

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2020

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Johnny Amaral (FWA)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for January 14, 2020 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

Johnny Amaral provided a summary of Friant Water Authority activities

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the December 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

The minutes were presented for the December 10, 2019 and December 11, 2018 meetings of the Financing Corporation. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 and December 11, 2019 Financing meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

Financing Corporation meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

### Prior/New Action Items

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

*Operation and Maintenance Report:* Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. He also noted that in 2019 we spent \$75,000 on leak repair help and \$75,000 on installing six meters and 12 valves. Hagman suggested the Board consider the allowing him to hire up to two or three temporary full-time staff to work with the crew on leak season (probably 3-4 months). It was also suggested that another backhoe be rented

or purchased. After discussion Hagman was told to buy another backhoe for up to \$75,000 and hire two temporary employees to assist in leak repair and other maintenance work.

**Motion: To approve the hiring of 2 temporary full-time employees for leak crews and purchase one used backhoe at maximum price of \$75,000 to be used with one leak crew – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Water Supply Report:* Hagman reported that the final delivery numbers (from November report) have not changed. The District has about 4,500 AF of carryover.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects). The only engineering activity right now is for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue's Junction Box #6 (JB 6). Hagman reported and that work will be done by the end of January except for the valve.

*Status of WaterSMART grant:* Bennett reported that the extension is through January 31<sup>st</sup> and the final report is due at the end of February 2020.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Hagman reported on a possible well site and will see what terms needed for purchase/lease and bring back to the board in February.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Employment agreement is signed.

*Job Descriptions:* Hagman noted that he does not yet have job descriptions developed.

*Recharge Basin Renaming:* Hagman noted that a sign company has been retained to create the sign by the end of March. It will be mounted at the south-west corner of the reservoir. A template of the sign was passed around and the board requested a couple changes.

*Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County:* Hagman reported that no one has responded from the County.

*Staffing and Office Space:* Hagman noted the few options discussed at previous meeting for a new board room were very expensive (\$20,000 to \$75,000) and not sufficient facilities. He suggested two further options a) build an office in yard behind main office and b) use existing shop that is still standing at old office site. Board instructed Hagman to remodel the old shop building for use as a board room.

*Bond Refinance – Fieldman/Rolapp:* Hagman reported the agreement was signed with Fieldman/Rolapp.

*Truck Purchase:* Hagman has not found the right truck to purchase and the purchase price of \$50,000 was reviewed and kept.

## **B. New Action Items**

*Consider moving February 11, 2020 Board meeting to February 10:* Staff noted that the Farm Show is the week of the February board meeting and after some minor discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve moving the February Board of Directors meeting to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Board room accommodations:* Discussed under Staffing and Office Space (above)

*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 (#13867 – 13923, #13899, 13900, #13908 voided) December 12, 2019 to January 14, 2020 in the amount of \$467,387.69, and payroll for December 2019 in the amount of \$81,898.15 for a total disbursement of \$549,285.84. - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield - 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 –*

*Friant Power Authority (FPA) –*

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) –* GM Hagman reported on EKGSA activities noting the Special Board Meeting is on January 17, 2020 to possibly adopt the GSP for submittal to DWR

*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
- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION \_ GENERAL MANAGER  
[Government Code Section 54957.9]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:20 pm and out of closed session at 3:25 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced there was no reportable action.

#### **Correspondence Report:**

None

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

No other items were discussed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Brownfield/DePaoli) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary