

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

July 09, 2024

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, Gutierrez, Milanesio, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM),

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for July 9, 2024, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

- a. Staff presented the minutes for the June 11, 2024 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting, 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER
[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.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:05 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:30 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions / discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: AGM Hunter reported the system was fully operational with ongoing leak repairs needed. Deliveries were 8,862 acre-feet in June, and through July 10th, July deliveries are 2,762 acre-feet.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the June 2024 water report, and the Bureau of Reclamation's handling of uncontrolled season for the districts. Hagman noted that Friant had asked for 80% and 90% Class 1 allocation schedules as the Bureau works through the determination of the remaining allocation from the uncontrolled season.

Motion: For AY 2024, Board directs Hagman to define a “pool shut off” date of August 31, 2024. Landowners are required to turn allocated water into the “pool” by August 31, 2024, or use that supply by February 28, 2025. Any unused water will be billed to the landowner in March.

District Water Recharge Projects: AGM Hunter reported that Lewis Creek delivered 1,297-acre feet in May and June. Construction will be completed in August, and a final project completion report will be filled with DWR with request for grant reimbursement.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): GM Hagman reported that a new effort has gained traction that involves our CVP partners in the Kaweah subbasin and Delta View. Hagman noted that the process is in the early stages and will report details once actionable items are available.

B. New Action Items

SCADA System Upgrade: AG Hagman provided a history of Lindmore's SCADA system which was purchased in 2010, noting that no significant updates had been made since the original design. AGM Hunter relayed that due to current limitations in the system, not all staff can access the SCADA system when needed to deliver water. In addition, a review of the hardware and software platform is warranted.

Motion: To allocate up to \$75,000.00 for the purposes of SCADA upgrades. - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Gutierrez - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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 (#16959 – 17013) June 12, 2024 to July 9, 2024 in the amount of \$826,961.01 and payroll for June 2024 in the amount of \$124,259.07 for a total disbursement of \$951,220.08 - 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

GM Hagman reviewed the financial statements and reports.

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

Friant Water Authority (FWA) – FWA report was provided by Hagman / Hunter.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – FPA report was provided by Hagman.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – AGM Hunter provided an update, noting the historical month that June was for the Kaweah Subbasin and EKGSA. The Amended GSP was released for public comment, the Kaweah Subbasin Mitigation Program and each GSA’s Mitigation Plan were completed, online webinar and in person public presentations with the SWRCB staff and managers of the GSA were held, in person and online webinar with SWRCB were held, and the GSA provided two tours the SWRCB of the Kaweah Subbasin which highlighted the efforts taken to meet SGMA sustainability goals.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

Nothing to report.

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

No action taken.

Return to Closed Session

President Arnold returned the Board into closed session at 3:57 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:20 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary