

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2024

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Bennett (Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel) 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 June 11, 2024, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

- a. Staff presented the minutes for the May 14, 2024 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, Regular Board meeting, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER
[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.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:41 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:07 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions / discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: AGM Hunter reported the system was fully operational with ongoing leak repairs needed. Deliveries were 9,745 acre-feet in May with 5,408 acre-feet delivered to Lindmore Recharge facilities and 726 acre-feet to grower recharge ponds. He also reported on the Lewis Creek project that started flows on May 7th. GM Hagman showed the board a video from a drone of the entire Lewis Creek project. GM Hagman asked the Board to set a rate for anyone taking Lewis Creek water. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the sale of Lewis Creek water at \$120.00 per acre foot, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the May 2024 water report, and the Bureau of Reclamation's handling of uncontrolled season for the districts. He noted that the Bureau has reduced the Class 2 allocation to 3% and just extended uncontrolled season to June 14th.

District Water Recharge Projects: Discussed above under the O&M Report.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): No action taken.

Annual Landowner BBQ: Board and staff discussed last Friday's grower BBQ and what the district might do differently next year as well as all the positive feedback from growers that attended. No action taken.

B. New Action Items

Administrative Items: No action taken.

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 (#16903 – 16958) May 15, 2024 to June 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,233,384.30 and payroll for May 2024 in the amount of \$130,086.59 for a total disbursement of \$1,363,470.89 - 1st Milanesio and 2nd Gutierrez - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Senior Analyst Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports.

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

Friant Water Authority (FWA) – FWA report was provided by Hunter.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Arnold reported the first FPA board meeting this year will be on June 14th.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman gave a brief update on the EKGSA and on June 13, there will be a special joint board meeting of the three GSAs in the Kaweah subbasin to vote to release the GSP for 30-day public review and adopt the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Program with the EKGSA Mitigation Plan.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

Nothing to report.

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

No action taken.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary