

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2024
Twisp, Washington
MINUTES**

Director Zahn called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present were directors Chris Zahn, Mark Edson, and Deanna Melton, and secretary Sandra Strieby. Watermaster Josh Morgan was present through the discussion of the Blackbirds development.

Agenda review: The directors reviewed the agenda and decided to postpone certain agenda items. Those items will be addressed if the directors determine that adequate time remains later in the meeting, or will be added to the April meeting agenda.

Minutes—February 12, 2024 regular board meeting and March 4, 2024 special board meeting: Director Zahn moved to approve the minutes. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The secretary presented the treasurer's report for the month ending February 29, 2024. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$31,299.08. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$364,422.85.

Aspect history memo: The secretary reported that Aspect Consulting has billed for several hours more than the amount agreed upon for the history memo that Dan Haller prepared. That amount appears on Aspect's invoice, listed on this month's voucher certification form.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 03.11.24_01 through 03.11.24_03 in the amount of \$3,723.62 and vendor voucher claims 03.11.24_04 through 03.11.24_11 in the amount of \$3,339.28. Following review of the claims, director Zahn moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Edson seconded; the motion carried.

Resolution 24.02—confirming board actions: Director Edson moved to approve Resolution 24.02. Director Zahn seconded; the motion carried.

Resolution 24.03—declaring mower surplus: Director Melton moved to approve Resolution 24.03. Director Zahn seconded; the motion carried. The secretary will advertise the mower for sale, and the watermaster will chain the mower outside the pump station.

Resolution 24.04—attorney contact policy: Director Zahn moved to approve Resolution 24.04. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

Spray-bar pump wiring: Following a review of the solicitations for quotations, Director Edson moved to accept Norwil Electric's estimate, and to allow charges up to 20% over the estimated amount if necessary. Director Zahn seconded; motion carried.

Pre-start-up message: The directors reviewed and informally approved the pre-start-up message drafted by the secretary. Directors and staff discussed plans for disseminating the message, and agreed that the secretary will email the message to members and extra-water users on the district's list; post the message online and on the door of the Twisp Post Office; send paper copies of the notice to people who have requested it; and send a single-page notice to new members and extra water users, stating MVID's URL, season dates, and contact information, and requesting recipients' email addresses. Director Melton would like to move toward a less complicated system of distributing information—provide less information to individuals and steer people to MVID's web site.

GPS systems: The directors and watermaster discussed GPS parameters, cost, and approach (including the possibility of hiring a consultant to start mapping based on existing as-builts). Director Melton will check on mapping system costs.

Matsui extra water: Following discussion, the directors decided that if Tim Matsui wants to use MVID water for a single tree on his second parcel, which is not assessed by the district, he will need to do so as an extra water user.

Blackbirds Garden Apartments and Blackbirds Townhomes: Following discussion, the directors agreed that the onus is on the developers to contact MVID regarding flagging of MVID's existing infrastructure and negotiation of easements.

Discussion—Resolution 19.06: following discussion, the directors agreed that the secretary will ask MVID's attorney about the district's small works policy and procedures, as specified in Resolution 19.06, and re-visit the matter at a future meeting.

From previous meetings

- Excluded members—water use monitoring: Director Melton will review emails on the subject and the secretary will send her the latest information.

The following items were postponed

- Email addresses
- Representing MVID
- Key distribution and SCADA system access
- Development projects
 - Milltown PD
 - Orchard Hills PD

Reports and updates: no reports or updates were presented.

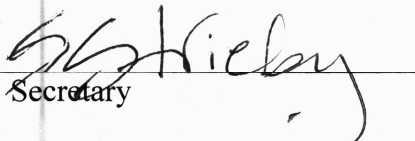
Member concerns: no member concerns were presented.

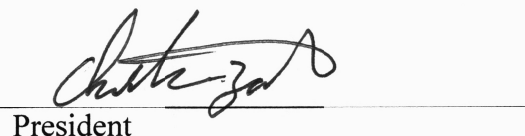
Aspect Consulting—potential conflict of interest: Director Edson brought to the table the matter of Aspect Consulting's work for the Town of Twisp, related to the town's water rights and water supply planning. The directors asked the secretary to review the status of MVID's conflict of interest discussion with Dan Haller and to discuss the situation with MVID's attorney.

Director Zahn adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

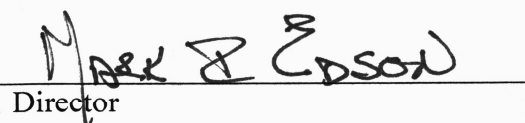
Passed and approved this 8th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:


Secretary


President

Director


Director

