

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2022

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.

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 12:02 p.m.

Directors Present: Arnold (zoom), DePaoli, Milanesio, Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Hunter (Program Manager), Bennett (Senior Analyst), 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 February 15, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation Board meeting as provided - 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

Public Comment

Landowners in the public meeting objected to the Board action to move late USBR allocation of surface supplies to Tulare ID.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the January 11, 2022, Lindmore Irrigation District Regular Board meeting. After discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, Regular Board meeting– 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio – 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 on various line and reservoir repairs.

Water Supply Report: The district delivered 419-acre feet to reservoirs in January. Hagman reminded the Board that we received 7.5 inches of rain by the end of December which is over 65% of annual rainfall.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman updated that Board on the Projects.

Recharge Basin Development: Hagman reported on the status of the recharge basin development.

Flyway Grant Application: Hagman reported that the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is finished for the \$425,000 Wildlife Grant.

Shared Resources Agreement with EKGSA: Hagman noted both amendments to the Agreement were completed and getting signatures.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Nothing to report.

Staffing & Office Space Update: Hagman discussed the staff engineer position is open and he has interviewed for that position. There was discussion on how to approach the open staff engineer position and what qualifications would best benefit the district. A second round of interviews will be conducted with Vice Chair DePaoli and the three best candidates.

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2201-01 Adopt the CEQA Document and the Response Letter for the LID Multi-Benefit Basin Project”: Hagman noted the district has met the objectives of CEQA with the IS/MND and comments received from the commenting agencies have been incorporated into the IS/MND and Mitigation Monitoring & Reporting Program (MMRP) and would recommend the Board approve the IS/MND including the MMRP for the Multi-Benefit Basin Project. After some discussion, the Board asked that they be provided the full documents to review, and the following action was taken:

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2201-01 A Resolution of the Lindmore Irrigation District Authorizing the Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Multi-Benefit Basin Project – 1st Reynolds and 2nd Brownfield – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present.

5th Avenue Main Leaks: Hagman reported there were 2 leaks on 5th Avenue line and seepage on NE corner of reservoir. He was given direction to hire out the repairs on 5th Avenue. There was discussion on the system being charged by March 1st. Hagman noted that they will shut down the reservoir recharge flows and focus on getting all the lines up immediately.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Nothing to discuss.

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 (#15211 – 15272) January 12, 2022 to February 15, 2022 in the amount of \$402,288.71 and payroll for January 2022 in the amount of \$103,829.34 for a total disbursement of \$506,118.05. 1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - 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 FWA noting the SLDMWA budget for FY2022 is increasing 5% – 10%.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – Director Arnold reported on the Board meeting for FPA in January. There will be a check to the District for January power.

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 1:31 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 1:41 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 adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm to be continued at the meeting for Lindmore ID growers.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary