

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2018

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Vice-President DePaoli called the meeting to order @ 2:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Adam, Brownfield, DePaoli, Milanesio

Directors Absent: Arnold

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (Analyst), and two landowners: Dustin Swall and Scott Reynolds

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for April 10, 2018 as provided

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

Public Comment

Members of the Public were invited to comment; no comment was provided. The District participated in the USBR Water Conference Call (about one hour).

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the March 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting and the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting as presented

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

Audit

Dennis Hylton (District Auditor) presented the Fiscal Year 2017 Audited Financial Statements and reported no exceptions and a clean audit. He thanked the Board and Staff. GM Hagman asked the Board to consider accepting the audit. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Audited Financial Statements as provided by District Auditor, Dennis Hylton

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

Prior/New Action Items

A. Report on Prior Board actions/discussions

Operation and Maintenance Report: GM Hagman reported on staff operations and maintenance efforts.

Water Supply Report: Given the USBR water call at the beginning of the meeting, GM Hagman explained that the USBR has called an uncontrolled Class 2 season effective April 6 and ending mid-May. They have allocated 135,000 AF of UcS Class 2. That would give Lindmore ID 2,119 AF to use before the end of the UcS. In addition to that Class 2, the District has 597 AF of URF and 8,101 AF of Class 1 Carryover that must be used by the end of UcS. Therefore, Lindmore ID will need to move 10,817 AF in the next 40 days.

Given those parameters, GM Hagman suggested that the Board temporarily lower the water rate from \$200.00 (Approved in May 2016 by Proposition 218 petition vote) an acre foot down to \$30.00 AF through May 31 and allow growers to take as much water as they want without regard to allocation. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To temporarily lower the approved base rate from \$200.00 AF to \$30.00 AF with a grower allocation of unlimited water through May 31 and such water will not apply towards their final allocation of supply.

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

GM Hagman stated that the USBR residual Class 1 allocation will likely be 90%. That would give the District 29,700 AF to allocate after the unlimited supply is finished on May 31. That gives us cushion against what might be taken after the USBR UcS (likely May 15th) and the end of May when the water that will be used will be all Class 1 residual. Therefore, he recommended that the Board, effective June 1, 2018, set the allocation at 0.85 AF per acre and a rate of \$55.00 per acre foot. After some discussion the following action was taken:

Motion: To set the allocation after May 31, 2018 at 0.85 AF per acre and temporarily lower the approved base rate from \$200.00 AF to \$55.00 AF.

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

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

Micro Basin Installment Effort

GM Hagman reported that a suitable site has not yet been determined. There is some concern on placing it at the existing Ireton Recharge Basin. There is also some concern on the method of filtering. GM Hagman and Calvin Monreal will be meeting this week to discuss options for filtering.

B. New Action Items

Well Measurement Results: GM Hagman reported that the well measurements show an increase of 2.42 feet from Spring 2017.

Set meeting for potential grant approval: GM Hagman reported that staff will be working on two efficiency grants from the USBR. One is a \$75,000 grant (50% match, \$150,000 project) and the other is a \$150,000 grant (50% match, \$300,000 project). The \$75k is due by July 31, 2018 and the \$150k is due by May 10, 2018. The latter is pushing it but there is a chance. The other we will certainly have the necessary time to generate a grant proposal. In the event that staff is able to get the larger grant put together in time, the Board will need to pass a resolution adopting the grant and accepting their share of the project costs. No action was taken.

District Board Seats

Board members in Divisions 1, 2, and 4 were informed their seat was up for election and they needed to submit the required documents in order to stay on the seat. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous administrative items: GM Hagman noted no accidents and no loss time injuries/illnesses at the District this past month.

- 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 (numbers 12859 – 12907) for March 14, 2018 to April 10, 2018 in the amount of \$330,797.64, and payroll for March 2018 in the amount of \$70,649.61 for a total disbursement of \$401,447.25.

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

D. Financial Reports

Analyst Bennett asked the Board if there were any questions on the financial documents provided. None were asked.

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) –Director Brownfield 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: GM Hagman reminded the Board of the meetings they have between today and the next Board 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

The Board went into closed session at 3:52 PM and came out at 4:00 PM. President Arnold reported 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, Vice-President DePaoli asked for a motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Brownfield/Milanesio) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary