

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2022

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Rachele Berglund, (Special Counsel), Aubrey Mauritsen (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 September 13, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

Steve Milanesio recommended we get berms up on the 320 acres and work on it now while it is dry.

Minutes

Staff presented the minutes for the August 9, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

CLOSED SESSION:

- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL [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.
- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Rachele Berglund – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) [Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board into closed session at 2:18 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 3:19 pm. It was announced that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts noting about 800 feet of lines have been replaced. He also explained there is a need for better shade protection in hot weather for the leak/line repair crew.

Water Supply Report: Hagman discussed the status of the district's water supply and his opinion that there is another 5 - 10% of supply that should be available to the districts, but the USBR is not going to consider another allocation unless something occurs above the reservoir that requires it. In the month of August, FWA reported deliveries of 3,525 AF and LID's meters calculated 3,150 AF. This difference is primarily in transit issues.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hunter provided updates to the district recharge projects.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Nothing to report

Landowner Recharge Projects: A revised district recharge agreement has not been completed for board review.

B. New Action Items

FY2023 Manager's Draft Budget: Hagman noted the FY2023 draft budget that was included in the packet has not changed since the discussion in the August 9th meeting and noted the board needs to set a hearing date to review the budget before the public, take comments and consider adoption. He also explained that an adopted FY2023 budget will be the basis of the FY2023 Assessment that the Board will also consider adopting at a future Board of Equalization hearing. After the review and discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set a FY2023 Budget Hearing date for October 11, 2022 – 1st Reynolds and 2nd DePaoli – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Set Board of Equalization date (Board to consider staff recommendation to hold BOE on October 11, 2022): Hagman reported that the District assessment needs to be approved in October before the County of Tulare sends out the assessments. He 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 11, 2022 – 1st DePaoli and 2nd 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 11, 2022): Hagman reported to the Board that Tulare County has their own process for unpaid assessments. However, Hagman noted that the Board should set a hearing date to take objections from landowners for placing unpaid 2021 water bills in lien. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set a Hearing Date for filing of liens for October 11, 2022 – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Bennett noted that the 2022 Local Agency Biennial Notice for Conflict-of-Interest Code is due, and no amendment is required for this year. The appropriate notice has been sent to Tulare County. Hagman reported on a motor vehicle accident at the house on the acreage just purchased.

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 (#0800-0803; 15543; 15585 – 15641) August 10, 2022 to September 12, 2022 in the amount of \$778,624.18 and payroll for August 2022 in the amount of \$104,423.42 for a total disbursement of \$883,047.60. 1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanese - 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 the August FPA meeting was cancelled.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSa) – GM Hagman and PM Hunter reported on current EKGSa activities.

Temperance Flat MOU – GM Hagman reported no action on this topic since the last meeting

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: GM Hagman reported on meetings related to the district, water issues, and or the Friant/CVP.

Review upcoming Meetings Calendar: All upcoming meetings are covered.

Correspondence Report:

No action.

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

No action.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Arnold adjourned the meeting at 4:17 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary