



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 14th day of January 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, 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

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
ERIC LIMAS - Controller
MIKE BATTLES – O&M Superintendent

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

With the 1st meeting of the new calendar year comes the need for the election of officers. President SERAFIN turned the meeting over to General Manager VINK to conduct the election. On motion by Director FERNANDES, BEN SERAFIN was nominated to serve another term as President and DON MACMILLAN was nominated to serve another term as Vice President, Director SIMONICH moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. With no objections to the unanimous ballot, President BEN SERAFIN and DON MACMILLAN were elected to serve another term as President and Vice President respectively. President SERAFIN then resumed Chair of the meeting.

General Manager VINK then presented for consideration the position of Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Secretary. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved General Manager VINK was appointed as Secretary for the District and the



Board of Directors and ERIC LIMAS was appointed as Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the December 12, 2002 meeting were reviewed. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the minutes of the December 12, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statement for the month of December 2002 including:

- o Year end budget and;
- o Year-end cash flow reports.

On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the financial statement for the month of December 2002 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the November bills. On motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in approving payment of the November bills following the December meeting.

General Manager VINK then presented for review Resolution 03-1-1. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 03-1-1 and ordered it filed with the State Controller. Said Resolution will allow ERIC LIMAS to transfer funds on behalf of the District from the Districts LAIF account. Resolution 03-1-1 is attached as "Exhibit B".

2. WATER CONDITIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply activities. Water Year 2003 declaration will be made available later in the month. Water census data reports 150% of normal to date with 40% of April 1st average. The Board reviewed other water supply issues including summary of water bank by Lower Tule River Irrigation District for other Districts in-District groundwater monitoring.

General Manager VINK then presented several contracts and agreements for review:

- o After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement with Porterville Irrigation

- District. That agreement has been discussed in detail at prior Board meetings. That agreement will allow for the 10-year transfer of Tule River water from Porterville Irrigation District to the Lower Tule River Irrigation District.
- The Board also spent considerable time reviewing a proposed agreement with Fresno County. The Board had reviewed that agreement at prior meetings. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement with Fresno County. That agreement will allow for the backstopping of Fresno County Cross Valley water by the Lower Tule River Irrigation District in exchange for other considerations that will both benefit the District both in terms of water and revenue.
 - General Manager VINK then presented for the Board the Cross Valley Interim renewal #7 for the 2003 contract year. The Cross Valley Canal contracts are on an Interim renewal basis pending the completion of the long-term environmental documentation. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the 2003 Cross Valley Interim renewal contracts and all related documents.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of construction, maintenance activities. General O&M Superintendent MIKE BATLLES entered the meeting to review a variety of O&M projects with the Board. The Board also spent time discussing the Districts accepting of concrete rip-rap. No action was taken on any matters related to construction and maintenance.

Controller ERIC LIMAS presented a proposal to the Board for the self-funding of the Districts Dental Insurance. There will be a considerable increase in the Districts Dental rates from 2002 to 2003 (approximately 15%) if the Districts stays with its current insure Principal Financial. LIMAS reported that staff has met with MARTI PIGOTT of Piggott and Associates, who provides the Districts insurance brokerage service for dental coverage. Staff has determined that the District could be more cost effective in becoming self insured with the dental insurance. On motion by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board



directed staff to proceed with the self-funding of the Districts dental insurance. An update will be given at the February regular meeting.

General Manager VINK presented for review a salary increase for recap for 2003. For 2003 the total monthly value of promotion and merit increases totaled \$1,654, compared to \$1,912 for 2001.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. President SERAFIN moved the meeting into closed session to discuss various litigation issues. District Counsel DAN DOOLEY conferenced into the meeting by speakerphone. At approximately 11:30 a.m. Chairman SERAFIN moved the meeting out of closed session and reported that no action had been taken.

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities within the District including the completion of the new office in Tipton. General Manager VINK reported that an open house had been scheduled for Friday January 24th. The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in authorizing the purchase of a new copy machine pursuant to direction at the December meeting. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in purchasing the new copy machine. The cost of that copy machine will be split 2/3rds -1/3rd with the Pixley Irrigation District.

General Manager VINK circulated for review an agreement with JG Boswell Company modifying the terms and conditions under which Boswell operates its well field within the District. The Board spent considerable time reviewing the agreement and no action was taken. General Manager VINK also presented for review a modified agreement with the Pioneer Water Company whereby the Lower Tule River Irrigation District operates the Pioneer Water Company. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN-FRIEND and unanimously approved the Board accepted the agreement in concept form with final action to be taken on completed terms and conditions at the February meeting.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reported on the hiring of the new manager for the Cross Valley Canal.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the December 12th meeting of Tule River Association Board of Directors.

Controller LIMAS then presented the 2003 proposed budget for the Success Power Project. The proposed budget for the Power Project in the amount of \$180,900 was an increase from \$127,300 for 2002. The bulk of that increase, \$50,000, is for the retrofit of the monovar valve to be completed in the fall of 2003 if conditions allow.

The Board reviewed the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project and concerns relative to funding issues for the 2003-2004 fiscal year for both Federal and State. The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the December meeting of the FWUA Board of Directors. . The minutes of the FWUA have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

It was also reported that the FWUA is sponsoring a dinner for Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner JOHN KEYS on January 21st. President SERAFIN and Vice President MACMILLAN will attend to represent the District.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

A. Mid-Valley Water Authority. General Manager VINK reported on the annual meeting of the MVWA held on December 20th. It was the consensus of the Mid Valley Board that a revised mission statement was in order and special Board meeting will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2003 to review a proposal from General Manager DAVE ORTH and District Counsel DAN DOOLEY that would allow for revision of the MVWA under terms and conditions that would further allow for Districts to withdraw from Mid Valley and receive their share of the unspent funds.

B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

a. 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
- 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. The District has received a request from the Family Water Alliance for 2003 dues. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized contribution for the Family Water Alliance for 2003 in the amount of \$100.00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink