

**METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 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, watermaster Josh Morgan, and secretary Sandra Strieby. Chris Johnson joined the meeting by phone for discussion of future diversion modifications.

Organization of board: Director Edson moved to maintain the status quo, retaining Chris Zahn as President, Mark Edson as Vice-President, and Deanna Melton as Assistant Secretary, and to appoint Sandra Strieby as Secretary for 2024. Director Zahn seconded; the motion carried.

Minutes—December 11, 2023 regular board meeting and December 14, 2023 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 December 31, 2023. The ending balance in the General Expense fund was \$30,777.67. The ending balance in the General Investment fund was \$361,150.45. General-expense fund income in 2023 was \$148,139.96; general-investment fund income was \$15,251.20. Total 2023 expense was \$147,630.16. Outstanding assessments as of January 5, 2024 totaled \$9,407.92.

Vouchers: The secretary presented payroll voucher claims 01.08.24_01 through 01.08.24_03 in the amount of \$6,072.33 and vendor voucher claims 01.08.24_04 through 01.08.24_11 in the amount of \$1,589.25. Following review of the claims, director Zahn moved to approve the voucher requests. Director Melton seconded; the motion carried.

Chris Johnson presentation—diversion modifications: Chris Johnson called in to discuss evolving plans for modifications to MVID's diversion, to address sediment control. He would like to know all of MVID's questions so he can get the correct information from WDFW, and would like to be sure the design will work for MVID. The watermaster will mark up MSRF's plans, discuss his ideas and MSRF's plans with Camden Shaw, and give Mr. Shaw the information he needs about BIC's infrastructure. The group discussed funding for the modifications. Mr. Johnson said that WDFW has some funding from the BPA; MSRF has funding for peer review of the plans. Other funds have yet to be secured; some may come from WDFW. Permitting will be most easily handled by MSRF.

Maintenance director: Director Zahn moved to appoint Mark Edson as maintenance director for 2024. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

Travel reimbursement rate: Director Melton moved to use the IRS's 2024 standard mileage rate for mileage reimbursement and the U.S. General Administration per diem rates for reimbursement for meals and lodging in 2024. Director Zahn seconded; motion carried.

Secretary's office rent: Director Zahn moved to set the Secretary's office rent at \$225/month for 2024. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

Extra Water Users: Director Zahn moved to accept the 2024 extra-water users' agreement as presented; the only change from the 2023 agreement is the date. Director Melton seconded;

motion carried. Following discussion, Director Zahn moved to add the six landowners who have requested irrigation water as extra water users, pending agreement with the watermaster about specifics. Director Melton seconded; motion carried.

Terms of employment resolution—correct date: The secretary presented a motion to correct the date on which Resolution 23.12 was approved—it should be December 14, 2023, the date of the district’s special meeting, rather than December 11. Director Melton moved to adopt the resolution. Director Zahn seconded; motion carried.

Paying Ensemble via credit card: Director Zahn moved to allow Ensemble’s bills for pump-house internet to be paid by credit card. Director Melton seconded; motion carried. The directors asked the secretary to find out whether there will be a processing fee.

Inventory and asset management: The directors and watermaster discussed updating MVID’s inventory and deciding what items are no longer needed by the district. The watermaster will take a picture of the things he would like to dispose of. He and the maintenance director will review it and make decisions. The watermaster said he would like to surplus the district’s mower.

Milltown PD: The directors would like the secretary to submit comments on the proposed Milltown PD. Director Edson will meet with Gary Scott.

From previous meetings—incomplete or postponed

- Orchard Hills connection
- Ken Hitt connection/Halyruud plan
- Excluded members—water use monitoring
- Employee attendance and reporting responsibilities
- Water rights, permits, water bank, and proving up

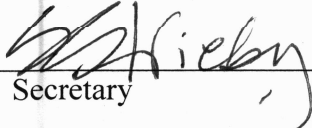
Reports and updates: no reports or updates were presented.

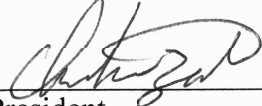
Member concerns: no member concerns were presented.

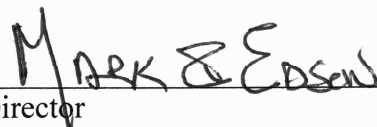
Director Zahn adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.


Passed and approved this 12th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:


Secretary


President


Director


Director

