

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the August 14, 2001 regular meeting were distributed and reviewed. After thorough review and discussion with minor corrections made, on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of August 14, 2001 regular meeting were approved as presented.

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

- Ø The Districts balance on water accounts receivable as of September 5<sup>th</sup> was \$629,401.
- Ø The Local Agency Investment Fund earned an effective yield of 4.502% for August 2001 compared to 6.505% for August 2000.
- Ø The interest earned during the month of August was not reported.
- Ø The finance committee has not yet met to review the August bills as such action on the finance committee was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Financial Statement for the month of August was ordered placed on file.

**2. WATER CONDITIONS**

Current water conditions were reviewed. The forecast for the Friant Kern Canal remains at 100% Class 1 and 5% Class 2.

The Board reviewed the completion of the summer water run including the late August run that

allowed the District approximately eight days of water as a result of an increase in the Class 2 declaration.

General Manager VINK reported that the Cross Valley deliveries for 2001 were nearly complete and estimated that the District would receive between \$250,000 and \$300,000 net revenue on Cross Valley sales for the year to offset eastside water expenses.

The Board reviewed a variety of water programs that the District is engaged in, including discussions with the City of Orange Cove to develop a water supply for the City. After a thorough review of the matter it was the consensus to continue discussions with the City of Orange Cove.

General Manager VINK reviewed the activities of some local District Managers in developing a water management program through Deer Creek and Tule River Authority for the local area. General Manager VINK also reviewed discussions with Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District General Manager DALE BROGAN outlining a potential exchange for water with the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District. No action was taken on either matter.

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**3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including a review of the ID 6 project with District Engineer KEVIN FELLOWS. The ID 6 project is proceeding albeit at a slow pace. Preliminary designs and construction estimates will be completed within the next 30 to 60 days.

The Board reviewed some ancillary personnel issues including an update on the termination of GABRIEL PIZANO and a memorandum from the PERS outlining the Districts funding status.

At 10:00 a.m. President BOWMAN opened the Board of Equalization hearing to review the proposed assessments for 2002 as presented by District Assessor BETH GROTE-LEWIS. The Board spent considerable time reviewing minor changes in the assessments and a recap of prior year assessments. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director SERAFIN and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 01-9-1 setting the assessment rate for 2002 and authorizing that assessment notices be sent out to district landowners. No landowners presented themselves for discussion at the Board of Equalization hearing and as such at 10:15 Chairman BOWMAN closed the Board of Equalization hearing and reconvened the Districts regular business.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration Resolution 01-9-2 setting the termination date for redemption on Lot 37 of the Rostrata Subdivision Section 14, Township 22 south range 13 east owned by KENNETH SAVARK. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 01-9-2 setting November 13<sup>th</sup> as the date to terminate the right of redemption on the SAVARK property.

General Manager VINK reviewed a fundraiser on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August at the Ag Center in Tulare for the Klamath Relief Fund. Director MACMILLAN and Director SERAFIN attended to represent the District. The fundraiser was designed to support the farmers in the Klamath Basin that have had significant water reductions as a result of Endangered Species activities.

The District has received notice that the CHANGALA property next to the Districts Lateral 1 canal and Friant Kern Canal is now in escrow. It is estimated that escrow will close on or before September 21<sup>st</sup>. General Manager VINK reported that final agreement on price of the property was reached at \$180,000.

After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director SERAFIN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of General Manager VINK in purchasing the CHANGALA property in the amount of \$180,000.

The District has received a letter from Adair, Evans, Erwin, White, Morris and Stubber Accounting Corporation in Tulare requesting that the District engage in consulting and accounting services for the 2001 audit period in the amount of \$3,850. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized engaging in the accounting activities with the A.E.E.W.S Accounting Corporation.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Federal water related issues including the reauthorization of the Cal Fed process. General Manager VINK will be traveling to Washington DC during the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> with other members of the Friant Water Users Authority to review the matter further with members of congress and the Bush Administration.

The Board then discussed the joint operations program with Pixley Irrigation District and in particular the work to be done on the joint office project. General Manager VINK reported that agreement was reached on the purchase of property in Tipton at a price of \$92,500. After thorough review and discussion on motion Director SERAFIN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of General Manager VINK in purchasing the property in Tipton at a price \$92,500 which will be shared with the Pixley Irrigation District at percentages yet to be negotiated. General Manager VINK reported that special use permit and easement issues are now under way.

The District has received a bid from the Townsend Architectural Group in the amount \$29,000 to do the architectural work on the new office building. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized the awarding of the contract for architectural work to the Townsend Architectural Group. General Manager VINK reported that the District will open escrow with the Woodville Union School District on the sale of the existing office to the School and an agreement will be drafted accordingly that governs the lease arrangements with the School.

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

General Manager VINK distributed for review litigation and representation agreements with the Cross Valley Canal and Fresno-Tulare representatives and updated the Board on the Pool one liner program with the Kern County Water Agency.

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

The Board reviewed the meeting of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tule River Association. The Board of Directors will also meet on September 19<sup>th</sup>. General Manager VINK updated the Board on Success Reservoir Enlargement project including State and Federal funding issues and meetings held with the Corp of Engineers in Sacramento to further the Success Reservoir Enlargement project.

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

The Board reviewed the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the FWUA Board of Directors. Since that meeting FWUA Board has named DAN FULTS as the new General Manager. The minutes of the Friant Water Users Authority have been distributed to the Board and subsequently 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 September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lower Tule office. Considerable time at that meeting will be spent discussing the water management programs and the Deer Creek project and the cost sharing percentages.
- 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.
- 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 brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink