

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2024
Twisp, Washington
MINUTES**

Director Edson called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. Present in person were director ~~and~~ Mark Edson and secretary Sandra Strieby; director Deanna Melton joined by phone.

Agenda review: Director Edson reported that Dan Jaspers has planned a site visit for September 11.

Minutes—August 12, 2024 regular board meeting and July 24, 2024 special board meeting:
Approval of minutes was postponed.

Treasurer's report: The secretary presented the treasurer's report for the month ending August 31, 2024. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$22,680.97. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$374,256.46.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 09.09.24_01 through 09.09.24_03 in the amount of \$6,311.37. Following review of the claims, director Melton moved to approve the payroll voucher request. Director Edson seconded; the motion carried. The secretary presented vendor voucher claims 09.09.24_04 through 09.09.24_11 in the amount of \$5,881.47. Following review of the claims, director Edson moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

2025 assessment roll: The secretary presented a preliminary draft of the 2025 assessment roll, noting that the amounts are based on last year's rates. Known BLA and mapping charges have been added; there may be additional charges related to other land-use actions. Director Edson asked the secretary to send the roll via email.

Set date for equalization meeting: Director Edson moved to set October 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., as the date and time for MVID's annual equalization meeting, with the regular meeting to follow immediately if the Board concludes the business that may come before it prior to 6:00 p.m. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried. Director Edson asked the secretary to send him the draft equalization letter.

Headgates security. The secretary reported that Craig Boesel has said that if MVID wants the gate shut during winter, someone will have to re-hang it or get a different one—it drags even in summer and is worse in winter. Director Edson said he has a key to the pump house, and still wants a key to the headgates. Director Melton said she thinks that request should be discussed when all directors are present. Director Edson said he plans to cut the locks and add his own. Director Melton said she does not recommend cutting locks. Director Edson could notify the watermaster to let him in or lend him a key. Director Edson believes cutting the padlock is the only way for him to get in. Director Melton asked the secretary to ask Dan Jaspers to send a request for the planned site visit, then forward that request to the watermaster and ask him to provide a means of entry. The secretary noted that Dan Jaspers said at the time of the last site visit that he had a key. Director Edson said that he was making a formal request for a key. The secretary will do as Director Melton has asked.

Fish bypass project. Director Edson has talked with Brian Fisher, who has said it will be OK to delay shut-down until October 15. Following discussion, director Melton said she would like confirmation that MVID did notify BIC of the planned October 1 shut-down. She asked the secretary to make sure the watermaster is included in the pre-construction meeting planned for September 16. The secretary asked what MVID should tell Mr. Fisher about shut-down timing; that won't be known until after the pre-construction meeting. Director Melton asked the secretary to ask the watermaster to email WDFW, copying the secretary and directors, saying that BIC desires not to shut down until October 15 and asking what it would take for WDFW to accommodate a later shut-down.

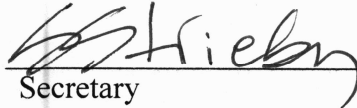
Reports, updates, and questions: The secretary reported that one member is on the county's list of properties to be foreclosed upon this year. In addition, one member has an unpaid assessment due to an error in the county's processing of a boundary line adjustment. The county has suggested that MVID adopt a resolution to move that member's unpaid assessment from the pre-BLA parcel to the current, post-BLA parcel. The county will then give the member 90 days to pay the amount owed and waive the interest. The directors agreed informally to the plan; the secretary will prepare a resolution for next month's meeting

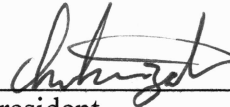
Member concerns: no member concerns were presented.

Director Edson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

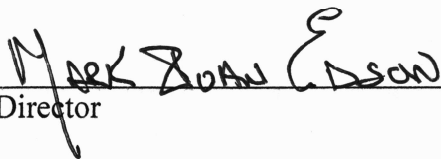
Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:


Secretary


President


Director


Director

