

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2017

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Adam, Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hylton (Auditor), Keller (Engineer), members of the public

Public Comment

Members of the Public were invited to comment; substantial public comment was provided.

Minutes

The minutes for the March 14, 2017 Regular Board was presented and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting as presented
1st DePaoli and 2nd Adam - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: GM Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reported on water supply issues in the District.

Insurance Company Safety Compliance Review: GM Hagman indicated that there is no update on this item.

Engineering Report: GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Basin, City of Lindsay and JB Rehabilitation projects).

B. New Action Items

Proposition 218 Process: Engineer Dennis Keller presented the Proposition 218 process schedule and estimated costs. After considerable discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: To direct Engineer Keller to proceed with the calendar and the 218 process for consideration of an additional land assessment.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2016 Audited Financial Statements: – Auditor Dennis Hylton provided the Board with his audit of the District’s financial statements and noted no material deficiencies. After presentation of the Audit and some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To accept the audited financial statements from Auditor Dennis Hylton as presented.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Results of Closed Session Negotiations from February 14, 2017 – GM Hagman reported that the District purchased thirty acres of land located on the northeast corner of Avenue 208 and Road 212 for the price of \$300,000 plus \$3,057.33. there was some concern by a member of the public that the agenda from the 14th did not list the address or clearly describe the location of the property in the “Closed Session” annotation. That oversight was noted and will be corrected in future land purchase negotiations.

Engineering Efforts – GM Hagman reported to the Board that the District submitted its 5-year Water Management Plan to the USBR in 2016. The Plan used to satisfy our management plan reporting requirements for both the Federal and State governments. However, with the passage of SBx7-7 we are required to submit a calibration process and drought plan as addendums to the federal plan. These plans need to be stamped by an engineer. After some discussion and by consensus GM Hagman was told to proceed with that activity within the existing fiscal year budget.

The following action was taken after a brief closed session related to “Employee Evaluation – General Manager”

Consider a change or temporary variance to the District Sick and Vacation Leave Policy – GM Hagman requested that the Board consider allowing employees to transfer up to 40 hours of vacation or sick leave to another employee on a case by case basis. After some discussion, the following action took place:

Motion: Management is permitted to allow employees a transfer of up to 40 hours of their accrued vacation or leave to another employee and such incidents are to be brought before the board prior to allowing it in the future.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

A member of the public expressed concern that the Board went into closed session under the annotation of evaluating the general manager, then came out of closed session and then immediately took this action. It was explained that the purpose of the closed session was to evaluate the general manager, which includes decisions he makes. The general manager did not request this evaluation to be performed in open session. The action

taken above in open session could have relevance to the General Manager evaluation and further concern should be directed to the District's legal counsel.

Miscellaneous administrative items: GM Hagman noted no accidents or loss time injuries/illnesses at the District this past month.

C. Closed Session:

This item was taken out of order as noted above. President Arnold called the meeting into closed session briefly at about 3:20 PM and back out of closed session at 3:25 PM

Employee Evaluation – General Manager

President Arnold noted that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

- D. 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 (numbers 12337-12377) for March 15, 2017 to April 11, 2017 in the amount of \$163,000.64, and payroll for March 2017 in the amount of \$63,512.91 for a total disbursement of \$226,513.55.

1st Adam and 2nd Brownfield- Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

E. Financial Reports

GM Hagman presented unreconciled February and March 2017 financials, the March 2017 Treasurer's Cash report, and the March 2017 Affidavit of Reconciliation. Questions were asked and answered.

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

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

San Joaquin River Settlement and Water Contracts –GM Hagman reported on the settlement.

FWA Issues –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA including the Strategic Planning/Organizational Review of FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold and GM Hagman reported on the last FPA meeting.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanesio and GM Hagman reported on the last EKGSA meeting.

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: GM Hagman reminded the Board of its meetings they had between today and 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 4:30 pm.



Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary