

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2023

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, Milanesio, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Gutierrez

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), members of the public.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the October 10, 2023, Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting agenda with the modification to move the Closed Session to the end of the meeting - 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

Staff presented the minutes for the September 12, 2023 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Board meeting, 1st Milanesio 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: AGM Hunter reviewed the status of operations and maintenance including repairs to the 93.2E North Reservoir, where all the communication controls were torn out by vandals. Hunter discussed the district winter maintenance program that has been developed for the time the FKC canal is de-watered.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the September 2023 water report noting that the USBR recorded 8,290-acre feet were delivered to Lindmore ID. Recharge totals to date are 6,239-acre feet.

District Water Recharge Projects: AGM Hunter reported on district recharge projects and now the CDFW has permitted the Lewis Creek recharge project. Hunter estimated that the project will be completed by March 1, 2024.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): GM Hagman updated the board on the progress made for this effort.

B. New Action Items

HEARING – FY2024 Manager’s Proposed Budget (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2024): Board opened the hearing. Hagman provided a walkthrough of the GM Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Hagman addressed questions and comments from the Board and others in the room. No public provided comment and the hearing was closed at 3:32 PM. After the hearing the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget as presented. - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Board of Equalization - (Board to set Rate for CY2024 Assessments): The Board sat as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment. Hagman reviewed how the assessment is equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the district membership and set in resolution on November 16, 2017. The rate is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2024 Budget. FY2024 assessment is capped at \$104.13 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2024 Assessment rate at \$104.13 per acre – 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

HEARING – Unpaid Water bills (Board to consider placing liens against associated property): Board opened the hearing. Bennett reviewed with the Board the four parcels with unpaid 2022 water charges that were presented at the September meeting. There were no affected property owners in attendance, and none responded to the notices sent out notifying owners of potential liens. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To place liens on the designated landowners’ property for unpaid 2022 water bills – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Administrative Items: Nothing to report.

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 (#16372 – 16440) September 13, 2023 to October 10, 2023 in the amount of \$1,504,475.56 and payroll for September 2023 in the amount of \$126,450.08 for a total disbursement of \$1,630,925.64 - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Senior Analyst Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports.

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

FWA Issues –AGM Hunter reported on Friant meetings.

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

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman briefly reported on the EKGSA activities.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

Nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION (moved to the end Reynolds/Milanesio M/S/P):

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL [Government Code Section 54957.9]
- 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 LEAD NEGOTIATOR Michael GM Hagman – Avenue 224 @ Noall Reservoir, easement, lease, purchase, trade. [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 3:22 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:56 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Other Items to be Discussed per 54954.2 (Items not appearing on the agenda)

No action.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:56 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary