



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 20th day of August 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Woodville, California. The meeting was called to order by President BENJAMIN R. SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2005	BENJAMIN SERAFIN
Director	Div. 3	2003	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 4	2003	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2005	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2005	DIANE BOWMAN-FRIEND – Absent

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
FRANCIA MENDOZA-REYES – Controller

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the July 9th, 2002 regular meeting was presented for review. With a few minor corrections, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes of the July 9th meeting were accepted and placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statement for the month of July 2002:

- LAIF earned an effective yield of 2.714% for July 2002 and 4.635% for July 2001.
- General Manager VINK reported that 30-day water delinquencies totaled approximately \$20,000.
- The District has also received a report on Interest earned during the second quarter of 2002 from LAIF in the amount of \$23,600.
- The Board spent time reviewing an assessment recap and various other matters related to the financial statement.

After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the financial statement for July 2002 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The finance committee met following the July meeting to review the June bills. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in the payment of the June bills.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The declaration for the Friant Division remains at 100% Class 1 with an increase to 8% Class 2 from 5%.

The Board reviewed the completed water run for the summer of 2002. The additional 3% Class 2 supply gave the District 3 to 5 more days of water in August. A total recap of delivery and sales will be available at the September meeting.

General Manager VINK reported that the Westside/Cross Valley water would be delivered to the contractors by the end of August. The District expects to net approximately \$350,000 from the sale of that water. Those monies will be used to offset water expenses incurred in the Friant division in 2002.

The Board reviewed a variety of water related issues including:

- ✓ Changes in the payment procedures to the Bureau of Reclamation;
- ✓ The 2001 final accounting from USBOR;
- ✓ A memorandum from Counsel DAN DOOLEY outlining the lawsuit between Del Puerto Water District and the U.S. whereby Del Puerto is suing for priority on DMC deliveries.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a potential program with the Porterville Irrigation District involving Tule River water. The program in concept would involve Lower Tule having access to all Tule River surplus water from the Porterville Irrigation District at a flat payment of \$20 per acre-foot when the water is available. After thorough review and discussion of the program reflecting on the need to keep the water supply local and jointly manage water within the Tule River area, the Board concurred that the proposed program by General Manager VINK was acceptable to the Board and the consensus was to proceed with the development of the program.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and improvement projects including work on the Poplar Ditch. The District is working on that project with Cal-Trans and Quad Knopf.

General Manager VINK and Controller MENDOZA-REYES reviewed a variety of personnel and administrative activities with the District including the proposed modification of the payroll schedule to be effective the 1st of the year. The new payroll schedule would have paydays falling every 2 weeks instead of on a bi-monthly basis. The purpose of the changes is to be able to better track time during the workweek.

General Manager VINK also reviewed with the Board the joint operations between the Pixley and Lower Tule River Irrigation District. The Board spent considerable time reviewing staffing issues giving feed back to the General Manager. More information will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK provided the Board with an update on a variety of in District activities including:

- ✓ The installation of the well at the Toledo Basin per the grant agreements with Fish and Game and the Bureau of Reclamation. The installation of the well is nearly complete and the District will be submitting for reimbursement under the grant agreements.
- ✓ Correspondence from the Tulare County Mosquito Abatement District indicating problems on the Creighton Ranch with mosquitoes.
- ✓ The removal of the temporary modular office building scheduled for the end of August.
- ✓ An update of the MIS installation provided by MENDOZA-REYES.
- ✓ The Taylor Ditch transfer. General Manager VINK reported that the escrow is open with Fidelity Title. At this point General Manager VINK will work with the Taylor Ditch representatives in order to complete a legal description of the canal.

The Board received a briefing on the office construction project. Construction work has begun at the property in Tipton and is scheduled to be complete sometime before Christmas of 2002. The District has also received notice from the Sacramento Tree Foundation that the District has received a grant in the amount of \$1,050 for the installation of an energy efficient roof. The Board then reviewed the revised financing package as presented by Kaweah National Bank. After thorough review and

discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board agreed to financing from the Kaweah National Bank for up to \$300,000 over 15 years at 5.25%. Staff will begin preparing documents for execution.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing the in-District assessments. District staff will be meeting with the ADHOC committee later in the month to review proposed changes to the Assessors roll for 2003 to be presented at the Board of Equalization hearing in September.

General Manager VINK also presented to the Board the assessors recommendation to adopt collector's deeds on 3 particular parcels of property that are now delinquent. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2002-8-1 taking a Collectors Deed on the following properties described as APN's #237-15-049, 300-11-036 and 233-17-003.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the July 17th, 2002 meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing Tule River operations and Success Reservoir Enlargement activities. The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board Success Reservoir Enlargement activities including the preparation of the Local Project Cooperation Agreement (LPCA) and various meetings with federal and state representatives accordingly.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July 25th meeting of the FWUA. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the San Joaquin River settlement issues and the various meetings and small group sessions that are going on accordingly. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here. In addition the San Joaquin River settlement discussions are considered a litigation process so discussion was limited at the District Board meeting.

The District has received an invoice from the FWUA in the amount of \$5,877 for the final dues payment for 2001. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the 3rd call for funds for the Friant dues in the amount of \$5,877.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. Nothing new to report.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The Board reviewed the July 19th meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board. The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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
- C. California Water Resources Association
- D. National Water Resources Association
- E. California Chamber of Commerce.
- F. Ag Water Committee
- G. Water Education Foundation
- H. California Farm Water Coalition.
- I. Family Water Alliance.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink