

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2019

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

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

Directors Absent: None

Others present: Hagman (GM), 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 July 9, 2019 as provided - 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the June May 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting and May 21, 2019 Special Meeting. Corrections were made to the May 21 minutes that were provided regarding a motion that was not made by Milanese (he was absent). After those corrections, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Board meeting and June 14, 2019 Special meeting as corrected - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - 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 provided the monthly report. He noted that the USBR has announced the extension of uncontrolled season (UcS), to at least July 12th. We will be able to run the balance of the exchange water with Lindsay-Strathmore ID (LSID gives LID 1 AF of C1 for every 2 AF of C2 LID gives them). Staff moved to full price and allocation now assigned at 1.30 AF per acre.

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).

Status of WaterSMART grant: Hagman reported that we will have an award call on July 18, 2019.

Friant Water Authority Cost Recovery Methodology: Hagman noted that the cost recovery method was approved for public review by the FWA nearly two months ago. There are concerns with the methodology provided and FWA staff will likely address it at the July FWA meeting.

Job Descriptions: Hagman noted that he does not have job descriptions developed yet and noted it would likely be in the Fall. This is due to the workload on GSP and other District issues.

Water Banking 2019: Hagman reported that there were 13 growers who signed agreements on the water. There are about seven taking any supply. Total acre feet delivered was 137.18 AF. At the June meeting the Board asked for Counsel to draft a policy for this program as opposed to the letter agreement written by Hagman and approved by the Board. Counsel Mauritson provided a draft and some discussion ensued. Hagman and Mauritson were to work out the “kinks” and bring it back to the Board in August.

Personnel Policies and Procedures: Mauritson provided an update on Special Counsel Berglund’s efforts. Mauritson and the Board discussed the format of the current employment agreement with GM Hagman. Special Counsel will also guide the Board on this issue.

Resolution 2019-04 – As a result of the June 14, 2019 Special Board meeting, the Board asked for staff to develop options of vehicle that could be purchased with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District grant. Several options were submitted, and the following action was taken:

Motion: Directing Hagman to submit the ZeroNox proposal with the grant submittal – 1st Brownfield and 2nd DePaoli and Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

B. New Action Items

Friant Power Authority – Signatory on historical Documents: Hagman shared two agreements that the FPA has been operating under since their inception. However, those agreements were not supported by signed documents. One was a JPA amendment and the other a Financing amendment. Member agencies of the FPA were asked to sign them. President Arnold asked for the Board’s direction on it. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To authorize GM Hagman to spend up to \$25,000 on a dry well – 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds and Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Request Budget Authority for additional staff member: At the June 14, 2019 Special Board meeting the Board directed Hagman to hire a “Operations and Maintenance Trainee”. This direction however is an increase in staffing, temporarily. Hagman therefore asked that the Board authorize additional funding to cover the cost of this employee. After considerable discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: Authorize an increase in the labor budget to cover the cost of a full-time Operations and Maintenance Trainee at the rate of 16.64 an hour plus any other costs required by law – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield and Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

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 (#13589 – 13645) June 12, 2019 to July 9, 2019 in the amount of \$767,459.68, and payroll for June 2019 in the amount of \$73,319.76 for a total disbursement of \$840,779.44. - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Reynolds - 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:

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

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

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold/GM Hagman reported the FPA Board meeting.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanese/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: 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 LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Hagman) re: MOU with IBEW –
[Government Code Section 54957.6]

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 4:10 pm and out at 4:37 pm and noted 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 (Milanese/Brownfield) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary