



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 8th day of October 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

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 September 17, 2002 regular meeting were presented for review. After thorough review and discussion, with minor corrections, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes of the September 17, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented and placed on file.

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

- LAIF earned an effective yield of 2.604% for September 2002 and 4.288% for September 2001.
- General Manager VINK reported that water liabilities from deliveries to leased or rented land totaled less than \$2,000. All the monies are secured through landowner guarantees.
- It was further reported that, at present, approximately \$360,000 in water accounts receivable for deliveries to landowners in the District will be transferred to District assessments.

- Interest earned during the 3rd quarter of 2002 was not reported.

On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANADES and unanimously approved the financial statement was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in their reviewing of the August bills following the September Board meeting. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in approving the August.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on several other administrative issues, including the legal review of the Districts reserve policy as accepted by the Board of Directors and the need for a joint meeting with Pixley Irrigation District later in the month.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

Current water conditions were reviewed. The declaration for the Friant Division remains at 100% Class 1 and 8% Class 2. The Board reviewed a variety of water supply activities including the transfer of 3,100 acre-feet of Lower Tule Cross Valley water to Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. That transfer was available as a result of an additional 10% increase in Cross Valley supply.

General Manager VINK also reviewed discussions with Kern County Water Agency representatives. Those discussions center on potential package programs involving the Districts Cross Valley water and Cross Valley space. Items include:

- CVP water being delivered to the Kern County Water Agency
- The use of Cross Valley space
- The Access of 215 and Class 2 water
- The dry year supply for the Kern County Water Agency
- Water and financial considerations for Lower Tule River Irrigation District

Those discussions are in their preliminary stages.



The District has received its capital repayment report from the Bureau of Reclamation. The Districts capital repayment for

Cross Valley is \$ 122,029.62
Friant Kern Class 1 \$ 698,478.56
Friant Class 2 \$ 65,469.80

Those repayment reports are through September of 2001.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities in the District.

General Manager VINK also reported that interviews have been progressing for the filling of the controller position. The field of candidates has been narrowed to a potential of three. A decision should be made sometime before the 1st of November.

The Board reviewed several administrative matters including the resubmittal of the AB303 grant by the Pixley Irrigation District in conjunction with Deer Creek Tule River Authority,

General Manager VINK also reported on some contentious issues with the Bureau of Reclamation involving the Mole Ditch transfer with Sausalito Irrigation District and the Lower Tule River Irrigation District agreement with the City of Orange Cove.

The Board received an update relative to the office construction project. The office construction project is proceeding along at a timely pace and the District is beginning the final stages of implementing joint operations with the Pixley Irrigation District.

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 September 18th and the upcoming October 16th meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported on the wicket gate repairs and reports from retired Engineer-Manager, now consultant, ROGER ROBB on the matter.

The Board reviewed the October 7th meeting of the Tule River Improvement Joint Powers Authority executive committee and received an update on the Success Reservoir Enlargement project.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 26th meeting of the FWUA. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing proposition 50 issues and San Joaquin River settlement discussions. The minutes of FWUA 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. The Board reviewed the September 20th meeting of the DCTRA. 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 moved to the Heritage Complex in the City of Tulare for a joint meeting with clients of DAN DOOLEY to discuss the San Joaquin River settlement discussions. The Board traveled to the Heritage Complex and the meeting was officially reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Upon reconvening President SERAFIN called the meeting into closed session to review potential litigation with District counsel and District staff. Upon bringing the meeting out of closed session President SERAFIN reported no action was taken.

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned to the 29th of October for a joint meeting with the Pixley Irrigation District.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a an adjourned regular meeting on October 29th, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lower Tule River Irrigation District office in Woodville, CA

Also present was DANIEL G. VINK, General Manager for the District.

ADMINISTRATION:

On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the agenda was approved as presented. The meeting was called to order by President BENJAMIN R. SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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Following the approval of the agenda President SERAFIN moved the meeting into closed session to discuss the following items:

1. General Manager Performance and Salary Review
2. O&M Superintendent Position
3. Retirement of Maintenance Foreman PAT BURTON

Upon bringing the meeting out of closed session President SERAFIN reported that by unanimous vote the following actions were taken:

1. General Manger VINK was given a salary increase to be effective until November 1st 2005.
2. The Board directed Staff to review potential retirement considerations for Maintenance Foreman PAT BURTON and report those findings to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK presented information relative to cost of living increases during the 2002 calendar year. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized a 2.0% Cost of Living adjustment for all employees to be effective January 1st 2003.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink