

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2017

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Adam, Arnold, Brownfield, Milanesio

Directors Absent: DePaoli

Others present: Hagman (GM), members of the public

### Public Comment

Members of the Public were invited to comment; substantial public comment was provided.

### Minutes

The minutes for the February 13, 2017 Regular Board was presented and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting as presented 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Prior/New Action Items

#### **A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions**

*Operation and Maintenance Report:* GM Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

*Water Supply Report:* GM Hagman reported on water supply issues in the District.

*Insurance Company Safety Compliance Review:* GM Hagman indicated that there is no update on this item.

*Engineering Report:* GM Hagman presented the status on the engineering activities in the District.

*Standby Rate Review:* GM Hagman reported that he has received proposals for the Proposition 218 process from Provost & Pritchard and Keller/Wegley. After reviewing the proposals and based on costs and Tulare County experience, GM Hagman said he would work with Keller/Wegley and asked the Board if there were any problems with him using them. He will notify Dennis Keller of this decision and have a presentation and action calendar at the next Board meeting.

#### **B. New Action Items**

*Resolution 2017-02:* GM Hagman provided to the Board the resolution. This resolution is needed to begin taking Section 215 water from the USBR. GM Hagman recommended adoption. After some discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve adopt Resolution 2017-01 authorizing the Board President or the General Manager to sign any and all necessary documents or any necessary action to effectuate the agreement to Section 215 water supplies.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanese - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Water Year 2017 water rate* – GM Hagman reminded the Board that in 2016 they set the water rate at \$200 an acre foot. This per acre foot price was based on less than average supply available to allocate and sell to growers and the increased costs of Friant Water Authority, Exchange Contractor Costs and the USBR costs. Because the USBR has announced an “Uncontrolled Season” (UcS) until at least June 15<sup>th</sup> we can take all the water we want until then. Due to the large amount of supply that is available, we should set the price as low as we can to encourage use of District supply. GM Hagman suggested we temporarily reduce the price to \$75 per acre foot and not set an allocation until after we get a final allocation (after UcS). After some discussion and clarification the following action was taken:

**Motion: During Uncontrolled Season we direct the General Manager to temporarily reduce the price of Lindmore ID water to a base rate of \$75 per acre foot and allow all growers to use as much water during Uncontrolled Season at this price as they wish and such delivery of water will not count against their final allocation to be set when the Uncontrolled Season end is eminent.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*District Barbecue Date* – GM Hagman suggested we set the Annual Barbecue date for June 2, 2017 and by consent that date was set

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

### **C. Closed Session:**

President Arnold called the meeting into closed session at 3:45 PM

*Conference with Lead Negotiator agency designated Michael Hagman* – Potential purchase/sale/lease of Property, Water Rights, or Exchange Programs

*Employee Evaluation* – General Manager

President Arnold called the meeting out of closed session at 4:03 PM and noted that there was no reportable action taken.

- D. 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 (numbers 12297-12336) for February 14, 2017 to March 14, 2017 in the amount of \$142,591.31, and payroll for February 2017 in the amount of \$57,419.17 for a total disbursement of \$200,010.48.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Adam and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield- Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

#### **E. Financial Reports**

GM Hagman presented unreconciled January and February 2017 financials, the February 2017 Treasurer's Cash report, and the February 2017 Affidavit of Reconciliation. Questions were asked and answered.

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

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

*San Joaquin River Settlement and Water Contracts* –GM Hagman reported on the settlement.

*FWA Issues* –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA including the Strategic Planning/Organizational Review of FWA.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – President Arnold and GM Hagman reported on the last FPA meeting.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa)* – Director Milanesio and GM Hagman reported on the last EKGSa meeting.

*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 its meetings they had between today and the next Board meeting.

#### **Correspondence Report:**

None

#### **Other Items to be Discussed per 54954.2 (Items not appearing on the Agenda)**

No other items were discussed.

Adjourn

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There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Brownfield/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.



Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary