

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 14, 2024
Twisp, Washington**

MINUTES

Director Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Present were directors Chris Zahn, Mark Edson, and Deanna Melton, and secretary Sandra Strieby. Director Zahn left the meeting in progress during the discussion of headgates access. Brian Fisher of the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation joined by phone to answer questions about the fish-bypass project.

Agenda review: No changes to the agenda were requested.

Minutes—August 12 and September 9, 2024 regular board meeting and July 24, 2024 special board meeting: Director Edson moved to accept the August 12 minutes. Director Melton seconded; motion carried. Director Edson moved to approve the September 9 minutes, striking the superfluous “and” in the opening paragraph. Director Melton seconded; motion carried. Director Melton moved to approve the July 24 minutes. Director Edson seconded; motion carried.

Pump installation: Director Edson reported that he has talked with Pat Norwil about installing a pump to remove sediment at the headgates, as discussed in August. Mr. Norwil says there is plenty of power. He did not charge for his time.

Treasurer’s report: The secretary presented the treasurer’s report for the month ending September 30, 2024. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$11,602.45. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$375,949.92.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 10.14.24_01 through 10.14.24_03 in the amount of \$6,311.37. Director Edson asked the secretary to send him the employees’ gross salary amounts as he is curious about the amounts approved in the current year’s terms of employment. Following review of the claims, director Zahn moved to approve the payroll voucher request. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried with director Edson abstaining.

The secretary presented vendor voucher claims 10.14.24_04 through 10.14.24_15 in the amount of \$5,441.55. Following review of the claims, director Zahn moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

Transfer funds from investment account: The secretary presented Resolution 24.08 for transfer of funds from the general investment fund to the general expense fund. Director Edson moved to approve the resolution; Director Melton seconded. Motion carried.

Set date for budget meeting: Director Zahn moved to set November 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. as the date and time for MVID’s annual budget meeting, with the regular meeting to follow immediately if the Board concludes the business that comes before it prior to 6:00 p.m. Director Edson seconded; the motion carried.

Headgates access. Director Edson said he would like a key to the headgates for the duration of his tenure as a director; discussion followed, without resolution. The directors agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the subject. The secretary will work to set a date by email.

After director Zahn left the meeting, director Edson produced pictures of two gates that are unlocked. The directors asked the secretary to send the pictures to the watermaster and ask him to ensure the exterior fence and gates are secure at the headgate as soon as feasible; the two gates in the pictures need to be padlocked, with chains, and the watermaster should send pictures to confirm the work has been completed.

Fish bypass project. Directors Edson and Melton discussed the location of the existing sluice line and the proposed gate valve. Brian Fisher joined by phone to answer questions. He said the existing conditions drawing may not accurately represent site conditions. He does not have any information about expenses beyond the summary he sent in his monthly update. Mr. Fisher asked for guidance on how to dispose of fill that will be removed as part of the project. Following discussion, the directors agreed to confer and ask the secretary to send an answer.

Insurance renewal. Director Melton moved to authorize Mark Edson to sign the insurance renewal worksheet on behalf of the district. Director Edson seconded; motion carried. Director Edson signed the worksheet.

Extra water request—Roger Sonnichsen: Roger Sonnichsen is interested in using irrigation water at his site on May Street. The directors would like more information about his connection plans, and asked that he come to a meeting with a sketch.

Five-year reporting: The secretary explained that the district will be due to file a five-year water-use report next year. Tara Gregg and the secretary have communicated about the process and timeline, including starting the work next August and completing the report in the fall for submittal before the January deadline. The directors agreed to the timeline.

Reports, updates, and questions: The secretary reported that the county has resolved the matter of an assessment that was not paid due to the county's processing of a change in parcel number following a boundary line adjustment. No action will be required from MVID.

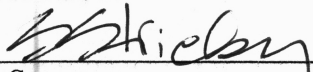
The district's annual notice to declare candidacy will be published this week and on October 30. Director Edson requested a candidacy petition. The secretary confirmed that petitions are due at 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

Member concerns: no member concerns were presented.


Director Edson moved to adjourn the meeting; director Melton seconded. Director Edson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

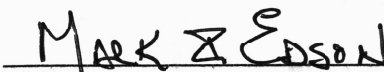
Passed and approved this 11th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:


Secretary

President


Director


Director