

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2019

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

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

Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Milanesio, *Appointed after Public Comment*: Brownfield, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Senior Analyst), Mauritsen (Counsel), Maskell (Intern)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the agenda for March 12, 2019 as provided

1st DePaoli and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

No Public comment provided.

Appointment of Directors

Hagman indicated that the Board has interviewed all the candidates that had applied for the vacant seats on the District Board. As directed by the Board on March 11, 2019, Hagman invited Mr. Michael R. Brownfield (applied for Division 1) and Mr. Scott R. Reynolds (applied for Division 2) to attend today's meeting for appointment to the Board to those vacant seats. After some discussion with Counsel on process, the following action was taken:

Motion: Adopt Resolution 2019-01: Resolution of the Board of Directors of Lindmore Irrigation District Appointing Directors Due to Vacancies Between Elections

1st Milanesio and 2nd DePaoli - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the February 21, 2019 and March 11, 2019 Special Board meetings and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 and March 11, 2019 Special Board meetings as presented

1st Milanesio and 2nd DePaoli - 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. Hagman provided a video of the 10th Avenue Charge Well casing. The pump is inoperable but the

well and casing looks good. Hagman noted that he needs to replace the pump and that it will cost about \$22,500. After some other discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: Authorize Staff to replace the 10th Avenue Charge Well at a cost of \$25,000 or less.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Water Supply Report: Hagman reported that the USBR has announced uncontrolled season (UcS) operations through at least April 10. Lindmore could receive unreleased restoration flow water (URF - \$20 AF), RWA (\$10 AF), Section 215, and unlimited Class 2 during UCS. The District has 725 AF Class 1 to use and almost 600 AF of URF during March. He noted we will likely be able to use the water. Discussion was had about the availability of supply and limited options for placing it in the District. Hagman noted several growers on the west side of the District will take quite a bit. He will send a letter out extending the UcS for District growers through April in the next couple of days. The price remains \$25 AF during UcS and then the final allocation remains 1.30 AF per acre after UcS (at \$55/af).

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). Hagman reported that during the next maintenance season we will need to replace 5th Avenue JB6. He noted it is structurally unsound. We will attempt to repair it in December and January and be prepared to run water by February.

Status of SmartWATER grant: Hagman reported that we are waiting on our actual grant document to sign. The delay is a function of government shut down.

Letter requesting annexation: Hagman reminded the Board that a landowner had requested annexation at the February regular meeting. The Board declined the request. Hagman informed the landowner of the Board's decision and the "wet year water" priority process.

Computers, Phones, Printers, Oh My: Hagman reported on the progress of last months actions to replace the server, convert the phones to VoIP, and lease a new office copier.

B. New Action Items

Resolution 2019-02- Resolution Approving a Section 215 Contract with the USBR: Hagman shared the contract and reported that approving resolution will allow him to order Section 215 supply. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: Adopt Resolution 2019-02 and direct signatories: Resolution of the Board of Directors of Lindmore Irrigation District Approving a Section 215 Contract with the USBR for CY2019 and Directed the Board President to sign it

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Injury Illness Prevention Program:

Hagman introduced District intern Scott Maskell. GM Hagman noted that one of Maskell's responsibilities was to develop a policy to aid the District in complying with the Risk Insurance carriers audit performed in calendar year 2016. He turned the time over to Maskell. Maskell provided a presentation outlining the District's requirement, per California law, to have an Injury Illness and Prevention Program (IIPP). After the presentation discussion developed around the IIPP

and what else would be required. Maskell noted that there would need to be plans behind the IIPP that identify activities within the District's responsibility for potential risk for injury and illness. He has developed about fifteen of them already and will have them complete by the next Board meeting. The Board asked to see all the plans as well. Hagman noted that the IIPP was the requirement and asked that the Board adopt the IIPP now and next month Maskell will provide all the plans he develops before then. Hagman also noted that the IIPP is the guidance document and that the plans will be forever developing as we identify risk exposure. Each time a risk is identified, a plan must be written. Maskell also noted that a staff person has to be identified as the IIPP Program Administrator. This person will follow up with the GM and identify successes and failures. Hagman also recommended adoption today and that plans be added as needed. Counsel suggested all plans be brought back to the Board for approval. After some discussion the following was action was taken:

Motion: To Adopt the Injury Illness and Prevention Program as provided, appoint Hagman as the Program Administrator, and Staff is to provide risk plans to the Board when it is necessary to be added to the IIPP.

1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Open House: Hagman asked the Board to set the date of the annual District open house. President Arnold set it for June 7, 2019.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: Hagman was directed to develop a resolution of the Board and find a gift of appreciation to the Ronnie Adam family for Ron's service as a District Board of Directors member. Hagman was asked to have it all approved by the Board and ready for a presentation to the family at the June open house.

- 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 (#13397 – 13440, VOIDS 13441 – 13451, 13452-13454,) February 12, 2019 to March 12, 2019 in the amount of \$320,799.91, and payroll for February 2019 in the amount of \$72,721.03 for a total disbursement of \$393,520.94.

1st Brownfield and 2nd Milanesio - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. 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. Bennett reported that the annualized variance between LAIF investments and Hagman investments exceeds the \$12,000 threshold.

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 and GM Hagman reported open session items of the FWA.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold noted that there wasn't an FPA meeting since the last Board meeting and that there aren't any open session updates.

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: Directors Brownfield and DePaoli noted that FWA is going to use only FWA Board members on its committees.

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
- EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER
[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] 2 Potential Matters

The Board went into closed session at 3:43 PM and came out at 3:58 PM. President Arnold noted that due to the loss of Field Employee Hirabayashi, Hagman can move Office Technician Baranek to the field and move Intern Maskell to cover the front office, coordinate projects, and help implement the IIPP, provided moving Baranek to the field is an action that complies with the IBEW Memorandum of Understanding.

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 (Reynolds/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary