

# OFFICIAL MINUTES

September 08, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation District met this day in regular session in the office of the District and via Zoom and teleconference consistent with the governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Vice President Imoto called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Directors Imoto, George, Warson, Loeffler

Director Tienken

General Manager Wallace, Assistant Manager Edwards, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Cosenza, District Consultant Keller (via Zoom), District Attorney Mauritson (via Zoom).

None

None

**A:** Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 2020 were approved.

**B:** The outstanding claims against the District, already approved by the finance committee were allowed and payment thereof authorized by the following Directors:

Ayes: Directors Imoto, George, Warson, Loeffler  
Noes: None  
Absent: Director Tienken

**C:** Manager Wallace presented the Income Statement and balance sheets for July; the documents were accepted as presented. The month of August will be delayed until the next month.

**D:** Resolution 2020-22 Certifying the results of the proposition 218 assessment ballot election and, as a result, setting amount of supplemental assessment and adopting a schedule of inflationary fee increases thereto was considered. Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and therefore authorized by the following Directors:

Ayes: Directors Imoto, George, Warson, Loeffler  
Noes: None  
Absent: Director Tienken

**E:** Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the board adopted the amended conflict of interest code of the District and directed the General Manager to execute and return the required forms to the County of Tulare.

**F:** Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the board approved award of the Pipeline Replacement Project - 2018 to Teichert Construction pending final financing approval, including management, consultant and USDA approval and authorized the General Manager to sign said award and directed staff to proceed with completing the contract. Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the board approved a resolution authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness in the amount of \$6,420,000.00 with the United

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADDITIONS/  
AMENDMENTS TO  
AGENDA**

**POTENTIAL  
ACTION ITEMS**

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States Department of Agriculture to replace leaking irrigation pipelines. Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the board approved a resolution authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness in the amount of \$4,930,000.00 with the United States Department of Agriculture to replace leaking irrigation pipelines.

**G:** Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the board approved Agreement Number A-18-1663-S004 between The Regents of the University of California and the District and authorized the General Manager to execute said agreement and sign a claim for disbursement of funds.

**H:** Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George, and unanimously carried, the board approved the General Manager to obtain on-line access to the District's banking accounts at Bank of the Sierra.

**I:** Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried, the minutes of the special meeting held September 03, 2020 were approved.

Following is Asst Manager Edwards' water report for the 2020-21 water year:

**WATER REPORT**

Water Type/Source	Amount in Acre-Feet
Wutchumna Water Pumped	7,223
Wutchumna Water Used	7,223
Rescheduled Water Used	2,285
Transfer In	2,593
Class I Used	5,032
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	<b>14,432</b>
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	<b>14,432</b>
Transfer Out	4,110
Total Water Available	<b>8,733</b>

Manager Wallace also reported that the District began pumping from Wutchumna on behalf of others and itself and will be done by the end of September. The District continues to acquire URF water as it is available along with Recapture/Recirculation water. The current class 1 allocation remains at 65%.

**ESPA:** ESPA Manager Edwards reported that the Metering project in nearing completion and the PPA and generation potential projects did not move forward.

**POWER  
AUTHORITIES**

**FPA:** Manager Wallace reported that the District received \$204,183.82 in revenue in August and that the meeting for August was cancelled due to lack of action items.

**A:** Manager Wallace reported that a notice is being sent to landowners regarding the canal shutdown schedule that staff is working with FWA to assist with draining the canal into our system. The FWA is coordinating with BOR on the draft update to the water quality policy and the capacity correction project continues to move forward on design.

**FRIANT WATER  
AUTHORITY**

**B:** Manager Wallace reported on items the FWA CEO continues to concentrate his efforts on. Including the November Director Retreat, and FKC Financing. The Board reviewed the current financing options that was presented at the last FWA meeting and discussed the options currently presented.

**C:** Manager Wallace presented the draft 2021 General Member Budget for the Board to review.

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Manager Wallace updated the board that the GSA board approved the Prop. 218 Engineer Report for the EKGSA. Manager Wallace reported that there are some boundary issues on the eastern side of the GSA to be worked on in the future. Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the board approved of the Proposed Prop. 218 for the EKGSA and directed the General Manager to vote in the affirmative for the District owned lands. Manager Wallace also updated the board on the Land IQ results and the continuing discussions related to developing an allocation policy for the native groundwater in the GSA and discussed a landowner letter received by the GSA specifically mentioning the District and its water supplies.

**GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT**

**A:** Manager Wallace reported that a meeting is being set-up with the consultants to begin developing the project.  
**B:** No update.

**MANAGER REPORT**

The Board went into closed session at 3:10 p.m. regarding the following items:

**CLOSED SESSION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with legal counsel-existing litigation.

NRDC v. Murrillo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-cv-01658-JAM-GGH.

City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): Conference with legal counsel-two potential cases.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:39 p.m. Vice President Imoto reported in open session that during closed session no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Secretary