

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2021

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 @ 2:02 p.m.

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM) arrived at 2:45 p.m., Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Donna Desantos, (Notary)

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for February 9, 2021 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

None provided

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the January 12, 2021 Lindmore Irrigation District regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular Board meeting – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Oath of Offices for Directors

The Notary administered the Oath of Offices for Directors Arnold, Milanesio, Reynolds and Brownfield who were appointed by the Board of Supervisors in lieu of election. This was completed at the start of the Board meeting.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: Romero reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. Staff have continued working on meter maintenance while the system is not running. The biggest challenge this year, has been the silt buildup in the turnouts.

Water Supply Report: 143 AF of URF became available in October 2020 carryover into WY 2021 is now anticipated to be about 2,200 AF.

District Improvement Projects: Romero updated the Board on the status of the Districts authorized improvement projects. Of note, the refurbishing of JB2 and JB3 on the 5th Avenue line. Manufacturing of the structures has already begun. Slide gates have been addressed on JB's 4 & 5 on fifth avenue as well as on 1st avenue. Surfaces have been cleaned and new stainless steel lift brackets have been installed. Slide gate indicators have been modified and they are prepping the devices for removal on JB 2 and 3 on avenue 208 (5th avenue). Ladders have been fabricated and piping has been received at the yard. Cleaning and restoration were begun on February 5th.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reported Lindmore is waiting on responses from potential landowners.

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

Job Description – Field Supervisor: Hagman reported that he will soon prepare a job description as directed by Special Counsel.

Staffing and Office Space: Romero reported on drainage design for parking lot at remodeled office space.

Vehicle Purchase: Still no action on purchasing the small SUV for the District Vehicle Pool.

Land purchase and debt financing: Hagman reported on the status of the land purchase agreement.

Lindmore ID Year End Maintenance Start Up: Staff estimates we will start up middle of March after the FKC startup date.

B. New Action Items

Repayment Agreement for recaptured water from SJR Restoration Program: Hagman reviewed how recirculation of the waters released to the San Joaquin River for the restoration program works and the need for temporary agreements with conveying districts for reimbursement of their costs. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River (Water Year 2021) – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Bennett reviewed a revised AP listing for January 2021 as there was a date overlap on the schedule causing checks to be counted twice. Revised listing was provided for signatures.

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 (#14572 – 14623) January 9, 2021 to February 9, 2021 in the amount of \$302,218.47 and payroll for January 2021 in the amount of \$88,868.85 for a total disbursement of \$391,087.32. 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

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 updated the Board on its most recent meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEAD NEGOTIATOR agency designated Michael Hagman – Potential purchase/sale/lease of Property, Water Rights, or Exchange Programs (Discussion of terms and direction for Lead Negotiator) 198-110-002, 198-110-003, 198-100-006, 198-100-007, and 198-100-008.
- 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 to closed session at 2:58 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:40 p.m. and announced no reportable action was taken.

Correspondence Report:

Report shared – 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 asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Reynolds/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary