

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2020

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (SA)

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for February 10, 2020 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1st Reynolds and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

None provided

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the February 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Board meeting – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

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 reported that the USBR has set an allocation of 20%. Given this allocation and such a small amount of water, Hagman recommended not setting an allocation at this time and deferring deliveries until after the next Board meeting (April 14). This will allow staff to slowly charge the lines which will hopefully reduce the number of leaks.

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). The only engineering activity right now is for 5th Avenue's Junction Box #6 (JB 6), which is now complete.

Status of WaterSMART grant: Senior Analyst Bennett reported that she is completing the funding report. Hagman noted that we still hadn't gotten power turned on over there. It is anticipated for this coming Friday.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman provided a brief update but no action was needed.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: No further action needed. This item will be removed from the agenda.

Job Descriptions: Hagman reported that the engineer is on Board and over the next couple months he will be training Cruz on the job. We will get to the job descriptions before the end of the summer.

Recharge Basin Renaming: Hagman showed the Board the sign and reported that the Board will consider action later to name the reservoir by official resolution.

Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County: Hagman reported Kathy is working on the needed documents to be turned in. We will likely take up a resolution in April or May.

Staffing and Office Space: Hagman reported that the Board room at the old shop is proceeding.

Backhoe Purchase: Hagman reported that he had purchased a brand new 2019 Case Super-N for a total of \$101,000. This includes both buckets. It was delivered this week, but then we had a hydraulic leak on it. Jason asked the company to come pick it up and fix it. It is now at the dealership getting fixed.

B. New Action Items

Debt Management Policy – Hagman reported that Bond Counsel has asked the District to adopt a debt policy. This is a requirement of public agency debt bearers. Bond Counsel has provided that policy that was provided by the District and after some modifications by Hagman, he has provided it to the Board. Hagman recommended adopting the policy as provided. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Debt Management Policy as provided - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Consider Refinance Proposal: Hagman reported that FieldmanRollap (F/R) effort to find a placement agent firm resulted in bids from only two firms (Brandis Tallman and Hilltop Securities). F/R recommended accepting the Hilltop Securities bid at \$15,000. This is primarily due to their local experience and placement experiences of this size. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To hire Hilltop Securities to lenders - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Resolution 2020-02 – Attesting to the right to collect Land Based assessments and authorize collection through the County Tax Rolls. Hagman reported Kathy is filling out the required paperwork and we will bring this back at the next meeting as stated earlier.

Resolution 2020-03 – Recognizing Kenny Hirabayashi and naming the reservoir in his honor Hagman reported Kathy is filling out the required paperwork and we will bring this back at the next meeting as stated earlier.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 2020-03 Recognizing Kenny Hirabayashi and naming a District Reservoir in his honor - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Purchase SUV for Staff Engineer – Hagman reported that the Staff Engineer will need to be able to get around to attend meetings and meet requirements of his job. Hagman recommends the District purchasing

a small SUV for this purpose as opposed to paying the Engineer to use his personal vehicle. Board asked for executive discussion and dismissed all staff aside from Hagman. After considerable discussion, staff was asked to return, and the following action was taken after executive discussion:

Motion: To use reserves and purchase a small SUV as a District Pool Vehicle - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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 (#13971 – 14041) February 11, 2020 to March 10, 2020 in the amount of \$183,445.52, and payroll for February 2020 in the amount of \$80,411.06 for a total disbursement of \$263,856.78.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. Financial Reports

Hagman presented the financial statements and reports and answered questions.

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

FWA Issues – Director Brownfield and Hagman reported on FWA issues.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold and GM Hagman provided a verbal update on FPA efforts.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanesio and 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.

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 3:50 pm and the Board heard a written report from Counsel on cases noted and came out of closed session at 4:30 pm. After coming out of closed session, 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 (Reynolds/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary