

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2024

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, Gutierrez, Milanesio (left at 3:00 pm), Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Bennett (Sr Analyst), Doud (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 September 10, 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 August 13, 2024 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024, Regular Board meeting, 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – 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 3:40 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:04 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions / discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: GM Hagman reported the system was fully operational with ongoing leak repairs and replacing or adding meters and valves as needed.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the August 2024 water. Deliveries were 6,617 acre-feet in August, with 11,387 total acre-feet in district recharge.

District Water Recharge Projects: GM Hagman reported that there was an onsite construction completion inspection with DWR and MKGSA at the Lewis Creek project. It is completed and with the final project completion report filed with DWR is the request for grant reimbursement.

SCADA System Upgrades: GM Hagman noted that we may be able to use our current server and update it for the SCADA upgrades. Those involved are working through the issues of installing a new virtual server.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): no discussion/action.

Reserves – Discussion on managing reserves: GM Hagman suggested this could be discussed with the FY2025 Budget under B. New Action Items

District Groundwater Recharge Programs: Policy development: This item is tabled until counsel has policy to review.

B. New Action Items

Draft GM FY2025 Budget: GM Hagman gave a detailed review of the draft FY2025 Budget with consideration of the need for new reserves and probable revenues from water deliveries. After review of the draft budget, GM Hagman explained the board needs to set a hearing date to review the budget before the public, take comments and consider adoption. He also explained that an adopted FY2025 budget will be the basis of the FY2025 Assessment that the Board will also consider adopting at a future Board of Equalization hearing. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set a FY2025 Budget Hearing date for October 8, 2024 - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Gutierrez - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Set Board of Equalization date: GM Hagman reported that the district assessment needs to be approved in October before the County of Tulare sends out the assessments. He recommended the Board set a Board of Equalization date. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the Board of Equalization date for October 8, 2024 – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Administrative Issues: 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 (#17087 – 17142) August 14, 2024 to September 10, 2024 in the amount of \$402,965.13 and payroll for August 2024 in the amount of \$134,992.40 for a total disbursement of \$537,957.53 - 1st Reynolds 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 Director Brownfield and AGM Hunter. They both commented on the FWA Board postponing the approval of the FY2025 OM&R Budget mostly due to public comments regarding some of the costs in the budget. Director Brownfield noted how the budgets have also been increasing due to rising costs to maintain the 73 year-old canal built to last 50 years.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – FPA report was provided by GM Hagman. They noted that the payments from the FPA will be diminishing as the year progresses.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) – GM Hagman provided an update and reported that staff and partners are working on to address the SWRCB designated deficiencies in the GSP.

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 4:04 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary