

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2019

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Milanesio

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

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, 2019 as provided – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the September 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting – 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli – 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.

Water Supply Report: Hagman provided the monthly report. Hagman noted a substantial variance from Friant's delivery report and the District's billing. Hagman noted the district will have close to 7,000 AF of carryover after the water season ends and there was lengthy discussion regarding selling or transferring some of the carryover in this year.

Motion #1: To contact SCID to sell approximately 500 acre feet at \$100 per acre foot – 1st Reynolds and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Motion #2: To contact PID to work out an exchange of up to 3,000 acre feet – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

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). Hagman noted we are now building the Junction Box #6 (JB 6). It will be ready to install when the site is ready.

Status of WaterSMART grant: Bennett reported that she is working on the first annual performance and financial report that is due October 30, 2019.

Recharge Policy: Regarding the development of a District Policy on this subject, Counsel Mauritsen is reworking the policy and recommending Lindmore ID use the current one and adopt the new, revised policy before next water season.

Water Recharge 2019: Hagman reported that there were two growers that used the program in September and staff is working with Sun Pacific readings to correct the error on their original readings.

Mini Recharge Basin: Hagman and District Engineer Monreal are working with the County and Regional Water Quality Control Board on what is needed for these projects to be implemented. In addition, Counsel Mauritsen is developing a legal brief on what may be required per CEQA or NEPA.

Personnel Policies and Procedures: Counsel Mauritsen continues to work with Special Counsel Berglund.

Job Descriptions: Hagman noted that he does not yet have job descriptions developed.

EKGSA Agreement: EKGSA Board of Directors approved the agreement for Lindmore ID to share employee resources. EKGSA expects approximately 2.0 FTE's as a condition of the agreement along with some annual meetings and an understanding of what LID will be providing. In the Lindmore ID FY2020 proposed budget, are the funds to hire the staff needed to meet the intent of the agreement. The Budget also proposes annual total compensation to Lindmore ID in the amount of \$350,000.

B. New Action Items

1. **HEARING:** Unpaid FY2019 Assessments and Unpaid FY2018 Water Bills (Board to consider directing staff to place property liens on property that has not paid the FY2019 Assessments or for FY2018 Water Bills outstanding) – **Affected property owners can petition the Board.** The Board opened the hearing. There were no affected property owners in attendance and after some discussion, the Board closed the hearing and the following action was taken:

Motion: To direct staff to Lien properties that have unpaid FY2019 Assessments and/or unpaid FY2018 Water Bills – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

2. **HEARING:** General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2020) – **Public can address the Board on budget items and budget in total. Budget will affect the setting of the FY2020 Assessments.** Board opened the hearing. There were no public in attendance and after Hagman reviewed the FY2020 Proposed Budget and addressed all questions and comments, the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt the FY2020 proposed budget as presented – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

3. **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:** Board will sit as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the District membership and set in resolution November 16, 2017
 - Public Hearing on land-Based Assessment
 - Consider approval of Land-Based Assessment

Hagman reviewed how the assessment is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2020 Budget. FY2020 assessment is capped at \$96.59 per acre. The Board requested that the Friant Division Districts be surveyed to compare assessment and water rates. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2020 Assessment rate at \$96.59 – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

4. Lindmore ID Year End Maintenance and March 1 Start Up Date Considerable discussion was had on starting the District water on February 1 instead of the historical start date of March 1. The Board asked Hagman to check with the operations crew on their take on how that change would affect the system.

5. *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 (#13722 – 13774) September 13, 2019 to October 8, 2019 in the amount of \$479,747.63, and payroll for September 2019 in the amount of \$73,813.01 for a total disbursement of \$553,560.64. - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. Financial Reports

Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and answered questions.

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

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

FWA Issues –GM Hagman noted that there was nothing to report.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold/GM Hagman noted there was no meeting in September.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman reported on EKGSA activities under the EKGSA Agreement agenda item.

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: Meetings were covered.

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 – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] - Number of Potential Cases: One
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Michael Hagman – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 4:15 pm and out at 4:29 pm. The Board announced there was no reportable action.

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 (DePaoli/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary