

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
January 12, 2023
Twisp, Washington**

MINUTES

Director Zahn called the special meeting of the MVID to order at 5:10 p.m. Present were directors Chris Zahn, Mark Edson, and Deanna Melton; watermaster Josh Morgan; secretary Sandra Strieby; attorney Natalie Kuehler; and Chris Johnson, representing the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation.

The meeting posting listed the purpose of the special meeting as: “to review and consider approval of DOT easements, and to discuss the funding provisions of the Barkley/MVID Flow Improvement Project Change Management Plan.”

Funding provisions of the Barkley/MVID Instream Flow Improvement Project Change Management Plan: the directors and others present discussed operational challenges related to the Barkley/MVID Instream Flow Improvement Project, and approaches to securing TU’s cooperation in addressing those challenges. Natalie Kuehler recommended that MVID designate a director to serve as the district’s designated TU contact. Director Zahn agreed to serve as the contact. The group outlined a process for approaching TU in collaboration with the Barkley Irrigating Company (BIC), including agreeing on issues to be addressed, drafting a joint letter, asking Mike Fort to review the letter, and sending the letter to TU. Chris Johnson can attend a joint meeting of MVID and BIC, and assign a staff member to track the project. The secretary will email Mr. Johnson requesting that he look at the headgate and hear from MVID about problems the district is encountering.

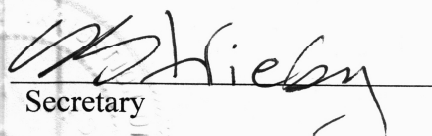
Resolution 23.02—WSDOT easement purchase: Ms. Kuehler explained WSDOT’s primacy in the case of use of airport lands, and the benefits to MVID of the easement documents as drafted. The group continued the review of the easement documents begun on December 22nd, and agreed on proposed edits. Ms. Kuehler will submit the proposed edits to WSDOT so MVID can approve and sign the final documents at the district’s regular meeting on February 13th. The group also discussed working with WDFW to identify future and interim sediment-removal protocols. No action was taken on Resolution 23.02.

Vouchers: the board did not take action to approve vouchers.

Director Zahn adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Passed and approved this 13th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:


Secretary


Director

Deanna Melton
Director

Director