

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2021

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Aubrey Mauritson (Legal Counsel), Steve Jackson (Waterland)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for October 12, 2021, Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting modified to have closed session at the beginning of the meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Public Comment

No public comment

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the September 14, 2021, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion and a request to correct the director that made the second on the motion to adjourn the July meeting, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021, Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### 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: Two.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:01 pm and the board came out of closed session at 2:11 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### **Prior/New Action Items**

#### **A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions**

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

*Water Supply Report:* The USBR has not changed the allocation from 20%. District delivered 1,790 AF in September.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman/Romero updated that Board on the Projects.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Hagman/Romero reported on the status of the recharge basin engineering work and Provost & Pritchard proposals for EA's and for pipeline and grading.

*Flyway Grant Application:* Hagman reported that the basin is in the environmental assessment phase at this time.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Hagman stated there were no updates for this project.

*Staffing Update:* Hagman reported there are no updates this month.

*Unpaid 2020 Water Bills:* Hagman noted that all 2020 water bills have been paid. Therefore, there is no action needed by that Board at this time.

#### **B. New Action Items**

*Hearing: 2020 Unpaid Water Bills: Cancelled due to full payment of water bills.*

- **HEARING: General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2022) – Public can address the Board on budget items and budget in total. Budget will affect the setting of the FY2022 Assessments.** Board opened the hearing. No public comments, questions or discussion was had. Hagman reviewed the FY2022 Proposed Budget with the Board. Hagman reviewed the capital plan that has been developed. Hagman addressed all questions and comments, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To adopt the FY2022 proposed budget as presented including the provided capital plan – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

- **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Board will sit as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the District membership and set in resolution November 16, 2017**

- **Public Hearing on land-Based Assessment**
- **Consider approval of Land-Based Assessment**

Hagman reviewed how the assessment is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2022 Budget. FY2022 assessment is capped at \$101.41 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To set the FY2022 Assessment rate at \$101.41 per acre – 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

**Hearing was closed at 3:43 p.m.**

*Year End Maintenance:* Discussion on the activities expected this year. Hagman also reported that a landowner (Garibay) had complained to the District Manager that the District would not give him water and that he is going to lose his crop. Hagman reported that it's a pretty simple solution for the landowner, he needs to pay his assessment and lien. No action was taken.

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* Nothing to report.

### **C. Finance Issues**

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 (#15016 – 15051) September 15, 2021 to October 12, 2021 in the amount of \$335,347.21 and payroll for September 2021 in the amount of \$92,847.13 for a total disbursement of \$428,194.34. 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

Bennett provided the financial statements and reports and noted if there were any questions, she was available at any time to discuss them.

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

*FWA Issues* – Director Brownfield and GM Hagman updated the Board on the activities at FWA.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* –

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA)* – GM Hagman reported on EKGSA.

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

*Temperance Flat MOU* – GM Hagman reported no action on this topic since the last meeting

### **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

### **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, Vice President DePaoli asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Reynolds/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary