

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 12, 2019

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the meeting to order @ 3:00 p.m.

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel), Berglund (Special Counsel), Rocky Day (Landowner)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for November 12, 2019 as provided – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

Rocky Day discussed his water usage and annual assessment.

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the October 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Closed Session:

- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Michael Hagman – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO)  
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:08 pm and out at 3:30 pm. The Board announced there was no reportable action.

### 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:* Hagman provided the monthly report and noted that deliveries were higher than anticipated for October leaving about 6,200 AF for carryover. After discussion on carryover water, the decision was to hold any carryover that is not used for groundwater recharge.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects). Hagman noted we are now working on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue's Junction Box #6 (JB 6) and the costs have been close to \$7,000 to this point. It will be ready to install when the site is ready.

*Status of WaterSMART grant:* Bennett reported that she filed the first annual performance and financial report that was due October 30, 2019.

*Water Recharge 2019:* Hagman provided the report for the total program use through October.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Hagman reported that there was no work done on the well that was to be installed but Sun Pacific has started putting water in a well they constructed.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Counsel Mauritson continues to work with Special Counsel Berglund. Special Counsel Berglund discussed with the Board the Employment Agreement in closed session.

*Job Descriptions:* Hagman noted that he does not yet have job descriptions developed.

*Lindmore ID Year End Maintenance and March 1 Start Up Date:* Hagman reported he checked with the operations crew on starting District water on February 1<sup>st</sup>. After discussion, the board asked Hagman to complete winter repairs on the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue line as soon as possible and attempt to get it back up by February 1, 2020.

## **B. New Action Items**

*Rate Survey:* Bennett reviewed the results of the assessment and water rate survey with the Board.

*Fall Well Measurements:* Hagman reported the groundwater levels have increased substantially and reviewed the ground-water measurements attachment with the board. He remarked that a 10-foot increase in the wells is 27,000 AF added to us as groundwater.

*Winter Extra-Ordinary Maintenance Projects:* Hagman discussed the upcoming winter extra-ordinary projects and discussed with the Board hiring two or three temporary maintenance workers to assist crew with the projects. He also noted he would need to lease another backhoe. The Board asked Hagman for weekly reports on the status of maintenance and the work being done by the temporary workers.

*Discussion and direction on Staffing (Engineer and Analyst):* Hagman discussed the need for an analyst and engineer if the inter-agency management agreement with EKGSA is approved. He asked for approval to hire an analyst that is willing to work part-time and has considerable experience. The Board approved hiring the analyst beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Hagman and the Board discussed good sources for prospective engineers and Hagman will be making contact.

*Approve the EKGSA – LID Interagency Management Agreement:* Hagman noted the draft agreement was in the packets for Board review. The agreement is being reviewed by the EKGSA attorney and the District attorney and will be at the December board meeting for possible Board approval.

*Refinance 2010 Bonds: Discussion and Direction:* After discussion, the Board asked Hagman to bring a proposal back that will review the options for refinance the District has now.

*Consider Letter Loan to EKGSA for FY2020 Operations:* Hagman reviewed the draft note (Loan Agreement) between Lindmore ID and the EKGSA. The District's attorney is reviewing and after

discussion, the Board asked Hagman to wait and return with this item in December. Hagman explained that he will provide a clear discussion on the risk of the investment.

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* None were provided.

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 (#13775 - 13816) (voided checks #13672 – 13675) October 16, 2019 to November 12, 2019 in the amount of \$289,976.67, and payroll for October 2019 in the amount of \$76,249.97 for a total disbursement of \$366,226.64. - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

#### **D. Financial Reports**

Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and answered questions.

#### **Reports and Discussion on meetings attended or other water related business reports:**

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

*FWA Issues* –GM Hagman noted that there was nothing to report. No FWA Board meeting in November.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – President Arnold reported that the FPA had \$500,000 in revenue checks for September and October.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa)* – GM Hagman previously reported on EKGSa activities under the EKGSa Agreement agenda item.

*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:* Meetings were covered.

#### **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 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] - Number of Potential Cases: One

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 4:25 pm and out at 4:37 pm. The Board announced there was no reportable action.

#### **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/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary