

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2021

### 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 (via zoom), Milanesio (via zoom), Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Romero (Staff Engineer), Bennett (Senior Analyst joined at 3:00 p.m.), Aubrey Mauritson (Legal Counsel joined at 3:12 p.m.), Steve Jackson (Waterland)

### Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion: To approve the agenda for September 14, 2021, Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Public Comment

No public comment

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the August 14, 2021, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion and a request to correct the director that made the second on the motion to adjourn the July meeting, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes, with the correction, of the August 14, 2021, Regular Board meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

### Prior/New Action Items

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

*Operation and Maintenance Report:* Romero reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

*Water Supply Report:* The USBR has not changed the allocation from 20%. There is still the potential that the allocation for the Friant division could go down as water may be needed from Friant to satisfy

the Exchange Contractors allocated supply, but that concern has been delayed at least until November. District delivered 1,937AF in August.

*Ad Hoc Committee – Shared Resource arrangement with EKGSA:* Hagman reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met, and consensus was that the shared resource arrangement is working for both EKGSA and Lindmore ID.

*District Improvement Projects:* Hagman/Romero updated that Board on the Projects.

*Recharge Basin Development:* Hagman/Romero reported on the status of the recharge basin engineering work.

*Flyway Grant Application:* Hagman/Romero reported that the grant proposal is going to be recommended for funding by WCB staff in November. At this point the project would be able to move forward for funding. Access to the funding is no allowable until an agreement is signed.

*Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement:* Hagman stated there were no updates for this project.

*Staffing Update:* Hagman noted the District has hired a High School graduate that is going to College of the Sequoias for part time work.

## **B. New Action Items**

*FY 2022 Manager’s Draft Budget:* Hagman reviewed the updates for the draft GM Budget for FY2022 noting that Grant projects are also labeled as capital projects and are not on this budget. He explained that those projects will be brought before the Board as separate items so that they aren’t viewed as “Operational” expenses. There was a discussion on the different water year types. No action taken.

*Set Board of Equalization date (Board to consider staff recommendation to hold BOE on October 12, 2021:* Hagman reviewed with the Board the process to affirm the rate to assess taxes on property within the District after the Board sets the Budget. The Budget hearing has been set for the October 12, 2021 Board of Directors meeting and Hagman recommended the Board set a Board of Equalization date. After Discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To set the Board of Equalization date for October 12, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Set Hearing date for Unpaid Water Bills (Board to consider Staff recommendation to set a hearing of unpaid bills placing them in lien against associated property, Staff recommendation is October 12, 2021:* Hagman reported there was only one outstanding unpaid water bill from 2020. By hearing date there may not be any unpaid water bills. Hagman noted that the Board should set a hearing date to take objections from landowners for the liens. After some discussion, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To set a Hearing Date for filing of liens for October 12, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reynolds and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.**

*Miscellaneous Administrative Items:* Bennett reported that she and Hagman were working with the FWA CFO on determining the correct cost allocation for district payments to FWA to reimburse for rewinding the SLDMWA JPP pumps.

### **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 (#14944 – 15015) August 11, 2021 to September 14, 2021 in the amount of \$426,143.31 and payroll for August 2021 in the amount of \$93,096.08 for a total disbursement of \$519,239.39. 1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reynolds - 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 GM Hagman updated the Board on the activities at FWA.

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – No meeting was held for FPA. Staff provided the revenue sheet to the Board.

*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 3:13 pm and the board came out of closed session at 3:25 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 asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (DePaoli/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary