

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 13th day of February 2001, 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 SERAFIN and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 9th, 2001 regular meeting were reviewed as mailed. On motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of the January 9th, 2001 regular meeting were approved as mailed.

The financial statement for the month of January 2001 was reviewed:

- The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 6.372% for January, 2001 compared to 5.760% for January of 2000
- The District has received \$54,062 in interest from 4th quarter LAIF earnings
- The District has received \$100,304 from Cross Valley 3rd party revenue for the 2nd half of 2000

After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statement was approved as presented and ordered placed on file. A copy of the financial statement is attached as (Exhibit "A").

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in reviewing the accounts payable. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance

committee in approving the December bills. The Finance Committee has not yet met to review the January bills.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The preliminary forecast from the Friant Kern Canal is 75% Class 1 and no Class 2. The recent storm pattern indicates that the declaration should be increased some time during the month of March. Total precipitation on the Tule River water year for the year was 22 inches approximately 10 inches below average annual precipitation on the Tule River.

The Board reviewed potential water run(s) for the 2000 water year including the use of some carry over water of approximately 6,000 acre feet during the summer months.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the option program with JG BOSWELL whereby BOSWELL would take an option on approximately 5,000 acre feet of the Districts 2001 Cross Valley water supply under certain terms and conditions.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the completion of a road crossing in conjunction with landowner MANUEL FARIA. Cost of that project was shared with MANUEL FARIA and the District, in that it benefited both parties. FARIA paid \$4,500 toward the cost of the project, which is estimated to cost \$6,000.

The District continues with its maintenance activities including grading and spraying for the spring season.

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of personnel issues including the hiring of a Water Resources Engineer and the need to purchase a computer and miscellaneous supplies for that position. General Manager VINK reported that KEVIN FELLOWS has accepted the position to become the Districts Water Resources Engineer as salary of \$4300.00 per month. FELLOWS will start work for the District on the 1st of March 2001.

The District has received the necessary paper work from the California PERS for the implementation of the 1-year final compensation provision that was enacted by Board approval at the January regular meeting. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized signature to the Resolution enacting the final 1-year compensation to change the Districts PERS plan. A copy of the 1-year final compensation Resolution is attached as (Exhibit "B").

General Manager VINK reported on conversations with a real estate agent representing ALAN CHANGALA relative to the property adjacent to the Districts Koslov Basin. That agent indicated that the Districts offering price of \$160,000 was not acceptable.

At 10:00 am MIKE CHRISMAN, area manager for Southern California Edison, entered the meeting to discuss a variety of California power issues with the Board of Directors including the California power crisis and the financial position of Southern California Edison. The Board

engaged in a thorough review and dialog with MR. CHRISMAN and thanked MR. CHRISMAN for his attendance at the meeting.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the Contract Renewal process. Including the execution of the stipulation protecting the District from lawsuit by NRDC and some concerns that the Madera Irrigation District had relative to the stipulation. In addition the District has received its Interim Renewal contracts for Cross Valley Canal for 2001 water year. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the Interim Renewal contracts. The long-term renewal of the CVC contract proceeds with discussions between the District and the Department of Water Resources. A copy of Resolution 2001-02-02 is attached as (Exhibit "C").

The District has received correspondence from landowner RICK GORZEMAN expressing gratitude to the District and Chairman BOWMAN for cooperation on a recent water supply project.

The District has received notice from Bayou Vista Farms that Bayou Vista Farms West is turning its lease on the Bayou Vista Farms West property over to SAM KNEVELBAARD after thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized the continuing lease on the Bayou Vista Farms West property with SAM KNEVELBAARD.

The Board reviewed a variety of activities relative to the Westlands Water District area of origin application including the formation of a strategic planning team within Friant to better tackle the issue on a state and national level.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting with the various entities interested in correcting the Strathmore Creek flooding problem. While the Strathmore Creek flooding problem does not directly impact the District, the District could offer a possible solution and benefit accordingly. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized the execution of a letter of support accompanying the package submitted to the Department of Water Resources for funding under Proposition 13 for a study of the Strathmore Creek flooding issue.

The District has received a Section 215 contract from the Bureau of Reclamation for the 2001 water year. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2001-2-1 authorizing signature to the 215 Contract as presented. A copy of Resolution 2001-02-01 is attached as (Exhibit "D").

General Manager VINK reported that the Groundwater study first phase has been completed and a meeting date will be set to review the matter with the Board of Directors and the rest of the participants. The managers involved in the project have commenced on the planning for the phase 2 part of the project.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reported at the January meetings of the CVC including the Advisory

Committee meeting.

The final draft of the management agreement is being reviewed and for discussion amongst the participants.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the January meeting of the TRA Board meeting. The TRA Board will be meeting on the 21st of February. Considerable time at that meeting is expected to be spent discussing:

- The Value Engineering conference that recently took place on the Success Reservoir Enlargement project.
- Various meetings relative to the SRE project with the Department of Water Resources and the Reclamation Board.
- The Lead Agency issues associated with the project and how that may play out in so far as Lower Tule is concerned.

The Board reviewed SPP activities including revenues earned for the 2000 calendar year. After thorough review and discussion of the monies available and the proposed budget for 2001 on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board recommended revenue distribution in the amount \$115,000 and the approval of a budget for SPP for the 2001 year in the amount of \$94,500. That recommendation will be advanced to the TRA for final approval

The District reflected on a letter received from Southern California Edison whereby Edison has notified the District that it will temporarily not be able to pay debts incurred on Success Power Project as a result of its security standings. VINK will follow up that letter with SCE and legal council as necessary.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the January 25th meeting of the FWUA. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the completion of the contract renewal process and the stipulation.

The Board also spent considerable time reviewing the Brown Act issues associated with FWUA. The minutes of the FWUA meeting are distributed to the Board and subsequently are not repeated here.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. The District has not received any information from Mid-Valley Water Authority relative to its request to withdraw and receive its share of undistributed funds.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the January 19th Board meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. Considerable time at that meeting was spent

discussing the Deer Creek project and various water supply issues.

8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The District has received notice that GAIL NORTON has been confirmed as the new Secretary of the Department of Interior.

9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

The Family Farm Alliance will be having its annual conference in Las Vegas at the end of January. General Manager VINK will attend to represent the District.

The Upper San Joaquin River group has received notice from Manager JOHN BOUDREAU that he will be retiring from the Upper San Joaquin River. As that group is in a dormant state, there is no clear indication as to what will happen next.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting with Kaweah Tule Watershed counsel to be held later in the month where General Manager VINK will give a presentation on the Tule River Channel Clearing activities.

10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies. The ACWA and ACWA/JPIA conference will be held in Lake Tahoe in the first part of May.
- 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
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition
- I. Family Farm Alliance. The District has received request for support from the Family Farm Alliance. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized support for the Family Farm Alliance for the 2001 year in the amount of \$100.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager