

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2019

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Berglund (Special Counsel), Dom Pitigliano (Landowner)

The Lindmore Irrigation District Financing Corporation portion of the joint meeting ended at 2:22 PM and the Lindmore Irrigation District regular meeting began. Separate minutes from these minutes are provided for Financing Corporation meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for December 11, 2019 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

Dom Pitigliano wanted to understand why the District can't deliver more water to his turnout. Hagman noted that it is operated at capacity. The line leaks a lot. Changing the flow would require substantial investment to increase line size ahead of the lateral Mr. Pitigliano is on. No other direction was given to Hagman.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the November 12, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Board meeting – 1st Brownfield and 2nd 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 final delivery numbers and November report. It appears the District will carryover about 4500 AF of water into CY2020.

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). The only engineering activity right now is for 5th Avenue's Junction Box #6 (JB 6). Hagman reported that most of that work will be done by the end of January.

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

Water Recharge 2019: Hagman provided the report for the total program use through November.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reported on the success of Sun Pacific's well. The Board continued to express interest in finding a well site for the District. Hagman noted that there are a lot of projects in line. He noted that when the engineer comes on, we can work more on it then. He did, however, note that District consulting engineer had reached out to the USEPA and we now have the process we need to comply with the develop the wells.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Special Counsel Berglund reported that in closed session we will address the concerns on the MOU and Personnel policies. However, she noted that there were basically three types of personnel policy actions that she has. She can manage most of the variances without meet and confer. The few that remain (to be discussed in closed session) are likely not going to be much of a problem.

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

Recharge Basin Renaming: Hagman noted that a sign company has been retained to create the sign by the end of March. It will be mounted at the south-west corner of the reservoir. Board members asked when the reservoir will be cleaned up. Hagman noted that Tulare ID will be doing the work before the reservoir renaming meeting. Their equipment is tied up on their sites.

Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County: Hagman noted that he has contacted Cass Cook at the County and they are going to work on it after the first of the year.

B. New Action Items

Approve the EKGSA – LID Interagency Management Agreement: Hagman provided the agreement. Vice-President DePaoli asked if removing Hagman being named makes more sense than Hagman being named specifically. It made sense to the Board. After some minor discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the Interagency Agreement as provided except to change references to Hagman into references to General Manager - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Consider Letter Loan to EKGSA for FY2020 Operations: After review of the material provided by Hagman, the Board did not want to loan money to the EKGSA. They would like to just pay their share of the EKGSA's costs and not be reimbursed for it.

Consider Service Agreement with Fieldman/Rola (FR) for bond refinancing: Hagman referred the Board to the handouts in the Board packet. FR will provide the same service it provided us in the original bond financing at a price of \$17,500 to come out when the financing occurs. This service is helpful because the District will have an individual not associated with any of the financiers or bond counsel and FR's interest will be our interests. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the agreement for services with Fieldman/Rolapp as provided - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Consider purchase of a Tier 4 diesel or gas truck to pull the backhoe: Hagman noted that if the current dump truck is in use, the backhoe can't be towed. It is also noted that the current truck is compliant because of the added particulate filter. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the purchase of a sufficient truck for up to \$50,000 - 1st Milanesio and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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 (#13817 - 13866) November 18, 2019 to December 10, 2019 in the amount of \$366,112.22, and payroll for November 2019 in the amount of \$73,478.54 for a total disbursement of \$439,590.76. - 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. No FWA Board meeting in November.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold reported that this will be FPA's most lucrative year. It would have been more, but we had to create another reserve and pay for some additional construction costs after the legal settlements.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman previously 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 4:30 pm and out of closed session at 4:39 pm.

After coming out of closed session, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the AFL-CIO IBEW Local 1245 and the Lindmore Irrigation District for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 - 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

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/DePaoli) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary