

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2020

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President Arnold called the joint meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.  
Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Brownfield, Milanesio, Reynolds  
Directors Absent:  
Others present: Hagman (GM), 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 February 10, 2020 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynold – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

None provided

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the December 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

*Water Supply Report:* Hagman reported that the USBR has not set an allocation. However, they have requested a 30% C1 and 50% C1 schedule. In addition, the District has 4,500 AF of carryover. USBR Region office is limiting carryover to 10% of Class 1. That would limit the District to 3300 AF of C1 carryover. Hagman to move 1200 AF before February 29 that gives the District the best possible use of this water. Hagman noted he will probably try and get 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue up and charge Hirabayshi Reservoir.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects). The only engineering activity right now is for 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue's Junction Box #6 (JB 6). Hagman reported that the valve contractor still has not provided the valve. That JB Contractor reworked the valve and added 10 years to its life at a cost of about \$5,000.

*Status of WaterSMART grant:* Request for grant revenues goes in when Kathy gets back from jury duty.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Hagman reported that he had not yet identified land suitable for a recharge basin at this time. Often the land might be ok for recharge, but the flow availability limits the ability of the basin. Hagman was asked to what it would cost to add large line or an additional line/lateral to a JB that would be dedicated to recharge and where such a line would go and where the optimal recharge space would be. Hagman will work with District's Counsel and Engineer and develop some ideas.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Employment agreement is signed.

*Job Descriptions:* Hagman noted he will be waiting till he has the engineer on board.

*Recharge Basin Renaming:* Hagman noted that a sign company has is nearing completion of the sign. It will be ready for the end of March unveiling.

*Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County:* Hagman reported that no one has responded from the County.

*Staffing and Office Space:* Hagman reported that the Board room at the old shop is proceeding.

*Bond Refinance – Fieldman/Rolapp (F/R):* At 2:30 PM the Board dialed into a conference call with Robert Poor and Lora Carpenter (F/R). The Board reviewed the four options with them. After several questions and answers, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To ask Fieldman/Rolapp to assist in a private offering refinance package up to a zero-dollar net present value - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Truck and Backhoe Purchase:* Hagman reported that he had purchased a 2009 GMC 5500. It was a gas vehicle so there aren't any diesel compliance issues with the motor age. He paid \$33,000 for it. The Board had authorized \$50,000. Hagman noted he can not find backhoes for \$75,000 with less than 500 hours. Board authorized up to \$90,000 for the backhoe plus buckets and taxes.

## **B. New Action Items**

*Resolution 2020-01 – Authorizing agreement with the USBR or Unreleased Restoration Flow water:* After some discussion the following action was taken:

**Motion: To adopt Resolution 2020-01 - 1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Resolution 2020-02 – Attesting to the right to collect Land Based assessments and authorize collection through the County Tax Rolls.* Hagman reported that before this resolution can be adopted, staff will need to prepare other documents and the Board will need to set an assessment rate, which therefore requires they set a budget. Hagman anticipated this will all be done in April or May. It has to be all approved and to the County by June.

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* None were provided.

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 (#13924 – 13970) January 15, 2020 to February 10, 2020 in the amount of \$178,157.16, and payroll for January 2020 in the amount of \$84,723.94 for a total disbursement of \$262,881.10.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Milenesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

#### **D. Financial Reports**

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 asked Hagman to put the monthly FPA revenue report in the Board packet in the future.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA)* – GM Hagman reported on EKGSA noting the EKGSA Board had adopted the GSP and submitted it on time. Hagman and Mauritson laid out the process for the State to accept.

*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:* Meetings were covered.

#### **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: One

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:45 pm and out of closed session at 3:51 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced there was no reportable action.

#### **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 3:53 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary