

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 13, 2023  
Twisp, Washington  
MINUTES**

Director Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Present were directors Chris Zahn and Deanna Melton; watermaster Josh Morgan; and secretary Sandra Strieby.

Minutes—December 22, 2022 special meeting, January 9, 2023 regular board meeting, and January 12, 2023 special meeting: Director Zahn moved to approve the minutes as presented. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The secretary presented the Treasurer's report for the month ending January 31, 2023. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$22,954.27. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$358,701.34.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 02.13.23\_01 through 02.13.23\_03 in the amount of \$4,640.61 and vendor voucher claims 02.13.23\_04 through 02.13.23\_11 in the amount of \$3,896.05. Following review of the claims, Director Zahn moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

WDFW fish-screen contract: Director Zahn moved to approve the 2023 WDFW Fish Screen Service Contract. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

Stoneywilde appeal: the directors discussed the options listed as acceptable to the Department of Ecology in Ecology's 1/17/23 memo. Following discussion, the directors asked the secretary to present a fourth option to the district's attorney for consideration: installation of a second pump in the existing irrigation well casing, to be metered for domestic and commercial use; and requirements that the project proponent hold MVID harmless regarding water quality and acknowledge that irrigation water can only be use for irrigation, between April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Project completion: The secretary asked questions to confirm next steps agreed on during the 2/10 special meeting. The directors replied:

- Do ask Natalie Kuehler's opinion of the path agreed on
- Do ask Ms Kuehler to complete the change control form and draft a cover letter to TU (including saying that MVID does not consider the project to be substantially complete)
- Do ask Ms Kuehler to draft a cost-sharing agreement between MVID and the Barkley company for costs related to project completion legal expenses, or consider a new MVID/Barkley agreement

Reports and updates:

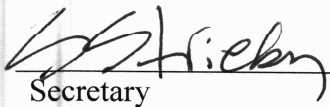
- Operations
  - The watermaster reported that WDFW is developing plans for replacing the debarker; Jenni will send 15% drawings. Jenni also:
    - Thinks WDFW can help with sluice design
    - Thinks the turbulence grid the watermaster has described will help, and expects to have information that can help with design
    - Agrees that sediment removal by MVID would not be prudent
  - The watermaster also asked about as-builts or plans for the headgate. The secretary is not sure what MVID has, will send what she can
  - The watermaster asked for the OK to order a sediment-removal vacuum for valve vaults. Following discussion, the directors authorized the purchase
- Admin: no reports or updates were presented.


Member concerns: no member concerns were presented.

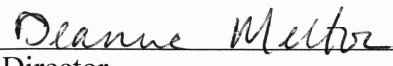
Director Zahn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

  
President

  
Director

  
Director

