

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2022

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Milanesio, Brownfield

Directors Absent: Reynolds

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Calvin Monreal (P&P) and Miguel Jimenez (P&P), 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 agenda for April 12, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Public Comment

No public comments

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the March 8, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### 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: Two.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:03 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:23 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

## Prior/New Action Items

### A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

*Operation and Maintenance Report:* Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts, noting that repairs are going steady.

*Water Supply Report:* The district meters show 27-acre feet delivered in March. USBR delivery totals were reported at 70-acre feet. That is a 77% variance and is mostly due to filling lines, meter variance between the Friant meter and the district's totalized meters. The USBR initial allocation of 15% class 1 for Friant Division Districts remains but is tenuous. The USBR's handling of the available water in Millerton is grim.

*Water Rate:* Hagman reminded the Board that the current approved rate for water in the district is \$295.00 per AF (approved by Prop 218 protest process). At the last meeting the board approved 0.32 AF per acre prorated to growers at \$212.00 per AF for non-pumped water. Although Hagman suggested waiting to run water until May 2022, the board directed deliveries begin on March 16, 2022, and an allocation announcement went out to all growers.

*District Water Recharge Projects:* Hagman reviewed the history of each district improvement project for groundwater recharge. Both Hagman and Hunter provided progress reports of each project to the board and actions to consider proceeding.

*Staffing & Office Space Update:* Nothing to report

### B. New Action Items

*Resolution 2022: Resolution Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll:* Hagman explained to the Board that this resolution is needed to reaffirm to Tulare County the district will continue to have assessments collected by them. The following action was taken:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution No 2022-02 A Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Certifying to the County of Tulare the Validity of the Legal Process Used to Place Direct Charges (Special Assessment) on the Secured Tax Roll. – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Spring Well Report:* Hagman reviewed the 2022 Spring well report with the board noting that dry conditions and lack of CVP surface supply, our groundwater elevations have gone down.

*Lindsay Recharge Project:* Hagman reviewed the project with the City of Lindsay and reviewed the NOE for that project. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the Notice of Exemption for the Lindsay Recharge Basin and use a 12" line back to the 2.3N Lateral off of the 88.4 Main line – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Lewis Creek Recharge Project:* Hagman reviewed the Lewis Creek Project that is to develop an access on the FKC to release directly into Lewis Creek. He noted that the board needed to choose a

conveyance design and authorize full engineering completion. After discussion, which included Provost & Pritchard's engineers Calvin Monreal and Miguel Jimenez who described the design options, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the alternative siphon box structure option that was presented by Provost & Pritchard engineers and complete engineering on the project – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Landowner Insulation Policy:* Hagman noted staff concern about insulation done by landowners. He concurred with their concerns and recommended staff install insulation during the winter when very little water is being moved.

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* Bennett reported that the FY2021 Audit was completed, and the auditor would be presenting at the May board meeting. Hagman brought up the discussion of the necessity of having the office open on Saturday mornings. With the recent decision to have the system become operational year-round, this is one thing to consider eliminating. After discussion, staff was directed to notify growers that starting in May, there will not be someone in the office to take water orders on Saturday – orders for the following Monday will be taken all day Friday.

### **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 (#15315 – 15373) March 9, 2022 to April 12, 2022 in the amount of \$347,158.86 and payroll for March 2022 in the amount of \$100,666.58 for a total disbursement of \$447,825.44. 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports and answered questions from the Board.

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

*FWA Issues* – Director Brownfield and GM Hagman updated the Board on the activities at Friant Water Authority.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – Director Arnold reported on the Board meeting for FPA in March. There will be a check to the District for March power.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa)* – GM Hagman reported on EKGSa.

*Report on Other Meetings/Issues:* GM Hagman reported on meetings related to the district, water issues, and or the Friant/CVP.

*Temperance Flat MOU* – GM Hagman reported no action on this topic since the last meeting

### **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

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

A Special Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 10:00 am.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary