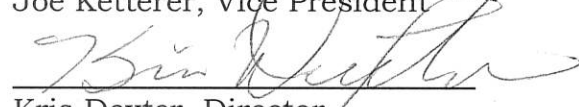
Director Meise stated that he would like to see Connelly Park reopened as soon as possible. He noted that the park reflects MLIRD's image and stated that, if the bathrooms need to be barricaded or fenced off, he would like to see that done. Executive General Manager Sam Castro stated that MLIRD has exceeded its insurance limits and, with the bathrooms deemed hazardous, he feels MLIRD should wait until the building has been demolished before reopening the park to the public. The goal is to have the park reopened by the end of August, or sooner if possible. Director Dexter asked how securely MLIRD could restrict access to the hazardous area. He stated that he understands liability is the primary concern in today's society. Discussion took place regarding the cost of installing construction fencing around the hazardous areas. Vice President Ketterer stated that liability remains the main concern and that, if people want to get through construction fencing, they will. He stated that he feels reopening the park should be pursued as quickly as possible, which he believes MLIRD staff is doing. He stated that he does not feel it can be justified to reopen the park until the building has been demolished. Executive General Manager Sam Castro stated that he hears the Board and the public and is working to reopen the park as quickly as possible while mitigating any hazardous risks.

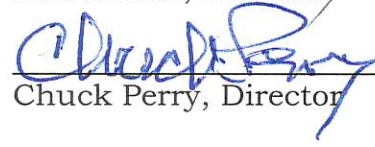
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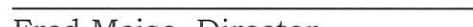
Vice President Ketterer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.


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.