

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2020

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

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

Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Milanesio

Others present: Hagman (GM), Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett (Senior Analyst)

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Public Comment

None provided

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the October 13, 2020 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Board meeting– 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: Hagman/Romero reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. Although Lindmore ID was scheduled to be off on the 11th, the pumping has already been shut off and hoping to be able to deliver water until the 10th for gravity only.

Water Supply Report: Final USBR CVP Friant Division allocation has been set at 65% Class 1. There are no recommended changes to the landowner prorate. In the month of October, FWA reported deliveries of 3,833 AF to the District and LID's meters calculated 4,015 AF plus "in transit" and "mitigation" for a total of 4,169 AF and operational variances being the difference. Carryover is estimated to be about 1,200 AF. Year to date variance is approximately 2.29%.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman and Romero updated the Board on the status of the Districts authorized improvement projects.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reported Lindmore is waiting on responses from potential landowners.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Hagman reported that he had one action remaining on this item and that he will take care of it this by December.

Recharge Basin Renaming: Hagman noted that this activity will be at 2:00 pm December 8th in conjunction with the Board meeting.

Staffing and Office Space: Romero reported on the work at the old shop.

Vehicle Purchase: Still no action on purchasing the small SUV for the District Vehicle Pool.

Election of Board Members: Bennett reported that the County said we were to be on their Board agenda on November 3rd and we would hear from them.

B. New Action Items

Year End Maintenance: Extensive discussion on the anticipated work on 5th Avenue this winter replacing upper structures and remanufacturing the valves on JB2 and JB3. Hagman has engaged Ness Sanli to perform the JB replacements and to participate in figuring out a solution to the problem with the gates installed in 2017.

The JB's will be manufactured by Dan (employed by Ness Sanli). Dan is the same person who manufactured the other four JB's. This work will be done at our District Shop (240 W. Lindmore Street). He had constructed welding stands for the other JB's and the stand are now located at 240 W. Lindmore Street. He will use our shop to reduce overhead.

The gates on JB2 and JB3 will be remanufactured by Dan as well.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: The Board met with Lora Carpenter and Robert Porr (Fieldman/Rolapp) regarding debt financing. Lora/Robert answered questions relative to borrowing. Due to the District's recent refinance, Hagman noted that Fieldman/Rolapp is already under contract for debt financing advice and Hilltop Securities is under contract to provide debt placement services. Lora/Robert will engage with Hilltop Securities (Mike Cavanaugh) and get bids on borrowing up to \$8,000,000 with a ten-year term. This study effort will cost about \$35,000 and the Board is not obligated to acquire debt. But the Board will have offers of debt to consider. At the time the Board wishes to accept the terms of the debt (within the framework of the debt offer), the Board will need to take action both as a District Board and Financing Corporation Board.

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 (#14423 – 14479 voided 14422) October 14, 2020 to November10, 2020 in the amount of \$219,371.43 and payroll for October 2020 in the amount of \$100,598.63 for a total disbursement of

\$319,970.06. 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Bennett 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 updated the Board on its most recent meeting.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) – 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.

Temperance Flat MOU – GM Hagman

CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR agency designated Michael Hagman – Potential purchase/sale/lease of Property, Water Rights, or Exchange Programs (Discussion of terms and direction for Lead Negotiator)
- 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: Two.

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:01 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:42 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced that they have directed the General Manager to begin negotiating with landowners for property within or adjacent to the District's 90.4 (5th Avenue – Avenue 208) Pipeline.

Correspondence Report:

Report shared – no action

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/DePaoli) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary