

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2024

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (AGM), Bennett (Sr Analyst), Doud (Counsel), members of the public.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for August 13, 2024, 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

- a. Staff presented the minutes for the July 9, 2024 – Regular Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024, Regular Board meeting, 1st Reynolds and 2nd Gutierrez – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER
[Government Code Section 54957.9]
- 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.

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:01 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:29 pm noting that there was no reportable action.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions / discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: GM Hagman reported the system was fully operational with ongoing leak repairs as needed.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reviewed the July 2024 water report, and reported the Bureau of Reclamation has declared the allocation to be 90% Class 1 down from 100% allocation. Deliveries were 8,352 acre-feet in July, with 11,387 total acre-feet in district recharge.

District Water Recharge Projects: GM Hagman reported that Lewis Creek project is completed and with the final project completion report filed with DWR is the request for grant reimbursement. Other recharge projects are having regular maintenance to be prepared for any upcoming recharge cycle.

SCADA System Upgrades: AGM Hunter provided an update on the SCADA upgrades. Those involved are working through the issues of installing a new virtual server.

Kaweah Subbasin surface water purchasing effort (discussion and direction): GM Hagman reported that a new effort has gained traction that involves our CVP partners in the Kaweah subbasin and Delta View. Hagman noted that they are in the process of working out the details and he will keep the board updated.

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2024-02: Approve the Amended Designated Positions – Biennial Notice on Conflict-of-Interest Code: Bennett discussed the current Conflict-of-Interest Code for Lindmore ID and the recommendation to add a designated position to Appendix A. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve Resolution 2024-02: Resolution Adopting the Biennial Notice on Conflict-of-Interest Code - 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Reserves for Unpaid USBR Construction Costs: GM Hagman reported to the board that the USBR will be allocating new reimbursable Construction Costs to CVP Contractors. After a full discussion on what has ensued since Lindmore ID paid off the full amount of these costs in 2009 and options for the district going forward, the board asked for a discussion at the next meeting of our budget and the expected costs through the end of this fiscal year to help possibly establish a reserve.

Friant Drought Pool: GM Hagman discussed with the board a new program that the USBR and Friant have developed to “voluntarily” put water in a drought reserve on the westside (Drought Pool) and the options for the district to participate. At this time, GM Hagman has committed LID’s share of recaptured water to the Drought Pool and the board agreed that we should participate and continue with placing the recaptured water in the Drought Pool.

LID Groundwater Recharge Programs/Recharge Credits: GM Hagman reviewed the district recharge programs, the priorities for recharge and how recharge credits are being managed. The board asked that this agenda item be tabled until next month in order to have some time to review and think of anything that might need to be addressed in the policy.

Administrative Issues: No action taken

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 (#17014 – 17086) July 10, 2024 to August 13, 2024 in the amount of \$701,166.85 and payroll for July 2024 in the amount of \$137,683.26 for a total disbursement of \$838,850.11 - 1st Reynolds and 2nd Gutierrez - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Senior Analyst Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports.

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

Friant Water Authority (FWA) – FWA report was provided by Director Brownfield and GM Hagman in closed session.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – FPA report was provided by Director Arnold and GM Hagman. They noted that the payments from the FPA will be diminishing as the year progresses.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – AGM Hunter provided an update and reported that the online credit manager had an issue that they are resolving as quickly as possible. He also noted that Scott Maskell has scheduled workshops on the Dashboard for the next couple weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

Nothing to report.

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

No action taken.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary