### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# **January 11, 2022**

# **Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Arnold (zoom), DePaoli, Milanesio, Brownfield, Reynolds

**Directors Absent:** 

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager) Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett

(Senior Analyst), member 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 January 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment

### **Minutes**

The minutes were presented for the December 14, 2021, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting and the December 22, 2021, Emergency Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, Regular Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 22, 2021, Emergency Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds — Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Prior/New Action Items**

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

Operation and Maintenance Report: Romero reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: The USBR declared another 10% allocation on December 21<sup>st</sup>; the district delivered 392-acre feet to reservoirs in December. Hagman noted we received 7.5 inches of rain by the end of December which is close to 70% of annual rainfall.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman/Romero updated that Board on the Projects.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman/Romero reported on the status of the recharge basin engineering work.

Flyway Grant Application: Hagman reported that the CEQA has been circulated and January 17, 2022 is the end of the comment period. At the time of this meeting, there were no comments.

Shared Resources Agreement with EKGSA: Hagman updated the Board on agreement with EKGSA noting that EKGSA approved \$145,000.00 for Program Manager, Chris Hunter. His time will be split 5% for Lindmore ID and 95% EKGSA.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Hagman stated there were no updates for this project.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman discussed with the Board the plan for providing office space for Chris Hunter.

Date for meeting with Lindmore ID Landowners: The Board discussed setting a date and decided that Mike should set a date and notify Lindmore ID landowners.

Land Exchange: Hagman reported that this item is being held off.

## **B.** New Action Items

Winter Projects: Staff reported on the District projects. No action taken.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Bennett noted that the Farm Show was the week of the February board meeting. The Board moved the February 8, 2022 Board meeting to February 15, 2022 at 12:00 PM and the decision was made to hold the landowners' meeting right afterwards at 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

### 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 (#15162 – 15210) December 15, 2021 to January 11, 2022 in the amount of \$195,051.82 and payroll for December 2021 in the amount of \$100,869.25 for a total disbursement of \$295,921.10. 1st Arnold and 2nd 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 FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Arnold reported there was no Board meeting for FPA in December.

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

### **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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] - Number of Potential Cases: Two.

There was no closed session.

# **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

### 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, Vice-President DePaoli asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Reynolds/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# February 15, 2022

# Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 12:02 p.m.

Directors Present: Arnold (zoom), DePaoli, Milanesio, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), 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 February 15, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

Landowners in the public meeting objected to the Board action to move late USBR allocation of surface supplies to Tulare ID.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were presented for the January 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular Board meeting—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 on various line and reservoir repairs.

*Water Supply Report:* The district delivered 419-acre feet to reservoirs in January. Hagman reminded the Board that we received 7.5 inches of rain by the end of December which is over 65% of annual rainfall.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman updated that Board on the Projects.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reported on the status of the recharge basin development.

Flyway Grant Application: Hagman reported that the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is finished for the \$425,000 Wildlife Grant.

Shared Resources Agreement with EKGSA: Hagman noted both amendments to the Agreement were completed and getting signatures.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Nothing to report.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman discussed the staff engineer position is open and he has interviewed for that position. There was discussion on how to approach the open staff engineer position and what qualifications would best benefit the district. A second round of interviews will be conducted with Vice Chair DePaoli and the three best candidates.

#### **B.** New Action Items

Resolution 2201-01Adopt the CEQA Document and the Response Letter for the LID Multi-Benefit Basin Project": Hagman noted the district has met the objectives of CEQA with the IS/MND and comments received from the commenting agencies have been incorporated into the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program (MMRP) and would recommend the Board approve the IS/MND including the MMRP for the Multi-Benefit Basin Project. After some discussion, the Board asked that they be provided the full documents to review, and the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2201-01 A Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Authorizing the Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Multi-Benefit Basin Project – 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Main Leaks: Hagman reported there were 2 leaks on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue line and seepage on NE corner of reservoir. He was given direction to hire out the repairs on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There was discussion on the system being charged by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Hagman noted that they will shut down the reservoir recharge flows and focus on getting all the lines up immediately.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Nothing to discuss.

### 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 (#15211 – 15272) January 12, 2022 to February 15, 2022 in the amount of \$402,288.71 and payroll for January 2022 in the amount of \$103,829.34 for a total disbursement of \$506,118.05. 1st DePaoli and 2nd 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 FWA noting the SLDMWA budget for FY2022 is increasing 5% - 10%.

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

### **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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: Two.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 1:31 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 1:41 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

### 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 adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm to be continued at the meeting for Lindmore ID growers.

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### February 25, 2022

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

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

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

Directors Absent: None

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Sr Analyst)

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for February 25, 2022 Lindmore Irrigation District Special Board meeting as provided – 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

### **Public Comment**

None provided.

### **Closed Session**

# **EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER** [Government Code Section 54957.9]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:01 p.m. and the Board came out of closed session at 4:09 p.m. There was no reportable action.

### 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 (Reynolds/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Michael D. Hagman	
District Secretary	

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# March 8, 2022

# Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

This meeting is being held via video conference due to the Governor's Order regarding the Covid-19 pandemic protocol. Public had access via the agenda notice which had the call-in procedures detailed on it.

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), 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 March 8, 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 February 15, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting and the February 25, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Special Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022, Regular Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 25, 2022, Special Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli — 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 on various line and reservoir repairs. He noted that the lines that are not being repaired are charged per board request.

Water Supply Report: The district delivered 228-acre feet to reservoirs in February. The USBR initial allocation is 15% for Friant Division Districts.

Water Rate: Hagman reviewed the current USBR 15% water allocation. Hagman noted that this allocation is very tenuous due to Delta constraints and is likely to be modified. Hagman recommended against a grower allocation at this time because of the conditions noted. However, if the Board were to set a grower prorate based upon the 15% and an assumption that the district will also receive a share of URF as well as TID's share of URF, total supply available would be about 8,000 AF. This would equate to 0.32 AF per acre prorate to growers. Hagman suggested waiting to run water until May 2022. There was considerable discussion regarding an allocation to growers and when to start making water available. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve 0.32 AF per acre of land at \$212.00 per AF for non-pumped water and to start delivering March 16,  $2022 - 1^{st}$  DePaoli and  $2^{nd}$  Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman reviewed in detail the history of each district improvement project for groundwater recharge. Both Hagman and Hunter provided progress reports of each project to the board. Landowners in the meeting recommended studying a longer pipeline, a ditch, and other things not currently considered by the Board to move water to the new basin property. It was reported to the Board that using the FlyWay Grant to build a reservoir would attract birds and put the Department of Fish and Wildlife around their property and expose those property owners to some kind of risk. Hagman noted that adding any additional costs to the project would require substantial increase in rates and that the efforts currently designed were thought out and studied. The Board asked Hagman what it would cost to have an engineer investigate what it would cost to increase the pipeline to the size at JB2 all the way to the basins and what the benefit would be of doing that. Hagman said his "back of the napkin" estimate would be about \$5,000. He was told to work on that. After more discussion regarding the FlyWay Grant, the following action was taken:

Motion: To opt out of the Department of Fish & Wildlife "FlyWay Grant" that was submitted for the  $5^{th}$  Avenue Recharge Basin  $-1^{st}$  DePaoli and  $2^{nd}$  Reynolds - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

### **B.** New Action Items

Purchase Policy: Hagman was told just to keep the Board informed when he makes purchase decisions.

Landowner Insulation Policy: Hagman reported this has not been finished. No action taken.

Year-Round Operation of District Lines: Hagman opened discussion on the system becoming operational year-round and brought up suggestions of some things that need to be considered to accomplish year-round operation. In addition, he reminded the Board that Lindmore's surface supply contract from the USBR assumes that it is a supplemental supply and to be used conjunctively with groundwater. He also reminded the Board that the pipeline is old and needs to have regular downtime so that staff can perform maintenance. These reminders were taken, and the Board asked Hagman to figure out what would be needed policy wise and to provide recommendations to the Board. The Board also noted that to have year-

round operation, landowners will have to deal with additional costs as the district will need to contract work to keep up with this operation scenario.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Nothing to discuss.

### 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 (#15273 – 15314) February 16, 2022 to March 8, 2022 in the amount of \$483,153.19 and payroll for February 2022 in the amount of \$101,582.40 for a total disbursement of \$584,735.59. 1st DePaoli and 2nd 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 February. There will be a check to the District for February 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

### **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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: Two.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 3:59 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:26 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

## **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

# 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 adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

## 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [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 prorate 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. – 1st DePaoli and 2nd 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  $-1^{st}$  Brownfield and  $2^{nd}$  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  $-1^{st}$  DePaoli and  $2^{nd}$  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. 1st Brownfield and 2nd 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.

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### **April 18, 2022**

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the meeting to order @ 10:00 a.m. Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Milanesio

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter, (Program Manager), Bennett (Sr Analyst), Miguel Jimenez (P&P),

Calvin Monreal (P&P)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for April 18, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Special 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**

None provided.

### 5th Avenue Recharge Basin

Miguel Jimenez from P&P presented the alternatives for conveyance of water to the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recharge basin. After extensive discussion on the type of conveyance and costs, the board asked P&P to provide additional information needed to make a design decision at the next board meeting on May 10, 2022.

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

No other items were discussed.

### <u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Reynolds/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Michael D. Hagman	
District Secretary	

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 10, 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), Joe Mastro, (Cuttone & Mastro CPAs), 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 May 10, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments

### **Minutes**

The minutes were presented for the April 12, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting and the April 18, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Special Board meeting. After discussion the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, Regular Board meeting— 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022, Regular Board meeting— 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – 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: Two.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:03 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:27 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### FY2021 Audit

The FY2021 Audited Financial Statements were presented by Joe Mastro. After discussion and answering questions from the Board, the following action was taken:

Motion: To accept the FY2021 Audited Financial Statements  $-1^{st}$  Brownfield and  $2^{nd}$  DePaoli – 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, noting that repairs are going steady.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and how the water year is shaping up, including the USBR initial allocation of 15% class 1 for Friant Division Districts that remains but is still tenuous.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hunter and Miguel Jimenez (P&P) provided progress reports on both the Mariposa and Lewis Creek water recharge projects.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

### **B.** New Action Items

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recharge Basin Conveyance: Miguel Jimenez (P&P) presented alternatives for conveying water for recharge into the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue basin. There was a lengthy discussion and questions determining type of infrastructure and the route to use to get to the basin. Board directed Hagman to visit with the two landowners along the alignment to determine if they would work with the district on this canal.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Hagman reported the MOU with the union will expire at the end of 2022.

### 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 (#15374 – 15416) April 13, 2022 to May 6, 2022 in the amount of \$106,378.03 and payroll for April 2022 in the amount of \$96,769.97 for a total disbursement of \$203,148.00. 1st Milanesio 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 there was no Board meeting for FPA in April. There will be a check to the District for April power.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – GM Hagman reported on EKGSA and noted ET Reports are in the packet.

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.

### **CLOSED SESSION RECONVENED or RESUMED:**

President Arnold left the meeting at 3:55 pm and Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting back into closed session at 4:03 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:31 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

No action.

### <u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-President DePaoli adjourned the meeting at 4:31 pm.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

June 14, 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), Aubrey Mauritson (Counsel), Calvin Monreal (P&P),

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for June 14, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments

## **Minutes**

The minutes were presented for the May 10, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022, Regular Board meeting— 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.

• <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:01 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:25 pm. Counsel announced that the Board authorized initiation of an appeal of the trial court's judgment in City of Fresno et al. v. United States et al., Court of Federal Claims Case No. 16-276C.

### **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 there are no lines down at this time.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and how the water year is shaping up, including the USBR initial allocation of 15% class 1 for Friant Division Districts that appears to be more stable at this time. In the month of May, FWA reported deliveries of 529 AF and LID's meters calculated 465 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 and Calvin Monreal (P&P) provided technical progress reports on the Mariposa, Lewis Creek and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue water recharge projects.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

### **B.** New Action Items

Resolution 2022-03: Resolution Ordering Even-Year Board of Directors Elections; Consolidation of Elections; and Specifications of the Election Order - Bennett reported that the upcoming election cycle includes three Board members. This resolution will allow for the County to handle the election. An election is required by District charter. After some discussion, the following occurred:

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2022-03  $-1^{st}$  Reynolds and  $2^{nd}$  Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Landowner Recharge Projects: Hagman and the board reviewed the ideas related to Lindmore ID specific landowner recharge and the need for a policy. The district has a policy from 2019. Counsel is going to develop a policy for the district to provide landowners.

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 (#15417 – 15479) May 7, 2022 to June 14, 2022 in the amount of \$1,276,291.72 and payroll for May 2022 in the amount of \$100,292.51 for a total disbursement of \$1,376,584.23. 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 Program Manager Hunter updated the Board on the activities at Friant Water Authority.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Arnold reported on the May FPA meeting and there will be a check to the District for May power.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Program Manager Hunter reported on current EKGSA activities.

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)

No action.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

July 12, 2022

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m. Directors Present: Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio, Reynolds

Directors Absent: Arnold

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Rachele

Berglund, (Special Counsel), Aubrey Mauritson (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 July 12, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments

### **Minutes**

The minutes were presented for the June 14, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, Regular Board meeting— 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6]

Vice-President DePaoli called the Board into closed session at 2:02 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:04 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.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and the USBR initial allocation of 15% class 1 for Friant Division Districts is firmed up. In the month of June, FWA reported deliveries of 928 AF and LID's meters calculated 747 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.

At the time of the board meeting, the USBR announced another 5% allocation to Friant Division districts; the board discussed the USBR possibly having an additional declaration in August. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To authorize general manager Hagman to change the allocation at any time if and when the USBR declares additional allocation  $-1^{st}$  Brownfield and  $2^{nd}$  Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hagman reviewed the district recharge projects.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

Landowner Recharge Projects: Counsel discussed the draft policy with the board and will bring back next month with updates.

### **B.** New Action Items

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 (#15480 – 15534) June 15, 2022 to July 12, 2022 in the amount of \$572,486.01 and payroll for June 2022 in the amount of \$104,476.10 for a total disbursement of \$676,962.11. 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield - 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 – Hagman and Hunter updated the Board on the activities at Friant Water Authority, including the upcoming FY 2023 budget with a 20% increase.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Arnold reported the June FPA meeting was cancelled.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Program Manager 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: Director Brownfield noted he will not be able to make the FWA Finance or the Board meeting in July. Nobody was available to cover for him.

## **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

### **CLOSED SESSION RECONVENED or RESUMED:**

Vice-President DePaoli called the Board back into closed session at 3:23 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:35 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### 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, Vice-President DePaoli adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm.

### 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds 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 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— 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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  $-1^{st}$  Brownfield and  $2^{nd}$  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.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# **September 13, 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), Aubrey Mauritson (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 September 13, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

Steve Milanesio recommended we get berms up on the 320 acres and work on it now while it is dry.

### **Minutes**

Staff presented the minutes for the August 9, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, Regular Board meeting— 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6] President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:18 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:19 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 noting about 800 feet of lines have been replaced. He also explained there is a need for better shade protection in hot weather for the leak/line repair crew.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and his opinion that there is another 5 - 10% of supply that should be available to the districts, but the USBR is not going to consider another allocation unless something occurs above the reservoir that requires it. In the month of August, FWA reported deliveries of 3,525 AF and LID's meters calculated 3,150 AF. This difference is primarily in transit issues.

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 noted the FY2023 draft budget that was included in the packet has not changed since the discussion in the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and noted the board needs to set a hearing date to review the budget before the public, take comments and consider adoption. He also explained that an adopted FY2023 budget will be the basis of the FY2023 Assessment that the Board will also consider adopting at a future Board of Equalization hearing. After the review and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set a FY2023 Budget Hearing date for October 11, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Set Board of Equalization date (Board to consider staff recommendation to hold BOE on October 11, 2022): Hagman reported that the District assessment needs to be approved in October before the County of Tulare sends out the assessments. He recommended the Board set a Board of Equalization date. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the Board of Equalization date for October 11, 2022 – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Set Hearing date for Unpaid Water bills (Board to consider Staff recommendation to set a hearing of unpaid bills placing them in lien against associated property, Staff recommendation is October 11, 2022): Hagman reported to the Board that Tulare County has their own process for unpaid assessments. However, Hagman noted that the Board should set a hearing date to take objections from landowners for placing unpaid 2021 water bills in lien. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set a Hearing Date for filing of liens for October 11, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Bennett noted that the 2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice for Conflict-of-Interest Code is due, and no amendment is required for this year. The appropriate notice has been sent to Tulare County. Hagman reported on a motor vehicle accident at the house on the acreage just purchased.

#### 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 (#0800-0803; 15543; 15585 – 15641) August 10, 2022 to September 12, 2022 in the amount of \$778,624.18 and payroll for August 2022 in the amount of \$104,423.42 for a total disbursement of \$883,047.60. 1st Brownfield and 2nd 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 the August 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 4:17 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# October 11, 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 October 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Minutes**

Staff presented the minutes for the September 13, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Regular Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – 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.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6] President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:01 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:55 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: Director DePaoli noted concern over the public notice that identified the cessation of water deliveries November 21, 2022. General discussion was held that determined this was the intent of the board, but that staff should expedite and schedule the required repairs to optimize each delivery point in the system.

*Water Supply Report:* Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts noting that a total of 11,089 AF of CVP supply had been delivered and 3,728 AF remain to be delivered.

*District Water Recharge Projects:* Hunter provided updates to the district recharge projects and provided recommendation to have a tTem study performed on the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Recharge facility to direct grading and potential shallow well recharge installations. General discussion provided concurrence with recommendation as long as project schedule was not affected.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman discussed the need for an engineering technician to provide support to EKGSA. This would be an EKGSA position and Board agreed he should begin hiring process.

Staffing: Year-round Operation and no shutdown: Hagman reported on some of the foreseen difficulties with a lack of available labor hours during the Christmas holiday to maintain project efficiencies. Board reminded staff they have authorized the use of outside contractors if required.

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

### **B.** New Action Items

**HEARING:** Consider Placement of Liens on Landowners Property for Unpaid Water Bills. Board opened the hearing. Hagman presented a worksheet indicating there are two parcels with unpaid 2021 water charges. There were no affected property owners in attendance and after some discussion, the Board closed the hearing, and the following action was taken:

Motion: To place liens on the landowner's property for unpaid 2021 water bills.  $-1^{st}$  Reynolds and  $2^{nd}$  Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Hearing: General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget, (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2023) Board opened the hearing. Hagman provided walkthrough of proposed 2023 budget and addressed all questions and comments, the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt 2023 Annual Budget as presented.  $-1^{st}$  DePaoli and  $2^{nd}$  Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Board will sit as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the district membership and set in resolution November 16, 2017
  - Public Hearing on land-Based Assessment
  - Consider approval of Land-Based Assessment

Hagman reviewed how the assessment is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2023 Budget. FY2023 assessment is capped at \$104.13 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2023 Assessment rate at \$104.13 – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

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 (#15642 – 15699) September 13, 2022 to October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$386,387.37 and payroll for September 2022 in the amount of \$104,911.80 for a total disbursement of \$491,299.17. 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Bennett quickly 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) – President Arnold reported there was no FPA meeting and there will be the receipt of thirty-seven thousand dollars for the district's portion of power generation.

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

*Temperance Flat MOU* – Nothing to report

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: Nothing to report

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

### **Correspondence Report:**

No action.

<u>Other</u>	<u>Items</u>	to be	<u>Discussed</u>	per	54954.2	(Items	not	appearing	on the a	igenda)
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# <u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-President DePaoli adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# **November 8, 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), Aubrey

Mauritson, (Counsel), 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 November 8, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Minutes**

Staff presented the minutes for the October 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, Regular Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – 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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund</u> International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6] President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:02 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:13 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 led discussion on district maintenance, noting the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue leaks were solved. There was also considerable discussion on the district converting to year-round deliveries. The board noted Hagman's concerns but asked him to carry on with year-round activities.

Water Supply Report: Hagman noted that nothing had changed with the water supply in the last month.

*District Water Recharge Projects:* Hunter provided updates to the district recharge projects and noted the tTem study on the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Recharge facility has been completed.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman noted staff is in the process of finding someone to fill the vacancy.

Staffing: Year-round Operation and no shutdown: Discussed above.

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

### **B.** New Action Items

Review and consider signing Memorandum of Understanding with AFL-CIO Local 1245 for represented employees: After discussion in 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, 2023 through December 31, 2026 - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Year End Maintenance and Year-Round Operations presentation: Discussed above.

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 (#15700 – 15742 with void of #15685) October 12, 2022 to November 8, 2022 in the amount of \$224,017.14 and payroll for October 2022 in the amount of \$100,317.11 for a total disbursement of \$324,334.25. 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Bennett quickly reviewed the financial statements and reports, noting a few items of interest 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) – President Arnold reported on the FPA meeting and noted that the General Manager of FPA Eric Quinley, is offering to have a tour of the FPA facility.

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

*Temperance Flat MOU* – Nothing to report

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: Nothing to report

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.

### <u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

# **December 13, 2022**

# **Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Arnold (Emergency Zoom), Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Aubrey Mauritson, (Counsel), 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 December 13, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Minutes**

Staff presented the minutes for the November 8, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022, Regular Board meeting—1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

### **Oath of Offices for Directors**

MarLo Badillo (Notary) administered the Oath of Offices for Directors Reynolds and Brownfield who were appointed by the Board of Supervisors in lieu of election.

## Nomination and Appointment of Officers for the District

The Following slate of officers was nominated, and the following motions were made to approve the slate of officers. **Motions passed by unanimous vote of those present**.

President: John A. Arnold (1st Brownfield/2nd Reynolds)
Vice President: Mike Brownfield (1st Milanesio/2nd Reynolds)

Secretary/Treasurer: Michael D. Hagman
Assessor-Collector: Michael D. Hagman
(1st Brownfield/2nd Milanesio)
(1st Brownfield/2nd Milanesio)

### **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
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION</u> [Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] Number of Potential Cases: One.
- <u>CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR Michael Hagman</u> Avenue 208 North side alignment easement, right of way or purchase of property. [Government Code Section 54957.6].

Vice-President DePaoli called the Board into closed session at 2:38 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:51 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 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be off and on during the winter.

Water Supply Report: Hagman noted staff is working with Friant to resolve the high meter readings they are reporting, compared to district totals.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hagman provided updates to the district recharge projects. A couple Board members had asked how recharge water delivered to a landowner would be credited with regard to East Kaweah GSA groundwater credits.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman noted staff is in the process of finding someone to fill the vacancy of management analyst/engineering tech. He explained that an offer was given to another individual, however she accepted another offer at Tulare Irrigation District.

Additionally, Hagman reported to the Board that we accidentally omitted a section from the MOU. Rachele Berglund, Special Counsel, asked the Board to approve two changes to the memorandum of understanding with the IBEW Local 1245 approved by the Board at the November 8, 2022 meeting. This would be to correct paragraph 18.4 and put Paragraph 18.3 back in. She noted that these are not additional benefits to the prior agreement, they are current practice or were already in the MOU. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the addition of Paragraph 18.4 and put back in Paragraph 18.3 in the MOU with the IBEW Local  $1245-1^{st}$  Arnold and  $2^{nd}$  Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Staffing: Year-round Operation and no shutdown: Hagman reported on the challenges and successes of year round operation. He noted that 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be off till late January and that this was not previously noticed by FWA to the contractors. Additionally, Hagman explained that we have some 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue mainline leaks and may need to shut down 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue after the testing of the new connection at the Mariposa Basin.

#### **B.** New Action Items

Consider Adoption of RESOLUTION 2022-05 – Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Board Directors, withdrawing from and terminating the amended JPA – Upper Sam Joaquin River Water and Power Authority: After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2022-05: Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Board of Directors Withdrawing from and Terminating the Joint Powers Agreement – Uppers San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority - 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Arnold – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Year End Maintenance and Year-Round Operations presentation: Hagman noted the district may need to hire outside contractors to keep lines repaired.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing: Hagman discussed a meeting he and Aaron Fukuda convened with other Kaweah Subbasin water purveyors to create a group to share in the cost of hiring a basin surface water coordinator/buyer. No dollars or staffing has yet been discussed by this group but most folks in the group felt it would be a really good idea. No action was needed from the Board. Hagman explained he would come back with ideas at a subsequent meeting.

Filing vacant Board seat: Counsel discussed Tulare County guidelines for filling a vacant board seat and the required posting requirements. Staff was directed to post the board vacancy per county requirements.

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 (#15743 – 15812) November 9, 2022 to December 13, 2022 in the amount of \$1,081,975.25 and payroll for November 2022 in the amount of \$102,948.15 for a total disbursement of \$1,184,923.40. 1st Arnold and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports, noting a few items of interest 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 noting most was in closed session.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold reported that there was no FPA meeting in November.

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

*Temperance Flat MOU* – Nothing to report

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: Nothing to report

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, Vice-President DePaoli adjourned the meeting at 4:01 pm.