

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 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:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel), Hylton (Auditor)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for June 11, 2019 as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the May 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting and May 21, 2019 Special Meeting. Corrections were made to the May 21 minutes that were provided regarding a motion that was not made by Milanesio (he was absent). After those corrections, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting and May 21, 2019 Special meeting as corrected - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Audit

Dennis Hylton (Auditor) provided the FY2018 Annual Audit of the District's Financial Statements. He noted no material exceptions. After presenting the audit and highlighting section of the Audit (including his opinion), he took questions from the Board of Directors. After the questions, the following motions was made:

**Motion: To accept the audited Fiscal Year 2018 financial statements as provided by Dennis Hylton, CPA - 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield 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. Hagman reported that staff, with the help of Vollmer's crew were able to get a handle on the leaks this year. Approximately \$47,000 was paid to Vollmer for leak repairs.

*Water Supply Report:* Hagman provided the monthly report. He noted that the USBR has announced the extension of uncontrolled season (UcS), to June 30th. The Friant-Kern Canal is currently in a Class 2 Prorate. Which potentially limits the exchange deals with Lindsay-Strathmore ID (Where LSID gets two AF of Lindmore Class 2 water and Lindmore gets one AF of LSID Class 1 this year).

*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 will have an award call in July 2019.

*Friant Water Authority Cost Recovery Methodology:* Hagman noted that the cost recovery method was approved for public review by the FWA nearly two months ago. This issue came up for the “Friant Fix”. The Board established a policy noting two things: 1. Lindmore views the canal as one contiguous complete system and we should pay for our fair share of the entire operations and maintenance of the canal based upon the District’s deliveries as a share of the total deliveries. 2. The District opposes using District dollars to repair the subsidence of the Friant-Kern Canal due to the actions others have taken to harm the canal elevations (overdraft). At last month’s Board meeting, the Board was presented with an impact analysis and a proposal for participation in the “Friant Fix”. The proposal identified how much more Lindmore would be paying for general administration, operations, and maintenance. The Board modified their policy to reflect that increased cost could be used to offset repair of the canal. This amounted to about \$90 million from Friant Contractors and Lindmore’s position is that it would pay its share of that amount. That opinion was provided at the Friant meeting. Friant’s action was to approve up to \$50 million of Friant membership dollars to repair the canal. This will likely go to offset any shortfall not derived from other agencies participating financially.

*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**

*Resolution 2019-04 - Resolution Authorizing the District to Enter into a Funding Agreement with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District an Alternative Fueled Vehicle Funding Grant, Designating Authorized Signatory and Agreeing to the Terms of the Grant. After some discussion the following action was taken:*

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2019-04 – As described above – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield and Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Discussion and direction on Water Banking Projects:* The Board received a proposal from GM Hagman regarding a new approach to the dry well. Its cost would be approximately \$25,000. The design is such that a 40-60-foot sixty-inch hole will be bored into the ground without cooling or casing and back filled with rock. A 20-foot 12”-18” pipe sit in the center. Water will be delivered into the pipe and fill the underground hole with the objective of adding about 225 GPM of water into the ground. After considerable discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To authorize GM Hagman to spend up to \$25,000 on a dry well – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds and 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 (#13548 – 13588) May 15, 2019 to June 11, 2019 in the amount of \$419,022.88, and payroll for May 2019 in the amount of \$76,647.60 for a total disbursement of \$495,670.48. - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

#### **D. Financial Reports**

Senior Analyst Bennett presented the financial statements and reports

#### **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 the FPA Board meeting.

*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 2:32 pm and out at 3:34 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/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary