

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2023

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the meeting to order @ 2:01 p.m.

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Kizziar (Analyst), members of the public.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for May 9, 2023, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

Staff presented the minutes for the April 11, 2023 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting; the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023, Regular Board meeting – 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL [Government Code Section 54957.9]
- 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.
- CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR Michael GM Hagman – Avenue 224 @ Noall Reservoir, easement, lease, purchase, trade. [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:27 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:19 pm.

Reportable Actions

Motion: To approve the increase in the accrual of vacation time from 320 hours to 380 hours for the remainder of the calendar year. Employees will have the option to use the vacation hours after November 1, or construct a payout of a combination of time off and hours paid for all hours above 320 hours. 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion – To approve an increase of \$60,000 to the O&M labor budget. 1st Milanesio 2nd Brownfield - 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 the retirement of Barry Collier and the start of the search for two employees, one position is a replacement, and the other position was approved by the Board in the April 11, 2023, board meeting. AGM Hunter reported on the status of leaks and the steps staff has taken to reduce downtime. AGM Hunter reported that there will need to be a reduction of head pressure in the 5th avenue line below JB3, to allow for a line repair at Ave 208 /Road 196. AGM Hunter reported that the repair is scheduled for Friday the 12th or Monday the 15th.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the water supply schedule for May, and discussed the status of the uncontrolled season which is scheduled to end in the last part of July. AGM Hunter reported inflows from Friant was 2,499 acre-feet, from that 449-acre feet were delivered to Lindmore recharge facilities.

District Water Recharge Projects: AGM Hunter reported on the ongoing recharge projects, noting that Lewis Creek project had completed the USBR process. Staff are now filing the required environmental permits. The Lindsay Recharge Project is complete with 41 acre-feet of recharge delivered in April. AGM Hunter presented a slideshow that walked through the 5th Ave Project, reviewing original design and cost, and identifying the cost savings and the reduction of construction schedule. The current schedule identifies first flows in the last week of May.

Annual Landowner BBQ: GM Hagman stated that the preparations for the BBQ are in progress. The board made requests to have presentations of current projects and EKGSA/SGMA prepared for landowners.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): Nothing to report.

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2023-02: Consider Resolution for Section 215 Contract:

Motion – To adopt the Section 215 Contract from USBR for the 2023 water year. 1st Reynolds 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Resolution 2023-03: Resolution to Recognize David DePaoli for service as a District Board Member.
Motion – To adopt the resolution recognizing David DePaoli for service as a District Board Member. 1st Milanesio 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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 (#16055 – 16112; plus #15933) April 12, 2023 to May 9, 2023 in the amount of \$630,448.16 and payroll for April 2023 in the amount of \$120,492.58 for a total disbursement of \$750,940.74 - 1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Analyst Kizziar reviewed the financial statements and reports.

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

FWA Issues – AGM Hunter reported on Friant meetings.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Nothing to report.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – AGM briefly reported on the EKGSA activities.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

No action.

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

No action.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.

Michael D. GM Hagman
District Secretary