

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 14th day of November 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 MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the October 11th, 2000 regular meeting were presented for review. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES the minutes of the October 11, 2000 regular meeting was approved as presented.

The financial statement for the month of October was reviewed:

- General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a scenario whereby the District would close its savings account with the Bank of Sierra.
- The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 5.391% for October, 1999 compared to 6.538% for October 2000

After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board accepted the financial statement for the month of October and authorized the closing of the savings account at the Bank of Sierra with the funds being transferred to the LAIF accounts.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in approving payment of the September and October bills. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September and October bills. Financial statement attached as (Exhibit "A").

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The forecast for the Friant Kern Canal remains at 100% Class 1 and 17% Class 2.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the forecast as predicted by the Farmers

Almanac. The Farmers Almanac forecast calls for above normal temperatures and precipitation for November, December & January with below normal precipitation for the balance of the 2001.

The Board reviewed repayment analysis from the Bureau of Reclamation breaking down the Districts capital repayment on the Central Valley Project as follows:

- Cross Valley Canal \$475,960
- Friant Canal Class One \$2,684,017
- Friant Kern Canal Class Two \$1,586,197.

The Board also reviewed some potential water banking programs and Tule River overuse issues. No action was taken any of those matters.

The Board then discussed the potential sale of Cross Valley Contract supply to the Bureau of Reclamation for Level 4 refuge use. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES the Board authorized General Manager Vink to sign the contracts on behalf of the District.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board construction and maintenance activities in the system including the rehabilitation of the facilities at the Creighton Ranch and the removal of sand from District facilities. In addition District staff has had meetings with the Cal Trans and the Poplar Community Services District to discuss the relocation of Poplar Ditch and the acquiring of some property along the Districts #2 irrigation canal. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed some personnel issues including potential cost of living increases for staff for the 2001 calendar year and addresses some staffing issues relative to the need to replace water master GARY PEREZ.

The Board took up discussions on the ID 6 main canal project and the need to begin the engineering on the project. After thorough review the Board mandated District staff to begin the project for scheduled completion by the 2002 water year.

General Manager VINK reported that he had conversations with District landowner ALAN CHANGALA. MR. CHANGALA is interested in selling a portion of his property that borders the District's Koslov basin. The property is strategic to the District in its need for direct access to the Friant Kern Canal and its need for adobe soils and hardpan that is native to that area. After thorough review and discussion on the properties involved the Board directed General Manager VINK to begin negotiations with MR. CHANGALA.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the Taylor Ditch project. Meetings have been held with MIKE NORDSTROM representing Taylor Ditch Company. MR. NORDSTROM reported that the process is waiting for Taylor Ditch entities to resolve accounting issues.

General Manager VINK also reviewed a meeting with MIKE NORDSTROM representing the Angiola Water District to review the sale of Angiola water on the state project and the Angiola water banking and ground water issues as they impact the District.

The District has completed discussions with Pajaro Valley Water Agency and reached resolutions on the memorandum of understanding. The Board had authorized signature to the memorandum of understanding at a previous meeting. That memorandum will now be circulated amongst the parties for final signature.

The District has received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that the reclamation reform act audit has been completed and there was no significant errors found. The errors that were found were minor book keeping errors and will be corrected.

The Board reviewed the Westlands Area of Origin application on the San Joaquin River and in particular the October 16th Board meeting of the Westlands Water District. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the Area of Origin application upon which the Westlands Board ratified their actions in filing the Area of Origin application. The FWUA and the water users on the eastside of the valley will now begin the process of fighting the Area of Origin application and figuring out how to best deal with the Westlands issue.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Contract Renewal activity. The District has been in pressing negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation over the past 30 days to complete the negotiations on the water service contracts. As of the 10th of November the District and the other Friant Water Users have reached an agreement with the Bureau on contract concepts and have agreed to final language. The Board entered into extensive review of the contract including an audio-visual presentation by General Manager VINK highlighting the most pertinent areas of the contract. Significant time was spent in dialog and questions and answers regarding the contract. The contract will be further reviewed over the next 30 days and taken up further at the December meeting.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the recent advisory committee activities and the completed negotiations on the management agreement with the KCWA. The last remaining issues, that being the well issue and the expansion of the CVC, appeared to have reached resolution and both parties will now begin drafting final language.

It was reported that long term KCWA Board of Directors HENRY GARNETT was defeated in the most recent November elections.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the October 18th meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the Success Reservoir Enlargement project and the channel activities and particularly the Porter Slough channel clearing. The Tule River Association will be having its Board meeting on the 16th of November. The minutes of the Tule River Association are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 26th FWUA Board meeting. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing budget issues and the concern about cost over runs within the FWUA. A special meeting of the Budget and Audit committee has been scheduled for November 20th at the FWUA office in Lindsay to review the budget in more detail.

In addition to budget and staffing issues considerable time was spent discussing the MWD activities and the San Joaquin River restoration efforts. The minutes of the Friant meeting are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The DCTRA will be holding its Board meeting on November 17th at the Lower Tule River Irrigation District offices.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND NOTICES

General Manager VINK reported on the ACWA and ACWA/JPIA conference held recently in Anaheim. Of note at that conference was a roundtable debate between KOLE UPTON chairman of the FWUA and AL DINGLE chairman of the Westlands Water District on the Westlands Area of Origin application. Additional meetings at the ACWA conference included scheduled sessions with Bureau of Reclamation and the Metropolitan Water District to discuss the MWD east-side water quality program.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies
- B. Central Valley Project Water Association.
- C. California Water Resources Association
- D. National Water Resources Association
- E. State Chamber of Commerce
- F. Ag Water Committee
- F. Water Education Foundation
- G. 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