

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 11th day of October 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 SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 8th, 2000 and September 12th regular meeting were distributed via mail. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN the minutes of the August 8th and September 12th regular meetings were approved as distributed.

The financial statement for the month of September 2000 was reviewed and on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of September was ordered placed on file.

- The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 5.274% for September, 1999 compared to 6.502% for September 2000.
- 2000 water delinquencies to date total approximately \$429,000.

As the Finance Committee has not met yet to review the September bills no action was taken.

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2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The Bureau has increased the Class 2 declaration from 100% Class 1 and 15% Class 2 to 100% Class 1 and 17% Class 2.

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of water supply and water condition activities including over use by the District on its Tule River supply. The District will purchase water from Vandalia Irrigation District and Porterville Irrigation District in order to make up the difference.

General Manager VINK reported on the sale of Cross Valley water to the Bureau of Reclamation for Level 4 refuge needs. The Board reviewed a variety of other water related

activities including the 2001 proposed water and CVPIA rates along with a discussion on the Riparian Water Banking program as arranged by the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority and the Friant Water Users Authority.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the construction activities at the Creighton Ranch. The District, in conjunction with JG BOSWELL, has been rehabilitating several of the structures at the Creighton Ranch.

The Board discussed the need for additional covered facilities in the District yard to protect the investment the District has made in construction forms and various other construction supplies. The approximate cost to the District would be \$25,000 for the buildings along with some ancillary costs for construction by District crews. The Board discussed the matter thoroughly and did not take any action tabling the matter for review at a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK reported that long-term District watermaster GARY PEREZ has resigned to take a job with the Friant Water Users Authority. The Board expressed its gratitude to MR. PEREZ for his 27 years of service with the District and directed that General Manager VINK provide MR. PEREZ with a parting gift accordingly.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting to be held with Taylor Ditch representatives MIKE NORDSTROM to review the acquisition of the Taylor Ditch by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on Contract Renewal activities. Considerable time in the negotiating sessions is being spent discussing water rights per article 3H and article 39 of the contract. In addition there has been a lot of discussion relative to tiered pricing and the exemptions for certain amounts of water along with article 17 provisions that allow for commingling of non-project water.

The District has received its 3-month interim contract extension for the Cross Valley Canal contract. That contract would extend the current 9-month contract through the typical water year of February 2001. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2000-10-1 authorizing signature to the Interim form of contract and adopted Resolution 2000-10-2 authorizing the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the County of Tulare pursuant to the environmental documentation.

The Board reviewed the matter of Westlands Water District filing for water on the San Joaquin River including the Brown Act charges filed by the Friant Water Districts against the Westlands Water District charging Westlands with Brown Act violations in their San Joaquin River application process. The Westlands Board will be holding a meeting on the 16th of October to review those charges.

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of District activities including the HR3077

issues and the stalling of that bill in Congress. The correspondence to Congressman DOOLEY and Senator FEINSTEIN relative to HR3077 was reviewed.

The Board took up the issue of the agreement with Fresno County for the back stopping of Fresno County Cross Valley water supply. Decision on that matter was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK reported that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will be having a tour and a dinner meeting with various Friant Water Users that are interested in the long-term water quality program with the Metropolitan Water District.

The Board reviewed a variety of District activities including:

- The sale at auction of several of the District vehicles.
- The B2 litigation and recent court activities
- The appointment of COLE UPTON to the Governors drought panel
- Various meetings with Congressman CAL DOOLEY throughout the month attended by both staff and District Board members.

General Manager VINK reported that the ground water study being done in conjunction with other Friant Districts is in the final draft phases and should be ready some time in November or December.

The Board discussed the memorandum of understanding as proposed by the Pajaro Valley Water Agency that would direct the discussions with Pajaro Valley on the long-term assignment of a portion of the Districts Cross Valley Canal contract. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the MOU pending final resolution of some of the matters between District staff and Pajaro Valley staff and council.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the recent advisory committee meetings and the negotiating sessions held with the Kern County Water Agency. Considerable time at those negotiating sessions was spent discussing expansion of the Cross Valley Canal and the issue of placement of wells within the Cross Valley Canal right-of-way.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the September Tule River Association Board of Directors meeting and acknowledged the upcoming October Tule River Association Board meeting. Considerable time at those meetings is spent discussing the Success Reservoir Enlargement and ongoing Tule River operations.

The Board reviewed the 2000 generation report for Success Power Project. 2000 gross revenue to date is approximately \$225,000.

The District has received the local design agreement between the State and the Local

groups for cost sharing of the Success Reservoir Enlargement project. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board recommended that the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority entities participating in the Success Reservoir Enlargement authorize signature to the local design agreement.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September FWUA Board meeting. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the 2001 budget and the new staffing proposals along with other ongoing Authority operations. The minutes of the FWUA are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

The District has received its first call for funds from FWUA for 2001 operations. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the first call for funds for 2001 Authority operations.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.

B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the September Board meeting of the Authority. The minutes of the September Board meeting are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS AND NOTICES

ACWA and ACWA/JPIA conference will be held in Anaheim in the 2nd week of November. General Manager VINK will attend to represent the District.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

C. Association of California Water Agencies

D. Central Valley Project Water Association. The Board reviewed its current participation in the CVPWA particularly in light of the recent Westlands activity. Given the Districts position with Westlands and the increasing activity of the FWUA covering most of the activity previously done by the CVPWA, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board directed General Manager VINK to send a letter to CVPWA General Manager JASON PELTIER letting PELTIER know that the District would most likely not be participating in the Authority operations in the next coming year.

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