

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met at a Regular Meeting on the 20th day of June 2000, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Woodville, California. The meeting was called to order by President ROBERT F. BOWMAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 5	2001	ROBERT F. BOWMAN
Director	Div. 3	2003	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 2	2001	BENJAMIN SERAFIN
Director	Div. 4	2003	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2001	TONY SIMONICH

Also present was DANIEL G. VINK, General Manager for the District.

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the May 15, 2000 regular meeting were reviewed as distributed via mail. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the minutes of the May 15, 2000 regular meeting were approved.

The financial statement for the month of May 2000 was reviewed and on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of May. A copy of the financial statement is attached as (Exhibit "A").

- The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 5.086% for May, 1999 compared to 6.190% for May 2000.
- The District has received third party revenues on the Cross Valley Canal in the amount of \$25,488.00 for the first quarter of 2000.
- The District has received the notice that the interest on delinquent assessments for the last half of 2000 has been set at 8%.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee and after thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in paying the May bills.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The forecast for the Friant Kern Canal remains at 100% Class 1 with a Class 2 declaration tentatively set at 15%. General Manager VINK reviewed for the Board the spill situation at Millerton and the Districts water run during the early part of June. Current projections, given the Districts available water supply, indicates a run until some

time in mid August. The Board reviewed the water rate of \$35.00 no action was taken.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration the modification of agreements with the Westside interests as it pertains to the Districts Cross Valley contractual obligations. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized a one year modification of the operating agreement with the Water Group and a change in the contractual obligations per agreement with MIKE DRESICK.

The Board reviewed several other water issues including the 1999 reconciliation's from the Bureau of Reclamation and a proposed water transfer by the Angiola Water District to other interest in Kings County.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

General Manager VINK reported on various constructions and maintenance activities including the arrival of the 3 new half ton pick up trucks for use in the Districts fleet. In addition the Board discussed various pending construction activities including the Seitz Ditch pipeline. Given the current cost in pipe it was concurred by all present that the pipeline project would be put on hold until more economical pipe prices could be found.

General Manager VINK continues to work on a long term staffing plan that would both involve Lower Tule and Pixley Irrigation Districts.

The Board reviewed for discussion a B2 litigation agreement between the Cross Valley Canal contractors. The B2 litigation agreement allows for accounting and payment of the B2 litigation amongst the Cross Valley Canal contractors. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the B2 litigation agreement amongst the Cross Valley Canal contractors.

General Manager VINK presented for review a draft of principals between Friant Water Users' interest and Metropolitan Water District that would guide the water quality exchange discussions. After thorough review of the principals and merits of the program, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board ratified and approved the draft principals as presented.

General Manager VINK presented for discussion a change in the Districts radio service system. The Districts current Motorola repeater site and radio system needs updating. Staff is recommending the purchase Nextel 2 way radios. The new program, while increasing the monthly radio costs, would mean not having to spend considerable monies for the upkeep and rehab of the existing system. After thorough review and discussion of the matter on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized changing the Districts current radio system from the repeater site Lewis Hill to the 2-way system provided by Nextel.

The District has received an interim Section 1601 agreement with the Department of Fish and Game that would allow the District to continue its channel work programs through the

balance of the year during which time a long-term agreement would be negotiated. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution to the Interim 1601 agreement with Fish and Game.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of District activities including an update on the Channel Clearing problems on the Tule River. The District has received notice of a nation wide exemption on existing facilities from the Corp of Engineers and has submitted its case to EPA on the claims by the Corp that there was not a valid 404 permit.

The Board received an update on the Contract Renewal process. General Manager VINK reported that the May and June negotiating sessions had been going slow and although some progress has been made on particular issues like tiered pricing and right of renewal.

The District has received an outline of a proposed settlement from the Bayou Vista Ditch East Company relative to the acquisition of the Taylor Ditch. Under the proposed agreement the District would acquire all the stock in the Bayou Vista Ditch East Company that would in turn entitle the District to the Taylor Ditch facilities. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized proceeding along the lines of the proposal as presented by General Manager VINK.

The District has received an agreement from the California Dairies Inc. that would allow joint use of CDI and District facilities. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the joint facilities use agreement with California Dairies Inc

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of activities including meetings with Tulare County Supervisor BILL MAZE to discuss proposed ground water ordinances, Proposition 13 discussion being held with Provost & Pritchard and changes in the Districts State Compensation insurance premiums.

The District has received an oversight Treasury Oversight Committee ballot from the County of Tulare. After thorough review and discussion of those names present on the ballot, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized support for District Landowner MIKE RISING to serve on the Tulare County Treasury oversight committee.

General Manager VINK reported that the District has finished rehabilitation of the 7-½ ton forklift received from state surplus. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized disposal of the Districts other 7-½ ton forklift at an appropriate price.

At 1pm R.L. SCHAFER entered the meeting to discuss with the Board the Success Reservoir Enlargement and in particularly the CEQA findings as prepared by District staff, counsel and consultants. After thorough review and discussion of the process, with the Lower Tule River Irrigation District acting as a lead agency for the local sponsors, the Board adopted Resolution 2000-6-1 adopting the CEQA findings as prepared. In addition the Board directed the filing of the Notice of Determination and all other appropriate documents relative to the Success Reservoir

Enlargement and in particular the CEQA process. A copy of Resolution 2000-6-1 is attached as (Exhibit "B").

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including developments on the Kern Fan Power Project and the settlement proposal for the Kern Water Bank damage to the Cross Valley Canal.

Primary activity on the Cross Valley Canal revolves around the management discussions. There will be a meeting held on Wednesday June 21st with the Kern County Water Agency Board of Directors to continue the follow up discussions relative to the management of the Canal.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the May Tule River Association Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors of the Tule River Association will meet on the 21st of June.

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Success Power Project activities. Including a meeting held with Mountain Energy Partner JOHN ZIMMERMAN. Minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors are submitted to the Board and as such are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

FWUA will be holding its June Board meeting on Wednesday May 21st. The Board reviewed in detail the meeting of the May 26th. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the Metropolitan Water District water quality exchange proposal and the San Joaquin River program. The minutes of the FWUA meeting are submitted to the Board and as such are not repeated here.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the May DCTRA Board of Directors meeting. General Manager VINK reported that the Authority has received grant money in the amount of \$160,000.00 to begin construction on the Deer Creek facility. Construction will begin by District staff some time later in the month.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- C. Association of California Water Agencies
- D. Central Valley Project Water Association

- E. California Water Resources Association
- F. National Water Resources Association
- G. State Chamber of Commerce
- H. Ag Water Committee
- I. Water Education Foundation
- J. California Farm Water Coalition

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager