

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 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 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Aubrey Mauritson (Counsel)

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Public Comment

None provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the February 9, 2021 Lindmore Irrigation District regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield – 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. There are no issues with the main line and the JB3 replacement is in and final, but there was considerable discussion on the replacement of the JB2 and how to resolve the problem created by the power lines that are next to the worksite.

Water Supply Report: District's carryover remains at 1,123 AF plus 143 AF from a trade with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. The USBR has announced a 20% (6,600 AF) allocation to

Friant Contractors. Total USBR allocation and other reserves is currently totaled at 7,866 AF. Discussion will occur later in the agenda on an allocation and rate.

District Improvement Projects: Romero and Hagman reviewed the upcoming projects.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reviewed with the Board the land purchase agreements.

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

Job Description – Field Supervisor: No action on this issue.

Staffing, Office Space, Vehicles: Romero reported no action on this issue.

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

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2021-02: Bennett reviewed the need for this resolution 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 2021-02 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 Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Resolution 2021-03: Hagman reported that Lindmore ID has been invited to submit an application for a “Flyway” grant. This resolution will approve the application for the grant funds. The following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Resolution No 2021-03 A Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Fifth Avenue Recharge Basin Project. – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

2021 Allocation and Water Rate: Hagman provided an extensive status report on the USBR water allocation of 20% and different scenarios for determining the water rates. With the minimal water available at this time, the Board determined at this time to begin delivering water the beginning of June unless there is substantial a change in the allocation. A letter to growers will go out immediately notifying them of this decision.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: No additional administrative items discussed.

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) February 10, 2021 to March 9, 2021 in the amount of \$249,696.90 and payroll for February 2021 in the amount of \$86,682.14 for a total disbursement of \$336,379.04. 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 reported no action on this topic since the last meeting

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 2:38 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:20 p.m. and announced no reportable action was taken.

Correspondence Report:

Report shared – no action taken.

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 4:05 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary