

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2022

### 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), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), 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 March 8, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Public Comment

No public comments

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the February 15, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting and the February 25, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Special Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1<sup>st</sup> Milanesio and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 25, 2022, Special Board meeting– 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Prior/New Action Items

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

*Operation and Maintenance Report:* Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts on various line and reservoir repairs. He noted that the lines that are not being repaired are charged per board request.

*Water Supply Report:* The district delivered 228-acre feet to reservoirs in February. The USBR initial allocation is 15% for Friant Division Districts.

*Water Rate:* Hagman reviewed the current USBR 15% water allocation. Hagman noted that this allocation is very tenuous due to Delta constraints and is likely to be modified. Hagman recommended against a grower allocation at this time because of the conditions noted. However, if the Board were to set a grower prorate based upon the 15% and an assumption that the district will also receive a share of URF as well as TID's share of URF, total supply available would be about 8,000 AF. This would equate to 0.32 AF per acre prorate to growers. Hagman suggested waiting to run water until May 2022. There was considerable discussion regarding an allocation to growers and when to start making water available. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve 0.32 AF per acre of land at \$212.00 per AF for non-pumped water and to start delivering March 16, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman reviewed in detail the history of each district improvement project for groundwater recharge. Both Hagman and Hunter provided progress reports of each project to the board. Landowners in the meeting recommended studying a longer pipeline, a ditch, and other things not currently considered by the Board to move water to the new basin property. It was reported to the Board that using the FlyWay Grant to build a reservoir would attract birds and put the Department of Fish and Wildlife around their property and expose those property owners to some kind of risk. Hagman noted that adding any additional costs to the project would require substantial increase in rates and that the efforts currently designed were thought out and studied. The Board asked Hagman what it would cost to have an engineer investigate what it would cost to increase the pipeline to the size at JB2 all the way to the basins and what the benefit would be of doing that. Hagman said his "back of the napkin" estimate would be about \$5,000. He was told to work on that. After more discussion regarding the FlyWay Grant, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To opt out of the Department of Fish & Wildlife "FlyWay Grant" that was submitted for the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Recharge Basin – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

*Staffing & Office Space Update:* Nothing to report

## **B. New Action Items**

*Purchase Policy:* Hagman was told just to keep the Board informed when he makes purchase decisions.

*Landowner Insulation Policy:* Hagman reported this has not been finished. No action taken.

*Year-Round Operation of District Lines:* Hagman opened discussion on the system becoming operational year-round and brought up suggestions of some things that need to be considered to accomplish year-round operation. In addition, he reminded the Board that Lindmore's surface supply contract from the USBR assumes that it is a supplemental supply and to be used conjunctively with groundwater. He also reminded the Board that the pipeline is old and needs to have regular downtime so that staff can perform maintenance. These reminders were taken, and the Board asked Hagman to figure out what would be needed policy wise and to provide recommendations to the Board. The Board also noted that to have year-

round operation, landowners will have to deal with additional costs as the district will need to contract work to keep up with this operation scenario.

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* Nothing to discuss.

### **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 (#15273 – 15314) February 16, 2022 to March 8, 2022 in the amount of \$483,153.19 and payroll for February 2022 in the amount of \$101,582.40 for a total disbursement of \$584,735.59. 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

Bennett reviewed the financial statements and reports and answered questions from the Board.

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

*FWA Issues* – Director Brownfield and GM Hagman updated the Board on the activities at Friant Water Authority.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – Director Arnold reported on the Board meeting for FPA in February. There will be a check to the District for February power.

*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 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 into closed session at 3:59 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:26 pm and announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

### **Correspondence Report:**

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 adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary