

LINDMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2020

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.

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

Directors Present: Arnold, DePaoli, Brownfield, Milanesio, Reynolds

Directors Absent:

Others present: Hagman (GM), Bennett (SA), Romero (Staff Engineer)

Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the agenda for August 11, 2020 Lindmore Irrigation District Board meeting as provided – 1st Milanesio and 2nd Reynolds – Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

Public Comment

None provided

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the July 14, 2020 Regular Board meeting. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 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.

Water Supply Report: Final USBR CVP Friant Division allocation has been set at 65% Class 1. There are no recommended changes to the landowner prorate. In the month of July, FWA reported deliveries of 5,887 AF to the District and LID's meters calculated 5,572 AF plus "in transit" and "mitigation" for a total of 5,792 AF and operational variances being the difference.

District Improvement Projects: Hagman updated the Board on the status of the Districts authorized improvement projects. Junction Box (JB) discussion was had. It is recommended that staff proceed with JB repairs this winter while the FKC is in down for maintenance.

Recharge Basin Development: Romero reported the progress on a potential recharge site. Board directed Hagman to look at land on the District's west side for potential recharge projects. Suggestions were made as to landowners and terms, but no direction was given for Hagman to make any formal offers.

Personnel Policies and Employment Agreement: Hagman reported that Berglund is working with IBEW but had no updates at this time.

Job Descriptions: Hagman noted only one job description, for the front desk needs to be completed.

Recharge Basin Renaming: Hagman noted that due to Covid-19 protocols, the dedication event will happen when the protocols are no longer in place.

Status of Assessment Collection transfer to County: Bennett reported that Lindmore Staff has completed all its tasks to get the assessment on the County tax rolls.

Staffing and Office Space: Romero reported on the work at the old shop. Lindmore has a permit and is getting a final inspection after anchors are installed. There will be some things to finish up after final, but not large items.

Vehicle Purchase: Still no action on purchasing the small SUV for the District Vehicle Pool.

B. New Action Items

Biennial Notice on Conflict of Interest Code: Bennett reported that Counsel has provided a draft of the updated COI and notices of the intention to amend the COI have been posted. Bennett gave each Board of Director a notice. No action required until the October board meeting.

Miscellaneous Administrative Items: None were provided.

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 (#14251 – 14313) July 15, 2020 to August 11, 2020 in the amount of \$378,207.49 and payroll for July 2020 in the amount of \$95,073.14 for a total disbursement of \$473,280.63. 1st DePaoli and 2nd Brownfield - Motion passed by unanimous vote of those present

D. Financial Reports

Bennett presented the financial statements and reports and answered questions.

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

FWA Issues – Director Brownfield and Hagman reported on FWA issues. Concern was expressed that District landowners are not fully aware of what will be expected financially in order to keep bringing in the Central Valley Project water to reduce groundwater extraction. Vice-President DePaoli suggested sending a letter to all landowners on this issue. Hagman noted that he could develop a letter and send it out later this week. Brownfield suggested a special meeting soon. President Arnold set a meeting for August 14, 2020. Hagman ask Bennett to immediately post a notice and agenda for that meeting.

Friant Power Authority (FPA) – President Arnold and GM Hagman provided a verbal update on FPA efforts.

East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) – Director Milanesio and 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.

Meetings Attended/to Attend: Director DePaoli is covering August FPA meeting for Director Arnold. The Board decided to have a Special Board meeting on August 14th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss projects that should be in the budget.

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: One

President Arnold called the Board to closed session at 3:55 pm and the Board came out of closed session at 4:30 pm. After coming out of closed session, the Board announced there was no reportable action.

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 (DePaoli/Reynolds) carried by unanimous vote of those present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Michael D. Hagman
District Secretary