

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2018

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Adam, Arnold Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel)

Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for May 8, 2018 as provided
1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those
present**

Public Comment

Members of the Public were invited to comment; no comment was provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the April 10, 2018 Regular Board meeting and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Regular Board meeting
as presented
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: GM Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: GM Hagman reported that the USBR has allocated water to the District to be used by May 10. He noted that it is highly unlikely that District demand will consume all 8,101 AF of carryover plus the URF (597 AF) and UcS (2,041 AF). This total supply (10,739 AF) has to be used between April 6 and May 10. Therefore, he will analyze District demand and sell water to other districts to ensure all the water is moved.

District Improvement Projects: GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Basin Work, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects).

Micro Basin Installment Effort

GM Hagman reported that two private well sites have been identified and that he is working with Counsel to develop some arrangement to operate and maintain the sites. He reported that Director Brownfield has helped to arrange a driller and that the driller and the District's consulting engineer (Monreal) will work through the details and there is a good chance they will be done before the next Board meeting.

B. New Action Items

Potential grant approval: GM Hagman reported that staff could not develop a sufficient grant proposal for the first \$300,000 grant program. As such, they will work on the smaller grant proposal for improving the pumping plant. GM Hagman reported that he developed a grant proposal for this same project in 2014 but the Board didn't feel it was prudent given the drought situation at the time. The pumping plant is way out of compliance with today's safety standards. These upgrades will be about \$150k-\$200k and the grant award will be up to \$75,000. We are not required to accept the award when we submit the grant, so there isn't any harm applying. This should be ready by the July Board meeting.

District Landowner Requesting Removal from the District assessment roll: A landowner in the District called and told us he is not going to pay his assessment and to take his ground off the rolls of the District. The landowner has about six acres and claims he doesn't take water (although the ground used to). This is not an isolated request. We have received in the range of about 10-15 of them this year. This is likely due to the increased rate.

GM Hagman reported that Counsel explained this item does not come before the Board at this time. This item will come to the Board when you convene a "Board of Equalization". You convene this as a public meeting when you approve the assessment rate (usually October).

Miscellaneous administrative items: GM Hagman noted no accidents and no loss time injuries/illnesses at the District this past month.

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 (numbers 12908 – 12948) for April 11, 2018 to May 8, 2018 in the amount of \$680,018.07, and payroll for April 2018 in the amount of \$70,916.60 for a total disbursement of \$750,934.67.

1st Milanesio and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. Financial Reports

Analyst Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and asked the Board if there were any questions on the financial documents provided. None were asked.

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

Administrative Report: GM Hagman noted he had nothing to report.

FWA Issues –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) –Director Brownfield and GM Hagman reported on FPA activities.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanesio and GM Hagman reported on EKGSA activities.

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: GM Hagman reminded the Board of the meetings they have between today and the next Board 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

The Board went into closed session at 3:00 PM and came out at 3:19 PM. President Arnold reported that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

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.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary