

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2019

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.

Directors Present: DePaoli, Milanesio, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Arnold

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Maskell (Intern)

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for April 9, 2019 as provided - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the March 12, 2019 Regular Board meetings and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Board meeting as presented - 1st Milanesio 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 reported that staff is not able to keep up with the current leak issues on the District system. This is likely a function of the age of the system, the fact that we had two lines taking only cold canal water, and the speed at which we have had to get the lines up. After discussion Hagman informed the Board that he will need to hire a local contractor to help us get caught up. Other discussion ensued regarding the long-term mechanical health of the system and Hagman noted that he will be working with Calvin Monreal on a repair matrix and a plan to address the long-term maintenance and replacement of the system.

Water Supply Report: Hagman reported that the USBR has announced the end of uncontrolled season (UcS), kind of, on April 6, 2019. We have about 4,000 AF to move in April. He recommends not changing the District \$25 AF all you can use price. rough at least April 10. Discussion ensued regarding ways to improve demand within the District and to add places to put wet year supply.

Winter Extra-Ordinary Projects: Hagman reported that Lyle's had finished the five meters that were on the list. Brownfield pointed out, staff may have missed one of the meters that was paid for

by a District Landowner. Hagman said he would look into it and take appropriate action to correct it if possible.

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).

Status of WaterSMART grant: Hagman reported that we will have an award call in July 2019.

B. New Action Items

Posthumous Resolution 2019-XX - Resolution recognizing the service of Director Adam and thanking his family for his time and condolences to them for their loss: Hagman provided the draft resolution and Vice President DePaoli asked the Board members to take a look at the draft and let Hagman know of any suggestions before the next Board meeting.

Injury Illness Prevention Program: Hagman reminded the Board that they had approved the Injury Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) at the last meeting and that behind the IIPP, staff would develop plans for preventing exposure to injury and illness. Those plans were developed by Scott Maskell (Intern) and were available for the Board to review. Scott explained how staff identifies exposures and develops a plan to reduce or eliminate that identified exposure. He noted that there are several that are state required (ones that pretty much everyone has) and that there were several unique to the District but not isolated in terms of a potential risk. There were many that were identified in the insurance carriers risk review. So, he developed the plans that he found in State Law, found while observing maintenance actions of the employees, or visiting with employees who expressed potential exposures, or those found in the risk audit. Those were now in a binder behind the IIPP. When plans are added to the binder, the Board will be presented with a copy. The next step, as required by the IIPP, is to train employees on these plans. Scott answered several questions and the Board thanked him for such a great product.

Job Descriptions: Hagman noted that he has not prepared the Job Descriptions. He hopes to have them by next meeting.

Appointment of Lead Negotiator: Hagman noted that the Memorandum of Understanding with the IBEW represented employees is required to begin June of 2019. The District needs a lead negotiator and historically the GM has been assigned that role. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To appoint GM Hagman as the District's Lead Negotiator with the IBEW represented employees - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Weekend Schedule Change: Hagman noted that there were very few calls on Saturdays for water orders and that the operators communicate with one another on the weekend. Hagman asked the Board to consider no office staff on Saturdays any more. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to see if the phone system will forward calls to a person, not in the office, in case someone needs to request water for the following Monday, or if the guys need attention or help shutting down a line. If that were possible, Hagman was directed to have an on-call person manage that aspect and the office can be closed.

Friant Water Authority: Hagman asked that staff and the District's Friant representative could have policy direction from the Board of Directors regarding Friant's cost recovery methodology. The Board stated that their existing policy is sufficient for policy direction. That its current policy is that

all users of the canal pay for the costs of operating and maintaining the canal based on the water delivered to them as a share of the whole. This includes all water types (Class 1, Class 2, Section 215, RWA, URF, Warren Act, etc.). That they view the canal as a glass, and everyone pays based on their share of water taken.

Second to this was the discussion of a potential \$400 million “Friant Fix” (subsidence repair). After much discussion, the Board noted that since none of the Friant Contractors caused the problem, those who caused the problem should pay for it. If they won’t and we can’t compel them by court action to pay for it, then Friant fixing the canal using Friant Contractor dollars is not affordable and we should speak openly and frankly opposing it being fixed by Friant Contractor dollars.

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 (#13455 – 13498) March 13, 2019 to April 9, 2019 in the amount of \$473,026.97, and payroll for March 2019 in the amount of \$77,539.29 for a total disbursement of \$550,566.26. - 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 pointed out a few corrections.

Reports and Discussion on meetings attended 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) – No updates were provided.

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: Not discussed.

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 LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Hagman) re: MOU with IBEW –
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

The Board opted not to go into closed session but Directed Hagman to begin developing talking points for the negotiations and provide the Board with the current negotiated MOU at 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

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 4:35 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary