

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 13th day of November 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 September 5th regular meeting and the October 9th regular meeting were presented for review. After some minor changes on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes for September 5th and October 9th regular meeting were approved as presented.

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

- Ø The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 3.785% for October 2001 compared to 6.517% for October 2000. Interest earned from LAIF was not reported.
- Ø The Districts accounts receivable balance on water for 2001, as of the 1st of November, was \$238,487.

After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the financial statement and ordered it placed on file.

The Board reviewed the accounts payable for the month October. The finance committee has not yet met to review the bills in detail but had met to review the September bills following the October meeting. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the ratified the actions of finance committee in ratifying the September bills.

General Manager VINK presented for discussion the position of Secretary-Treasurer to the Board of

Directors. With the retirement of long time Secretary-Treasurer VONNIE COLLIER comes the need for an appointment to that position. General Manager VINK recommended that District Controller FRANCI MENDOZA-REYES be appointed to the position of Secretary-Treasurer to the Board. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved FRANCI MENDOZA-REYES was appointed Secretary-Treasurer to the Lower Tule Board of Directors.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The Friant Kern Canal declaration remains at 100% Class 1 and 5% Class 2. General Manager VINK reported that the Cross Valley Canal declaration has been increased by 4% to 49% for South Delta exports.

The Board reviewed 2001 revenue sharing from Cross Valley Canal sales and the status of the contracts for Cross Valley Canal and water. The Board also reviewed the October water use on the Friant system and the use of the additional water that was made available in October to mitigate water rights concerns on the San Joaquin River. With sales and percolation to other Districts the District netted approximately \$20,000. That money will be used to offset 2001 water related expenses.

The Board reviewed a variety of water management programs including the DCTRA water management groups' activities, the AB303 application and discussions with the City of Orange Cove relative to the development of a water supply for the City.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

At 10:00 a.m. Landowners CHARLIE AND NANCY PITIGLIANO entered the meeting to present retiring Director BOB BOWMAN with a token of their appreciation. Considerable time and discussion had relative to the term of Director BOWMAN and all in attendance commended him for his service.

Water Resources Engineer KEVIN FELLOWS entered the meeting to discuss with the Board the Westside Inter-Tie project and the preparation of Prop. 13 grants for that project. Construction is scheduled to begin on the project during the later part of November with completion estimated on the first phase some time in April.

The District Assessor has presented the Board with Resolution 2001-11-1 terminating the right of redemption on Lot 37 in the Rostrata Subdivision Section 14, Township 22, South Range 23 East. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2001-11-1 terminating the right of redemption on said property. Resolution 2001-11-1 is attached as (Exhibit "A").

The Board reviewed a variety of District activities including:

- Meetings with Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife Service on the tri colored black bird issues on the west end of District.
- Discussions with JPIA Risk Assessment officials on the Districts insurance situation.
- Taylor Ditch issues, including and discussion as to the terms discussed by General Manager VINK and Taylor Ditch representative MIKE NORDSTROM.

At 12:00 p.m. the Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors entered the meeting to conduct a joint meeting with Lower Tule to discuss joint operations activities. General Manager VINK updated the Board on the purchase of the property in Tipton and a special use permit hearing that's being held on the 29th of November to grant the District a special use permit for construction on the property. In addition the District has entered into an agreement with the County of Tulare for the exchanging of easements on the property to make the property more acceptable for construction. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of President BOWMAN in signing the agreement with the County of Tulare. The Board reviewed the escrow with Woodville School District on the existing office property. The District is waiting for School to prepare the environmental documents that it needs to proceed.

The meeting with Pixley Board continued in a review of project percentages and design review. In addition to discussions of joint operations project the Boards jointly discussed cost of living issues. Giving the current situations with the Districts after reflecting on the actual cost of living, after thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board authorized a cost of living increase of 3% for 2002. The C.O.L.A. is to be effective January 1, 2002.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including representation agreements and the Pool one liner issues.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the meeting of the October 17th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tule River Association and also the follow-up lunch meeting that was held to discuss the water-mastering issues on the Tule River.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Success Reservoir Enlargement project activities including meetings with the Corp of Engineers in Sacramento and the Reclamation Board tour that was held during the month of October.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 25th meeting of the FWUA Board of Directors considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the San Joaquin River settlement and the various Cal Fed issues.

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. Nothing new to report.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its monthly meeting on the 16th of November.

C. Upper San Joaquin River Water and Power Authority. Nothing new to report.

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. ACWA and ACWA/JPIA will be having its fall session in San Diego. General Manager VINK will attend to represent the District. The District has received a dues request from ACWA for 2002 support. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the 2002 ACWA dues in the amount of \$5,680.

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.

At the close of the meeting, President Bowman turned the meeting over to Vice-President Serafin. Bowman then brought up the issue of Director per-diem. After thorough review and discussion on motion by President BOWMAN second by Director MACMILLAN the per meeting per-diem for the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors was raised from \$50 per meeting to \$75 per meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink