

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2017

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Adam, Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), members of the public

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was presented and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the agenda for November 14, 2017 as provided
1st Brownfield and 2nd Adam - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those
present**

Public Comment

Members of the Public were invited to comment; no public comment was provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the October 10, Regular Board meeting and the November 3, 2017 Special Board meeting and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular Board
meeting and November 3, 2017 Special 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: GM Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reported on water supply issues in the District. He noted that there will likely be about 5,000 AF of carryover. Scott Reynolds (public) asked if the District was going to run during the winter. GM Hagman indicated that there were a host of maintenance activities that will make it difficult. But the intent was to run the 88.4 and 93.2W lines after the first of the year.

District Recharge Efforts: GM Hagman provided an update on the work progress and recharge efforts at Ireton Pond and the recharge into Brewer Pond.

Engineering Report: GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Basin Work, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects).

Proposition 218: GM Hagman reported on the status of this activity.

Engineering Bill: GM Hagman reported on the status of the impending \$75,000 multi-year engineering bill from Keller/Wegley Engineering. He has yet to receive the bill.

Lindmore's Executive Management of EKGSA: GM Hagman and Director Brownfield reported that the EKGSA Board approved a two-year agreement with Lindmore for Executive and Administrative services. GM Hagman and Counsel Mauritsen provided a Draft Multi-Agency agreement. Hagman/Mauritsen asked that the Board approve the agreement pending legal review between EKGSA's legal counsel and District's Counsel Mauritsen. After some questions the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the multi-agency agreement pending legal review and direct President Arnold to sign the agreement
1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Winter Extra-Ordinary Maintenance: GM Hagman reported on upcoming winter maintenance projects. In particular, the installation of valves of the main line (to laterals) to isolate lateral when there are problems, installation of three new turnouts at Ireton Recharge Basin, installation of two JB gates on 88.4 Line and one on the 90.4 Line, Trash Screen removal and maintenance, and others.

Ireton Pond Delivery Improvement Project: GM Hagman noted that plans for the turnouts at Ireton Pond won't be ready until the end of December early January. That means we can't start on it until January.

District Micro-Recharge Basin Concept: GM Hagman reported that the District Engineer (Ismail Oudra) is looking at a Cost/Benefit Analysis of the ponds. The District will have to explore how they will be installed, who will pay for them, how they will be operated, when they will be operated, etc.

B. New Action Items

Public Hearing to consider public input on the District Assessor/Collector's proposed Lien Listing: President Arnold opened the Hearing and asked for public input. There was only one member of the public at the meeting. Hearing no questions, President Arnold closed the public hearing. GM Hagman asked that the Board authorize the Assessor/Collector to place liens on the properties provided due to a lack of payment. There are 11 parcels on the list with total unpaid assessments and penalties in the amount of \$2,504.72. After some discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To direct the Assessor/Collector to record the liens on the properties provided by Monday November 20, 2017 at the County of Tulare
1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

Temperance Flat Feasibility Study Participation: GM Hagman explained that Friant Water Authority was leading a charge to coordinate efforts to study the feasibility of funding mechanisms for Temperance Flat. Friant was seeking ten partners (“seats at the table”) at \$100,000 per seat. GM Hagman reported that he approached the group about forming groups to make up a single seat and that was warmly accepted. Following the meeting he began working with a couple of districts. The GM’s each estimated their Board’s level of financial comfort and we concluded that there was enough with Lindmore would work with Kern Tulare Water District and three others (not announced pending their Board decisions). Counsel Mauritson indicated that Friant Water Authority’s legal counsel had circulated an MOU that was pretty a simple and she suggested using that one modified to the group’s needs. After some discussion the Board took the following action was taken:

**Motion: To authorize GM Hagman to spend up to \$35,000 on the Temperance Flat effort this year and to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other partners to garner the total \$100,000 seat jointly.
1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

Miscellaneous administrative items: GM Hagman noted no accidents and no loss time injuries/illnesses at the District this past month.

- 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 (numbers 12651 – 12695) for October 11, 2017 to November 14, 2017 in the amount of \$250,290.20, and payroll for October 2017 in the amount of \$64,672.34 for a total disbursement of \$314,962.55.**

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

D. Financial Reports

GM Hagman presented Reconciled October 2017 financials, the October 2017 Treasurer’s Cash report, and the October 2017 Affidavit of Reconciliation. GM Hagman reported that the District’s investments have increased by about \$1,000,000 and that the return is about 2.4% on the invested dollars. He noted that LAIF is currently at about 1.1% the difference in return between the two is around \$35,000. Questions were asked and answered.

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 DePaoli and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold, Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported on FPA activities. It was reported that this year's net revenue payments from FPA to Lindmore will be about \$2,000,000.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Directors Milanesio and Brownfield 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: GM Hagman reminded the Board of its meetings they had between today and the next Board meeting including the upcoming Proposition 218 Hearing on Thursday, November 16 at 10 AM.

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

The Board went into closed session at 3:32 PM and came out at 4:47 PM. President Arnold noted 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 (Brownfield/Adam) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary