

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2020

### 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:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Maruitson (Counsel 3:00 PM), Bennett (SA), Romero (Staff Engineer)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for June 9, 2020 Lindmore Irrigation District 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

None provided

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the May 12, 2020 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Prior/New Action Items

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

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

*Water Supply Report:* Hagman reported that the USBR has set an allocation of 60%. There is a potential of another 5% or 10%. But we will not know for another 10-20 days. Hagman also noted that the FWA is dewatering the canal and our off date will be moved to November 11<sup>th</sup>.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman updated the Board on the status of the Districts authorized improvement projects.

*Status of WaterSMART grant:* Senior Analyst Bennett reported that the Final written report and Interim financial report were submitted to the USBR. When the modification to the Grant is received, a Final financial report will be submitted.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Romero reported the progress on a potential recharge site. He noted that we are waiting on a boring report from CTL (Exeter). Further development on this site will require Board input as this site will be a negotiated effort between the landowner (Vera) and the District.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Hagman reported that Berglund is working with IBEW on the balance of the issues. minutes for a closed session.

*Recharge Basin Renaming:* Hagman noted that due to Covid-19 protocols, the dedication event will happen when they are no longer in place.

*Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County:* Bennett reported that Lindmore Staff has completed all of its tasks to get the assessment on the County tax rolls and that now Staff is waiting on the County to approve it at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

*Staffing and Office Space:* Romero reported on the work at the old shop. He noted that the City wants a sheer strength calculation on the new office wall (within the shop area) as well as improvements for handicapped access. He noted that Provost and Pritchard has a mechanical engineer that is working on it.

*Vehicle Purchase:* Hagman reported that he hadn't acted on a purchase yet for the District Pool vehicle (SUV - \$15,000 or less). Primarily the reason being that with Covid protocols he cannot physically visit a dealer and they have not been really responsive to emails. Additionally, Hagman reported that the District's Maintenance Box truck was in the shop getting repaired after the accident. Hagman expects the insurance company to salvage the truck because costs to repair it will be around \$7,500. This truck is a crucial fleet vehicle so Hagman noted that insurance will probably pay the \$7,500 (maybe more). Hagman noted that he made the decision to fix it and take a salvaged/repared title and continue using it. In the 10-year capital plan (approved in 2009) it was supposed to be move to the "Cement Truck" role and the current cement truck was to be removed from the fleet (sold). At some point in the future Hagman expected that to still happen.

## **B. New Action Items**

*Resolution 2020-05: Resolution Ordering an Even Year Board of Director's election: Consolidation of Elections; and Specifications of the Election Order* – Bennett reported that the upcoming election cycle includes two 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 2020-05 – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Resolution 2020-06: Agreement to Become a Party to the Amended Joint Powers Agreement Creating the California Association of Mutual Water Companies Joint Powers Risk and Insurance Management Authority* – Bennett reported that after research and experience with this agency Staff is recommending joining the JPRMIA to reduce our costs and increase our customer service. Approving this resolution will allow the District to join JPRMIA and contract for insurance services. After some discussion, the following occurred:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-06 – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Meet with EKGSA to discuss the shared resource arrangement (assign to Board members to participate on the Ad Hoc)* – Hagman reported that in the Shared Resource Agreement (SRA) the two Boards are supposed to meet at least annually to visit on how the arrangement is working for both entities. Hagman

suggested that the Board President appoint two Board members to visit with three EKGSA Board members to review the SRA. President Arnold asked for volunteers. Vice President DePaoli and Director Reynolds both volunteered. Hagman recommended that the Board visit without him during the Closed Session annotated on the approved agenda.

*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 (#14151 – 14196) May 13, 2020 to June 9, 2020 in the amount of \$744,507.16, and payroll for May 2020 in the amount of \$92,345.95 for a total disbursement of \$836,853.11. 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

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

Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and answered questions.

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

*FWA Issues* – Director Brownfield and Hagman reported on FWA issues.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – President Arnold and GM Hagman provided a verbal update on FPA efforts.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA)* – Director Milanesio and 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.

*Meetings Attended/to Attend:* Meetings were covered.

#### **Closed Session:**

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)] - Number of Potential Cases: One
- EVALUATION OF GENERAL MANAGER  
[Government Code Section 54957.9]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:05 pm and the Board heard a report from Counsel and Special Counsel and came out of closed session at 4:00 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced there was no reportable action. However, the President Arnold directed the Ad Hoc Committee on their upcoming meeting with the EKGSA (Ad Hoc Meeting). Hagman was asked to visit with District Staff and explain to them all the things that are happening at the District regarding increases in staffing and building office space. Explain that these activities are due to

payments made by the EKGSA for services rendered in the SRA. Hagman accepted the direction and noted he would report back once he has had that visit.

**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/Reynolds) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary