

# LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2018

### Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Adam. Arnold, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), 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 October 9, 2018 as provided  
1<sup>st</sup> Brownfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present**

### Public Comment

Members of the Board, Staff and the Public were invited to comment; no comment was provided.

### Minutes

The minutes were presented for the September 11, 2018 Regular Board meeting and the following action was taken:

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Board meeting as presented  
1<sup>st</sup> DePaoli 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:* Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts. He noted that the 93.2E 01S Line was down and will be up by the end of the week (October 12) to repair a substantial leak. Staff is keeping on top of all other problems.

*Water Supply Report:* GM Hagman reported that the USBR has added 3% Class 1 declaration. This adds 990 AF to the District supply. There is also 889 AF of recaptured water in San Luis Reservoir (SLR) and noted that he has not found takers on a trade in SLR for water in Millerton. Therefore, he informed the Board that we can carry it over in SLR or sell it. Hagman noted that this carryover would be the very first to go once SLR's federal space is full, which can happen even if SLR is not full and it likely will be full this year. The other option was to sell it. Hagman has a taker at \$100 premium over the cost of the supply. The Board did not want to leave it in SLR, so Hagman will sell it.

Hagman estimated that the District will carry over about 1,250 AF of supply in Millerton this year.

*District Improvement Projects:* GM Hagman presented the status of the currently approved engineering activities in the District (Groundwater Recharge, City of Lindsay Exchanges and JB Rehabilitation projects).

*Micro Basin Installment Effort:* GM Hagman reported that the wells' recharge rates are improving. The two wells are taking 50 GPM of water an improvement of about 35 GM since the start of the wells.

*Status of SmartWATER grant:* No further communication from the USBR on the grant. We hope to hear something by the end of November.

***ITEMS B, C AND D WERE NOT TAKEN UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF COUNSEL  
(Counsel arrived at 2:35 pm)***

#### **B. HEARING: Unpaid 2018 Assessments and 2017 Water bills**

The Board held a hearing to take public input regarding the unpaid bills. No public participated. After some questions and clarifications, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To direct the Assessor/Collector to place liens on property with unpaid Calendar Year 2018 Assessments and/or Calendar Year 2017 Water Bills still unpaid.**

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

#### **C. HEARING: General Manager Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Budget and Multi-Year Capital Plan**

The Board held a hearing to take public input on the proposed budget. No public participated. After several questions on budget items, the following action was taken:

**Motion: To Adopt the General Manager's Proposed FY2019 Annual Budget as provided but not the proposed Multi-Year Capital Plan.**

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

#### **D. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

President Arnold opened the Board of Equalization at 2.45 PM to consider setting the FY2019 land-based assessment rate. President Arnold made the Board available for public comment. No public was present. Hagman presented to the Board the budgeted line items approved in the Proposition 218 vote approved by the district members in a ballot and ratified by the Board in November 2018. The dollar basis was associated with the budget that the Board just approved. The maximum approved rate was \$97.89 per assessable acre in the District. Hagman noted that it was about 25,225 acres and that the assessment will generate \$2,469,638. He recommended the Board adopt that rate and that they direct staff to bill all owners of assessable acreage making the assessment due and payable in two equal installments on December 31, 2018 and June 30, 2019. After some discussion and clarification, President Arnold closed the Board of Equalization at 2:50 pm. After some other conversation the following action was taken:

**Motion: To Adopt the General Manager's Proposed FY2019 Annual Budget as provided but not the proposed Multi-Year Capital Plan.**

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

***ITEMS E THROUGH G WERE TAKEN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF COUNSEL AND BEFORE  
ITEMS B, C, AND D***

**E. New Action Items**

*Miscellaneous administrative items:* GM Hagman noted there was an accident in a District vehicle (2017 Chevrolet Silverado) but there were no reported injuries to the either driver. The accident occurred as the employee was headed home sick. It appears the driver of the private vehicle ran a stop light and hit the side of the bed and axle the District truck.

- F. 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 (#13165 – 13199) for September 12, 2018 to October 9, 2018 in the amount of \$342,107.38, and payroll for September 2018 in the amount of \$72,487.80 for a total disbursement of \$414,595.18.**

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

**G. Financial Reports**

Senior Analyst Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and asked the Board if there were any questions on the financial documents provided. She answered the questions that were asked.

***ALL REPORTS WERE HELD TILL AFTER CLOSED SESSION TO ACCOMMODATE  
COUNSEL***

**Reports and Discussion on meetings attend or other water related business reports:**

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

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

*Friant Power Authority (FPA)* – President Arnold and GM Hagman reported on FPA activities.

*East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA)* – Director Milanesio and 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:* President Arnold asked Director Brownfield to take the October 23, 2018 FPA meeting and Director Brownfield agreed.

***CLOSED SESSION WAS TAKEN AFTER ITEM B, C, AND D AND BEFORE REPORTS***

**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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] 2 Potential Matters

The Board went into closed session to review at 2:52 PM and came out at 3:05 PM. President Arnold noted that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

**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 3:55 pm.

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Michael D. Hagman  
District Secretary