

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2025  
Twisp, Washington  
MINUTES**

Director Edson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Directors Mark Edson, Deanna Melton, Luke Hutson, and Secretary Amy Grennell. The other guests in attendance are listed in the meeting book filed with the Secretary.

Agenda Review: Director Edson suggested moving the Watermaster Interviews to the beginning of the meeting in an effort to be as efficient as possible.

Watermaster Interviews: The Board of Directors conducted interviews with the following candidates: Jordan Houze, Jim McMillan, Sam Roseland, and Jeremiah Gallivan.

Minutes—February 10, 2025 regular board meeting: Director Melton moved to approve the minutes. Director Hutson seconded; the motion carried.

Minutes—February 19, 2025 special board meeting: Director Melton moved to approve the minutes. Director Hutson seconded; the motion carried.

Minutes—February 25, 2025 special board meeting: Director Melton moved to approve the minutes. Director Hutson seconded; the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: The secretary presented the treasurer's report for the month ending February 28, 2025. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$35,402.72. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$324,857.35.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 3.10.25\_01 through 3.10.25\_02 in the amount of \$2,553.05 and vendor voucher claims 3.10.25\_03 through 03.10.25\_08 in the amount of \$1,707.36. Following review of the claims, Director Edson moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Hutson seconded; the motion was carried.

2025 Irrigation Start up letter to members: Secretary Grennell stated that the only changes to the letter are to update the year. Director Edson moved to approve the 2025 Irrigation Start up letter to members as presented. Director Hutson seconded; motion carried.

Irrigation start up projects: Director Edson stated that he went out to the head works and accessed the gate situation. He believes there needs to be new gates installed so that they can function properly the whole year. He said it is a liability if the gate is open and someone gets hurt. Director Melton asked if there is any way to salvage the existing gate by raising it up or any type of changes that can be made to make it work. Director Edson said there's no way to salvage



it because the posts have been cut down too low. It was decided that the secretary would contact Craig Bosel to see if they are willing to pay for the gates and MVID would assist with the installation. Director Edson also would like to get the lock situation under control so that MVID has access to all of the facilities when it needs to without having to contact separate entities about padlocks. The board made a to-do list for the new watermaster which includes 1. Gate installation 2. Meet with entities at the facilities to manage the padlocks and access to areas (including the Layman spill) 3. Stop Logs project 4. Document scanning project. The Directors would also like to have a site visit at the head works once the weather cooperates.

Water rights request from Jamie Tackman: The Directors would like to listen to the meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with Ecology regarding the Tackman water rights. They are not in favor of spending any additional funds on this issue. Per Sandra Strieby, the water rights should have been returned to MVID since Tackman was unable to prove-up and Ecology cancelled his permit.

Land use action: No new issues for MVID

Reports, updates, questions: Director Edson asked if the time could be included on the agendas.

Member concerns: N/A

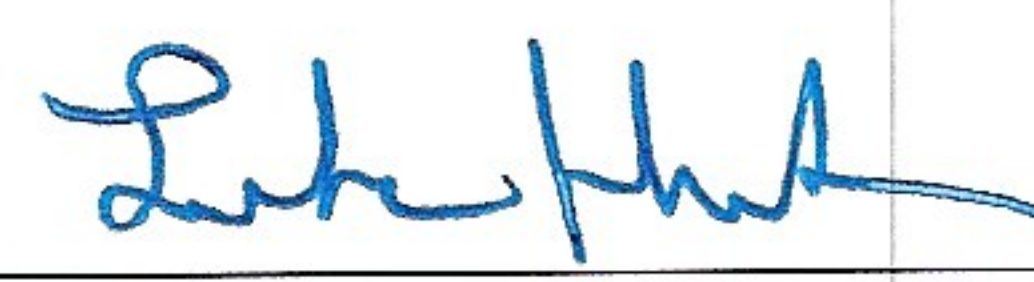
Watermaster Hiring: The Directors discussed the candidates from the interviews earlier in the meeting. There are strengths and weaknesses in each candidate and the directors felt it would be a hard decision. The directors are going to send their #1 and #2 choice to the secretary by Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and will schedule a special meeting at that time for further discussion.

Director Edson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

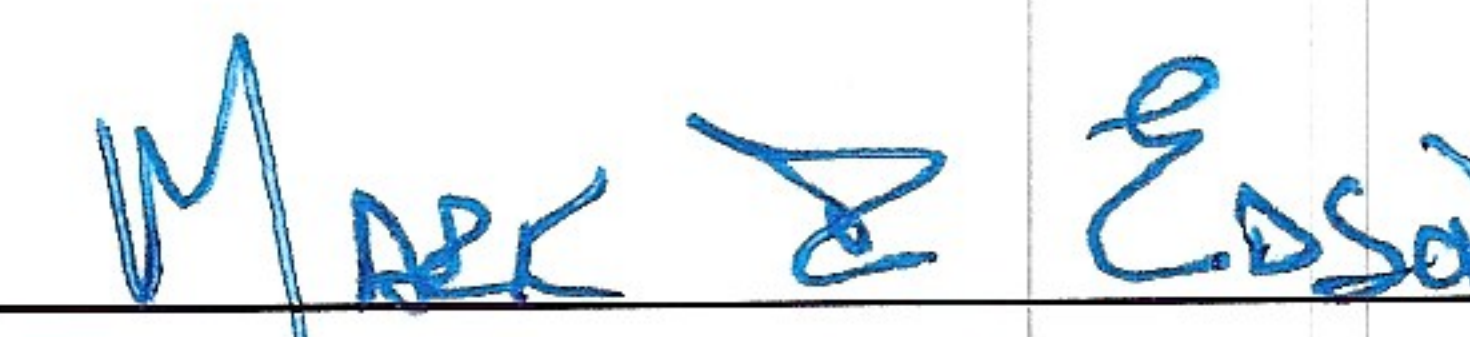
Passed and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

  
Director

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