

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2022

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), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Rachele Berglund, (Special Counsel), 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 August 9, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1st Reynolds and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comments

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the July 12, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL [Government Code Section 54957.9]
- 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 Rachele Berglund – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:05 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:00 pm. It was announced that there was no reportable action 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 and status of discussions with landowners for easements needed to convey wet year supply to 5th Ave recharge basin.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and the USBR has declared additional supply up to a 30% allocation to Friant Division Districts. Following Board authorization in June, Hagman sent notices out increasing the district allocation to .55-acre foot per acre to Lindmore ID growers. In the month of July, FWA reported deliveries of 1,942 AF and LID's meters calculated 1,799 AF. Some of the difference is attributable to in transit, however, due to low flows the two largest issues can be attributed to district meter vs. USBR meter variances (a result of low flows) and due to low demands while trying to control the gravity system there are operational spills.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hunter provided updates to the district recharge projects.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

Landowner Recharge Projects: A revised district recharge agreement has not been completed for board review.

B. New Action Items

FY2023 Manager's Draft Budget: Hagman reviewed the FY2023 draft budget with the board focusing on the variance analysis and noting the reasons for charging the maximum assessment rate to assessable land in the district. The draft budget will be reviewed again at the September 13th board meeting and the board will consider setting a Board of Equalization date.

Award Construction Bid: Lindsay Recharge Project: Hunter reviewed the bids received on the Lindsay basin recharge project and said the lowest bidder was Floyd Johnston Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$319,576.00. Hagman then noted that General Counsel provided *Resolution 2022-04: Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Board of Directors Authorizing the Bid Award for Construction of the Lindsay Recharge Project* for the board to award the construction bid if they so choose. After discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2022-04: A Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Board of Directors Authorizing the Bid Award for Construction of the Lindsay Recharge Project – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Preparing 320 acres for rain event prior to construction of new basins: Board asked if the basins could be developed quicker to get space available for potential wet year supply in 2023. Hagman noted that the construction was waiting on easements for the pipeline. Board asked if there was a chance that the pipeline/ditch will not get installed. Hagman said, there was only a slight chance if we failed in eminent domain efforts across the alignment. He noted that without this pipeline/ditch

the only supply available would be an eight inch turnout at the site. Board directed Hagman to get the basin designed and the effort moving ASAP.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Nothing to report.

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 (#15535 – 15584) July 13, 2022 to August 9, 2022 in the amount of \$1,106,884.83 and payroll for July 2022 in the amount of \$100,595.45 for a total disbursement of \$1,207,480.28. 1st Reynolds and 2nd DePaoli - 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 the July FPA meeting was cancelled.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman and PM Hunter reported on current EKGSA activities.

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

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

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

No action.

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

No action.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary