

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2018

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent: Adam

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the agenda for November 13, 2018 as provided

1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

Members of the Board, Staff and the Public were invited to comment; no comment was provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the October 9, 2018 Regular Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Board meeting as presented

1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman provided the monthly report and verbally reported on the status of imported water supply in the District. Two major points: 1. There will be 1,336 AF of recaptured SJRRP water in San Luis Reservoir. GM Hagman has traded that SLR supply for 445 AF of Millerton Class 1 supply (Arvin Edison Water Storage District). Lindmore will pay all the costs associated with getting the 1,336 AF to SLR (about \$160,000) and AEWS D will pay for all the costs of getting the 445 AF to Lindmore (about \$20,000). This water cost the District about \$315 an AF. 2. With the reduction of 1,336 AF down to 445 AF, we will lose 891 AF of supply. This will in effect reduce what will be carried over into 2019. GM Hagman noted that carryover will likely be in the 300 AF range instead of the 1,000 AF range.

District Improvement Projects: GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects).

Micro Basin Installment Effort: GM Hagman reported that the wells' recharge rates are improving. The two wells are taking 50 GPM of water an improvement of about 35 GM since the start of the wells.

Status of SmartWATER grant: GM Hagman reported that the USBR has awarded the District \$75,000 toward the modernization of the 93.2E Pumping Plant.

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2018-04 – Resolution Authorizing the District to Agree to the Terms of and Signing a Contract With the USBR for Unreleased Restoration Flow water for 2019: GM Hagman noted the adoption of this resolution will allow the District to purchase URF water in 2019. The District can always choose not to purchase it, but if the District doesn't have a contract it won't have the option to purchase the supply. After some discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2018-04
1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

Fall 2018 Well Measurements: GM Hagman reported that the groundwater, as measure by the District's well measurement program, has dropped nearly ten feet. Since Fall of 2016 the change is about five feet up. That means that in that time period we have actually under-drafted inflow by about 10,000 AF. We imported 105,522 AF over that time from the CVP for an average import of 35,000 AF (about 3,000 AF annually less than our current breakeven need of 38,000 AF). Two dry and one very wet year. We also transferred out 16,400 AF. If we had places to put that supply in the District, we would have met our breakeven and added 5,500 AF a year to the ground.

Winter Maintenance: GM Hagman noted that the projects for the winter will likely exceed the current level of staffing. We have the 93.2E Modernization, we have several lines that need attention, we also have several meter install requests by members of the District. GM Hagman noted there likely is some wiggle room, but the challenge always is the March 1 start date and the availability of recharge basins (10th and 5th Avenue lines).

January 8, 2019 Board meeting: GM Hagman reported that he will be unavailable for that meeting date as well as the prior week. He suggested the Board cancel the meeting. Vice-President DePaoli noted that if needed we could always call a special meeting. After a little more discussion President Arnold announced that there will not be a January 8, 2019 Board meeting and that if necessary, we can always add a special meeting later in the month.

February 12, 2019 Board meeting: The Board also discussed that the February 12, 2019 meeting will be moved to February 11, 2019 because of the conflict with the Farm Show.

Miscellaneous administrative items: Nothing was discussed

- C. Review accounts payable listing and request by staff that the Board ratify the payments made to pay the bills:

Motion: To ratify the payments made to pay the bills as follows:

A/P Checks (#13200 – 13246) for October 10, 2018 to November 13, 2018 in the amount of \$188,266.02, and payroll for October 2018 in the amount of \$75,570.98 for a total disbursement of \$263,837.00.

1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. Financial Reports

Senior Analyst Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and asked the Board if there were any questions on the financial documents provided. She answered the questions that were asked. Bennett reported that the annualized variance between LAIF investments and Hagman investments far exceeds the \$12,000 threshold.

ALL REPORTS WERE HELD TILL AFTER CLOSED SESSION TO ACCOMMODATE COUNSEL

Reports and Discussion on meetings attend or other water related business reports:

Administrative Report: GM Hagman noted he had nothing to report.

FWA Issues –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported on FPA Board meeting.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanesio and GM Hagman reported on EKGSA activities.

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: GM Hagman reported on meetings related to the District, water issues, and or the Friant/CVP.

Meetings Attended/to Attend: Director Brownfield was asked to attend the FWA retreat.

CLOSED SESSION WAS TAKEN AFTER ITEM B, C, AND D AND BEFORE REPORTS

Closed Session:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] 2 Potential Matters

The Board went into closed session to review at 3:09 PM and came out at 3:28 PM. President Arnold noted that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Correspondence Report:

None

Other Items to be Discussed per 54954.2 (Items not appearing on the Agenda)

No other items were discussed.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Milanesio/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary