

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2019

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.  
Directors Present: Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio, Reynolds  
Directors Absent: None  
Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for August 13, 2019 as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the July 9, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After some discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Regular Board meeting as corrected - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - 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 this is likely due to staff not collecting the running meters. It will likely catch up in the next few months.

*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 have been awarded the grant. He also explained the work Kathy had to do to fit information into boxes for the USBR. One of the challenges was that the USBR is keeping \$10,000 from the grant (or at least budgeting it) for "environmental review". Ness has ordered the parts.

*Friant Water Authority Cost Recovery Methodology:* Hagman noted that the cost recovery method was approved at the July FWA meeting with minor tweaks. One was to bring project amounts that are greater than

50% of the OM&R budget to the Board for potential adjustments and the other was and that this method begins in the 2020 Fiscal Year.

*Recharge Policy:* Regarding the development of a District Policy on this subject, Counsel Mauritson was not able to make the meeting except potentially a call later in the meeting. She and I are working through a bit of a challenge on the policy because of the way the District requires the use of surface supply. We expect to figure it out. I think for the rest of the year Aubrey is saying we just run with what we have. We will develop a policy that will satisfy her legal concerns and still accomplish the mandate to use all allocated supply.

*Water Recharge 2019:* Hagman reported that there were 13 growers who signed agreements on the water and three are continuing to place water in their projects. Total acre feet delivered to date is 155.19 AF.

*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 Mauritson is developing a legal brief on what may be required per CEQA or NEPA.

*Personnel Policies and Procedures:* Counsel Mauritson continues to work with Special Counsel Berglund. She will report at the next Board meeting.

*Job Descriptions:* Hagman noted that he does not have job descriptions developed yet and noted it would likely be in the Fall. This is due to the workload on GSP and other District issues.

## **B. New Action Items**

*Shared Resource Agreement with EKGSA –* Hagman reported that the EKGSA Board approved a two-year agreement with the District for Governance and Implementation (FY2020 and FY2021). There were some conditions. One was that representatives of both agencies meet at least twice a year to determine if the effort is working for both agencies. Two is that LID will be able to identify at least two Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) will be able to focus on the GSA. This will be accomplished by hiring an engineer and a flexible analyst. Kathy will be primarily working on GSA. The engineer will be shared. The analyst will be working primarily on Lindmore ID. I will be working on big picture for both agencies. Board asked Hagman to come back with a budget and plan at the next Board meeting to discuss further.

*Recharge Reservoir Name:* Currently we have been calling the District's recharge basins on Avenue 208 "Ireton Ponds" because that is who the land was purchased from. Staff is asking that the Board consider formally naming it Hirabayashi Recharge Basins to honor the work of Kenny Hirabayashi in the District. The Board directed Hagman to put it together and bring it back to the Board.

*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 (#13646 – 13691) July 10, 2019 to August 13, 2019 in the amount of \$286,560.03, and payroll for July 2019 in the amount of \$79,530.08 for a total disbursement of \$366,090.11. - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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* –Director Brownfield/GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – President Arnold/GM Hagman reported that there was no FPA Board meeting in July.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA)* – Director Milanesio/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:* 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 LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Hagman) re: MOU with IBEW –  
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:43 pm and out at 3:55 pm and noted 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/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary