

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 13, 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 @ 2:01 p.m.

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), 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 October 13, 2020 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 September 15, 2020 Regular Board meeting and the September 23, 2020 Special Board meeting and the October 2, 2020 Emergency Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Board meeting September 23, 2020 Special Board meeting and the October 2, 2020 Emergency Board meeting – 1st DePaoli and 2nd 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/Romero reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. He also reported that staff needs to be certified in order to enter some of these longer confined spaces. In particular, the inside the pipe repair work. President Arnold suggested Hagman develop a budget and plan for getting this done.

Water Supply Report: Final USBR CVP Friant Division allocation has been set at 65% Class 1. There are no recommended changes to the landowner prorate. In the month of September, FWA reported deliveries

of 4,823 AF to the District and LID's meters calculated 4,409 AF plus "in transit" and "mitigation" for a total of 4,729 AF and operational variances being the difference. Year to date variance is approximately 3.44%.

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

Recharge Basin Development: Romero reported the progress on a potential recharge site analysis. The Board asked Staff to look at another 80 acre parcel next to the 90.4 Line and report back at the next Board meeting.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Hagman reported that he had one action remaining on this item and that he will take care of it this November or December.

Recharge Basin Renaming: Hagman noted that this activity has been assigned to a staff member. The expected date will be November 10th or December 8th in conjunction with the Board meeting.

Staffing and Office Space: Romero reported on the work at the old shop. Lindmore has been approved for power at the shop. Due to wildfires, the connection may not be until the middle of November.

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

Election of Board Members: Hagman reported that the Board of Supervisor's will be appointing the Board members as currently constituted because all the Board members running for office had no opponents. The time frame is unknown, but likely before the end of the year.

B. New Action Items

- **BIENNIAL NOTICE on CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Hagman reported all noticing requirements had been completed, no one requested a public hearing and no written comments relating to the proposed amendment were submitted. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the revised Conflict of Interest Code for Lindmore Irrigation District – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

- **HEARING: *Unpaid FY2020 Assessments and Unpaid FY 2019 Water Bills (Board to consider directing staff to place property liens on property that has not paid the FY2020 Assessments or for FY2019 Water Bills outstanding) – Affected property owners can petition the Board.*** The Board opened the hearing. 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 direct staff to Lien properties that have unpaid FY2020 Assessments and/or unpaid FY2019 Water Bills – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

- **HEARING: *General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2021) – Public can address the Board on budget items and budget in total. Budget will affect the setting of the FY2021 Assessments.*** Board opened the hearing. There were no public in attendance. Hagman reviewed the FY2021 Proposed Budget with the Board. Hagman reminded the Board that they had approved up to \$150,000 on three JB repair/rehab/replacement at the September 15 regular meeting of the Board and that he expects to have most of it done this year. However, there will

likely be some of it going into next year. Hagman addressed all questions and comments, the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt the FY2021 proposed budget as presented – 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli – 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 FY2021 Budget. FY2021 assessment is capped at \$99.11 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2021 Assessment rate at \$99.11 – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

- Lindmore ID Year End Maintenance and March 1 Start Up Date: Hagman noted that we will be working toward having the lines up and running on March 1.

- Miscellaneous Administrative Items: None were provided.

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 (#14372 – 14421 voided 14410-14415) September 16, 2020 to October 13, 2020 in the amount of \$499,758.77 and payroll for September 2020 in the amount of \$94,341.80 for a total disbursement of \$594,100.57. 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Hagman 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 noted there was no Friant Power Authority meeting in September.

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.

Temperance Flat MOU – GM Hagman

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: Two.

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:08 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:53 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced there was no reportable action.

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/DePaoli) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary