

MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 in a regular Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2001, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Woodville, California. In the temporary absence of President ROBERT F. BOWMAN the meeting was called to order by Vice President BENJAMIN SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 5	2001	ROBERT F. BOWMAN-11:30 a.m.
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 FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 regular meeting were distributed and reviewed. After thorough review and discussion with minor corrections made, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statement for the month of July 2001:

- Ø The Districts ending balance on water accounts receivable as of July 31<sup>st</sup> was \$1,256,000.
- Ø The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 4.635% for July 2001 compared to 6.443% for July 2000.
- Ø The LAIF reported 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter interest earned at \$44,538.
- Ø General Manager VINK reported that the District has received its 1999 Power reconciliation's from the Kern County Water Agency for Cross Valley Canal activities in the amount of \$189,000.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in reviewing the June and July bills for payment. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in approving the June and July bills. The Financial Statement is attached as (Exhibit "A").

## **2. WATER CONDITIONS**

Current water conditions were reviewed. The declaration for the Friant Division has been modified to 100% Class 1 and 3% Class 2. The 3% Class 2 declaration gives the District approximately 8,000 acre-feet of water remaining for the 2001 water year. That amount of water is not enough to sustain an irrigation run of a week or more for August. After thorough review and discussion, considering the supply available and reviewing the water cash flow situations, the Board concurred that if the declaration were to be modified to 5% Class 2 that a water run would be pertinent.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including the San Joaquin River Pilot Program 2000 and 2001 status. The District will receive revenue of approximately \$70,000 for their participation in the Pilot Programs. General Manager VINK also reviewed with the Board Cross Valley Canal deliveries for 2001. It appears as though all Cross Valley Canal deliveries will be completed at the end of 2001 with revenue being distributed to the District in the fall of 2001.

The Board reviewed a variety of other ancillary water activities including:

- o The water balance on the Tule River.
- o The 2000 refund application to the Bureau of Reclamation for surplus payments made during the 2000 fiscal year.
- o The water supply agreement with Fresno County. The Board spent considerable time reviewing the agreement with Fresno County, suggesting that one modification be made in the wording.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities. Standard maintenance and construction activities are ongoing for this time of the year.

Vice President Serafin then moved the meeting into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon bringing the meeting out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the potential purchase of property in and around the Districts Koslov Basin. The District had preliminary discussions to that effect with the Landowner ALAN CHANGALA in November and December of 2000. The property would be most beneficial to the District given its location to the Friant Kern Canal and the Districts #1 lateral and the need of the District to mine red dirt and hard-pan out of the property for maintenance of the Districts distribution system. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board authorized General Manager VINK to enter into real property negotiations with ALAN CHANGALA for the 20 acres of property east of the Koslov Basin described as APN #302-090-01, 302-090-02, and 302-090-04. In addition General Manager VINK was authorized to enter into real Property negotiations for property west of the Koslov Basin described as APN's # 302-090-01, 302-090-02 and 302-090-04.

The Board reviewed a variety of other district operations including contract renewal activities and the settlement of a claim with Southern California Edison for damage done by the District to Edison's system. That settlement was made by the District's insurance representative.

The District has received notice from the ACWA/JPIA that the liability premium for the 2001-2002

policy year is due in the amount of \$35,013. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized renewal of the liability program with the ACWA/JPIA.

The District spent considerable time reviewing joint operation activities and at 11:30 p.m. BOB BOWMAN entered the meeting and resumed control of the chair. The Board was updated on the sale of the Districts current office property to the Woodville School District and the preparation of the grant deed accordingly. In addition the District spent considerable time reviewing property locations in and around the Tipton area for a feasible spot for an office location.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities and spent considerable time reviewing the proposed participation agreement with the Kern County Water Agency. After thorough review of the agreement, which had been distributed prior to the Board meeting, on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement contingent upon final review by District management and counsel.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the activities of the Tule River Association including the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001 meeting of the Board. The Tule River Association will be meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> in a regular meeting in Porterville. Considerable time at those meetings are spent discussing the Success Reservoir activities and general Tule River operations.

The Success Reservoir Project was reviewed. General Manager VINK reported that the Project has received funding from the State in the amount of \$335,000. The Federal funding issues are somewhat up in the air with the process now being in a joint conference committee of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the activities of the FWUA at their July 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Considerable time there was spent discussing the replacement of General Manager DICK MOSS, various Cal Fed issues, San Joaquin River Restoration issues and the NRDC settlement discussions.

The District has received a final request for 2001 operations call for funds from Friant in the amount of \$6,617. On motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized final payment of the 2001 call for funds. The minutes of the Friant Water Users Authority have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

#### **7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. The Board reviewed a letter from the Mid-Valley Water Authority to the Department of the Interior requesting clarification of the Mid-Valley rights

to water supply from the Central Valley Project.

- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the activities of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority at the July 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the Deer Creek Project. Since that time the Authority has received a memorandum from DENNIS KELLER regarding the revised ground water percentages and the Terra Bella agreement. The Board reviewed that matter in detail, no action was taken.
- C. Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority.

**8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- A. Association of California Water Agencies.
- B. Central Valley Project Water Association
- D. California Water Resources Association
- E. National Water Resources Association
- F. State Chamber of Commerce
- G. Ag Water Committee
- H. Water Education Foundation
- I. California Farm Water Coalition
- J. Family Farm Alliance.

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned to a time later in the month when the Board will need to meet to discuss property issues as it relates to the Districts proposed new office construction.

The August 14<sup>th</sup> adjourned regular meeting was reconvened on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2001 in a field location in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President ROBERT BOWMAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

- Lower Tule River Irrigation District  
Robert F. Bowman  
Benjamin Serafin  
Donald MacMillan  
Anton Simonich

Gary Fernandes

Also in attendance were General Manager Daniel G. Vink and Pixley Irrigation District Director Joe Gastaldi.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss location and review of sites by visual tour in and around the Tipton area. After thorough review of possible locations, on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized General Manager VINK to enter into real property negotiations with the Landowner of APN #230-100-01 in the town of Tipton.

There being no further business to brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink