

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2024

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, Gutierrez, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Milanesio

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Bennett (Sr Analyst), Doud (Counsel), Rynsburger, 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 October 8, 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 September 10, 2024 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, Regular Board meeting, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:25 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:14 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 that cleanup on 5th Avenue is completed, and 1st Avenue is almost done. There was considerable discussion on the drywells that will be installed at the 5th Avenue recharge basin.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the September 2024 water report. Deliveries were 4,029 acre-feet in September.

District Water Recharge Projects: AGM Hunter reported that Lewis Creek project is completed with the final payment being made to Superior Ag. The final project completion report is filed with DWR with the request for grant reimbursement.

SCADA System Upgrades: AGM Hunter noted that the upgrade is behind schedule. We are still on the old SCADA system as they test and work through the problems that have come up with the new system.

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 continues to be tabled until counsel has policy to review.

B. New Action Items

HEARING - Proposed General Manager Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget: President Arnold opened the hearing at 3:25 pm. GM Hagman gave a detailed review of the proposed FY2025 Budget with updates on the need for new reserves and revenues from water deliveries. GM Hagman answered questions and after discussion, President Arnold closed the hearing at 3:47 pm. The following action was then taken:

Motion: To adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget as presented - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Gutierrez - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – (Board to set Rate for CY2025 Assessments): The Board sat as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment. GM Hagman reviewed how the assessment is equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the district membership and set in resolution on November 16, 2017. The rate is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2025 Budget. FY2025 assessment is capped at \$104.13 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2025 Assessment rate at \$104.13 per acre – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Year End Maintenance: AGM Hunter asked the Board to defer this item until the next meeting.

Administrative Issues: GM Hagman noted that Director Milanesio is resigning as of the end of 2024 and there is only one applicant, Andy Rynsburger for that board position who will be appointed in lieu of an election.

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 (#17143 – 17194) September 11, 2024 to October 8, 2024 in the amount of \$1,096,148.26 and payroll for September 2024 in the amount of \$130,022.82 for a total disbursement of \$1,226,171.08 - 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield - 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 AGM Hunter who commented on a couple open session items. The FWA Board approved the FY2025 OM&R Budget and a 1/7% COLA for staff.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – No FPA meeting in October.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) – GM Hagman provided an update and reported that the EKGSa board set a AY 2025 allocation and approved the 2nd further amended GSP for a 30-day public comment period (October 3rd to November 3rd, 2024).

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 4:08 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary