

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 11, 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), 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 October 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Minutes

Staff presented the minutes for the September 13, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following actions were taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – 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 2:01 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 2:55 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: Director DePaoli noted concern over the public notice that identified the cessation of water deliveries November 21, 2022. General discussion was held that determined this was the intent of the board, but that staff should expedite and schedule the required repairs to optimize each delivery point in the system.

Water Supply Report: Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts noting that a total of 11,089 AF of CVP supply had been delivered and 3,728 AF remain to be delivered.

District Water Recharge Projects: Hunter provided updates to the district recharge projects and provided recommendation to have a TEM study performed on the 5th Ave Recharge facility to direct grading and potential shallow well recharge installations. General discussion provided concurrence with recommendation as long as project schedule was not affected.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman discussed the need for an engineering technician to provide support to EKGSA. This would be an EKGSA position and Board agreed he should begin hiring process.

Staffing: Year-round Operation and no shutdown: Hagman reported on some of the foreseen difficulties with a lack of available labor hours during the Christmas holiday to maintain project efficiencies. Board reminded staff they have authorized the use of outside contractors if required.

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

B. New Action Items

HEARING: Consider Placement of Liens on Landowners Property for Unpaid Water Bills. Board opened the hearing. Hagman presented a worksheet indicating there are two parcels with unpaid 2021 water charges. There were no affected property owners in attendance and after some discussion, the Board closed the hearing, and the following action was taken:

Motion: To place liens on the landowner's property for unpaid 2021 water bills. – 1st Reynolds and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Hearing: General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget, (Board to consider adoption of budget for FY2023) Board opened the hearing. Hagman provided walkthrough of proposed 2023 budget and addressed all questions and comments, the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt 2023 Annual Budget as presented. – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

- **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:** *Board will sit as an Equalization Board to review the adopted budget and consider setting a land-based assessment equivalent to, or less than, the rate passed by a vote of the district membership and set in resolution November 16, 2017*

- *Public Hearing on land-Based Assessment*
- *Consider approval of Land-Based Assessment*

Hagman reviewed how the assessment is based on the amount of the fixed costs that were approved in the FY2023 Budget. FY2023 assessment is capped at \$104.13 per acre. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the FY2023 Assessment rate at \$104.13 – 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Nothing to report.

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 (#15642 – 15699) September 13, 2022 to October 11, 2022 in the amount of \$386,387.37 and payroll for September 2022 in the amount of \$104,911.80 for a total disbursement of \$491,299.17. 1st Brownfield and 2nd Reynolds - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Bennett quickly 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) – President Arnold reported there was no FPA meeting and there will be the receipt of thirty-seven thousand dollars for the district's portion of power generation.

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

Temperance Flat MOU – Nothing to report

Report on Other Meetings/Issues: Nothing to report

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, Vice-President DePaoli adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary