

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2018

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanese

Directors Absent: Adam

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel)

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for September 11, 2018 as provided

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

Public Comment

Members of the Board, Staff and the Public were invited to comment; no comment was provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the August 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting as presented

1st DePaoli and 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: Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. He noted that the 88.4-4.8S lateral will be down for about a week due to a split pipe. Staff has kept most lines being down to a minimum, but in a recent staff meeting the maintenance crew noted this year's leaks seem to be much more than usual.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reported that the District 889 AF of recaptured water in San Luis Reservoir and he is working on plans to manage that supply.

District Improvement Projects: GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects).

Micro Basin Installment Effort: GM Hagman reported that the wells recharge rates are improving. The smaller well is taking more water (35 GPM) than the larger well (15 GPM).

But each has improved from the less than 10 GPM originally tested. This means we are putting about 72,000 gallons a day into the ground.

B. New Action Items

Draft FY2019 District Budget: GM Hagman provided the budget to the Board. The Board and Hagman developed ideas and recommendations to consider for bringing the budget back next month as proposed. In particular, the Board wanted the pumping plant modernization and GSA impacts in the budget. The Board also asked Hagman to develop a multiyear capital plan for the Board to consider as well. Hagman noted he would do his best in getting that in the proposed budget for the Board to review next month. Hagman also asked the Board to take action and set a Budget Hearing for October 9, 2018. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To set October 9, 2018 as a budget hearing to coincide with the regular Board meeting

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

Set Board of Equalization (BOE) Date: GM Hagman noted that the Board needs to set the FY2019 assessment rate and to do that they need to hold a BOE. He asked the Board to consider setting the BOE in conjunction with the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 9, 2018. After discussion with Hagman and Counsel, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set October 9, 2018 for the Board to meet as a Board of Equalization to consider the Assessment Rate. This BOE will coincide with the regular Board meeting in October.

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

Set Hearing Date for Unpaid Bills: The Assessor/Collector provided the Board with a list of properties delinquent in their Assessments. Hagman asked the Board to set a hearing for the public to address the Board on these delinquencies. He proposed holding the hearing in conjunction with the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on October 9, 2018. After discussion with Hagman and Counsel, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set October 9, 2018 for the Board to meet as a Board of Equalization to consider the Assessment Rate. This BOE will coincide with the regular Board meeting in October.

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

District Assessment and Water bill due dates: Hagman reported that some growers have taken excess advantage of the District's rule allowing a postmark coinciding with a due date to be on time. Staff has received bills 30 days after the due date with a postmark on it that was on the due date. Staff is recommending that the Board move the due dates for all bills to the last day of the month and that only payments made and received in the office by that date will be considered on time. After some further discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Effective December 2018 Staff is directed to move all due dates to the last day of the month and that only payments received into the office by close of business that day will be considered on time – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Miscellaneous administrative items: GM Hagman noted no accidents and no loss time injuries/illnesses at the District this past month.

- 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 (#13119 Voided, 13123 – 13164) for August 15, 2018 to September 11, 2018 in the amount of \$300,730.13, and payroll for August 2018 in the amount of \$76,118.96 for a total disbursement of \$376,849.09.

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

D. Financial Reports

Senior Analyst Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and asked the Board if there were any questions on the financial documents provided. She answered the questions that were asked.

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

Administrative Report: GM Hagman noted he had nothing to report.

FWA Issues –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold and GM Hagman reported on FPA activities.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) – Director Milanesio and GM Hagman reported on EKGSa activities.

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: GM Hagman reminded the Board of the meetings they have between today and the next Board meeting.

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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] 2 Potential Matters

The Board went into closed session to review at 3:40 PM and came out at 4:25 PM. President Arnold noted that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

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 (Brownfield/DePaoli) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary