

OFFICIAL MINUTES

October 13, 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.

President Tienken called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Directors Tienken, Imoto, George, Warson (via Zoom), Loeffler

None

General Manager Wallace, Secretary Millan (via Zoom), Operations and Maintenance Superintendent Cosenza, District Attorney Mauritson (via Zoom arrived at 2:30-3:13).

None

None

A: Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Loeffler and unanimously carried with Director Tienken abstaining, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 08, 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 Tienken, Imoto, George, Loeffler
- Noes: None
- Abstain: Director Warson
- Absent: None

C: Manager Wallace presented the Income Statement and balance sheets for August and September; the documents were accepted as presented.

D: Upon motion by Director George, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the board approved a License Agreement for "Sub-Lease" by Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District pending adding the District as additional insured and including the District in the hold harmless language of the agreement.

E: The board reviewed a potential water rate credit for 2021 water year and provided staff with direction to inform the landowners when sending the new assessments out.

F: District's Pipeline Replacement Project - 2018

- i.** The board reviewed a draft term sheet for interim financing and upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the board approved the term sheet and directed staff and bond counsel to proceed with preparing the interim financing documents for later approval.
- ii.** The board reviewed the Letter of Commitment Amendment Number 4 with the USDA.
- iii.** Upon motion by Director Imoto, seconded by Director Warson and unanimously carried, the board approved issuing the Notice to Proceed of the Pipeline Replacement Project - 2018 to Teichert Construction pending final legal, management, consultant, and USDA approval. Additionally, authorized the general manager to sign said Notice and contract documents.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

**ADDITIONS/
AMENDMENTS TO
AGENDA**

**POTENTIAL
ACTION ITEMS**

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G: Upon motion by Director Warson, seconded by Director George and unanimously carried, the board approved not to renew a Line of Credit extension with First Security Bank and directed staff to close said LOC.

H: Upon motion by Director Loeffler, seconded by Director Imoto, and unanimously carried, the board approved the renewal of the District medical insurance plan for employees with United Ag.

Following is information from Assistant Manager Edwards' water report for the 2020-21 water year:

WATER REPORT

Water Type/Source	Amount in Acre-Feet
Wutchumna Water Pumped	7,953
Wutchumna Water Used	7,953
Rescheduled Water Used	2,285
Transfer In	2,593
Class I Used	7,373
Total Water Pumped at Trauger	17,503
Well Water Pumped	0
Total Water in System	17,503
Transfer Out	4,561
Total Water Available	5,941

Manager Wallace also reported that the District pumped 730 AF from Wutchumna in September on behalf of the District and others. Currently we are projecting about 1,800 AF of carryover and the canal is still scheduled to be down by the middle of November. 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: Manager Wallace reported that the next meeting is November 18th and the Metering project is almost complete.

FPA: Manager Wallace reported that the District received \$91,198.63 in revenue in September and that the meeting for September was cancelled due to lack of action items. The lake level is low, and the generation is only happening on the River.

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A: Manager Wallace presented a shutdown reminder letter that is being sent to the landowners regarding the canal shutdown and updated the board on the current shutdown plan for the District and the customers served by SPUD. A letter will be sent to the homes in the District reminding them of the shutdown and to conserve when possible. The board also was updated on the Capacity Correction Project design, financing and schedule along with a cost updated regarding the Jones Pumping Plant motor rewind project. Manager Wallace continues to support the water quality effort on the canal.

B: Manager Wallace reported on items the FWA CEO continues to concentrate his efforts on. Including the November Director Retreat, FKC financing, the voluntary agreement discussions, the blueprint project and legislative meetings to advance items beneficial to Friant contractors

**FRIANT WATER
AUTHORITY**

Manager Wallace updated the board that the GSA board meeting is scheduled for October 26th to have the Prop. 218 hearing. Also, an update was given on the status of various policies still being worked on by the various committees prior to board approval. There are still several issues of concern related to

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the policies that require further discussion prior to any approval being recommended.

Director Warson left the meeting at 3:48 P.M.

A: Manager Wallace reported on the results of the first meeting on the Rancho Project and that the consultant team is beginning to review the best approach to develop the potential project. Monthly meetings have been established to review progress being made on the project.

MANAGER REPORT

B: Manager Wallace updated the Board that staff is preparing the new Prop. 218 Assessments and beginning work on the 2021 budget items. The draft Audit was finally received and should be on the agenda for November. District staff is preparing the wells to operate when the canal is out of service.

The Board went into closed session at 2:30 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 3:13 p.m. President Tienken 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 3:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Secretary