



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 June 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President BEN SERAFIN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2005	BENJAMIN SERAFIN
Director	Div. 3	2007	DONALD MACMILLAN
Director	Div. 4	2007	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2005	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2005	ROBERT F. BOWMAN

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

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the May 11, 2004 regular meeting were distributed via mail. After thorough review, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the minutes of the May 11, 2004 regular meeting were approved as mailed and ordered placed on file.

The financial statement for the month of May 2004 was reviewed in detail. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2004 financial statement and ordered it placed on file.

The Board discussed the holdings of the Districts long-term investments. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved the Board directed staff to move the investments from Wachovia Securities to Paine-Webber Securities. The move was precipitated in response to the primary contact at Wachovia moving to Paine-Webber.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in the payment of the April bills following the May meeting. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by

Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in paying the April bills. The bills for the month of May will be reviewed following the June meeting. The financial statements for the month of May are attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

2. WATER CONDITIONS

The current declaration from the Friant division remains at 100% Class 1 and 5% Class 2. Considerable discussion was given to the 2004 irrigation run, in particular timing of the run. It was tentatively determined to end the June run on or about the 20th resuming again after the 4th of July for approximately 2 weeks. The final run will begin on or about the 1st part of August and should last for approximately 10 days to 2 weeks. All the runs will be contingent upon demand and available supply.

General Manager VINK reported that the Cross Valley water for 2004 is scheduled to be delivered in July and August. The water will be transferred to Westlands Water District.

The Board reviewed the Districts Tule River water supply accounts. A considerable amount of water, proportionate to the overall amount of Tule River supply, has accrued to the Below Oettle Bridge channel loss and head gate entitlement. After thorough review and discussion, the Board directed staff to request from the Tule River Association that the Below Oettle Bridge water be transferred to the head gate accounts of the Poplar Ditch and Wood Central. The transfer would be an effort to mitigate losses in the river that are caused when the Below Oettle Bridge water is run past the Woods Central Diversion.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities. General Manager VINK reported on a meeting held with Piggott and Associates to review the options available to the District relative to health insurance. It appears at present that the District will need to stay with PERS in order to cover retirees and Directors.

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including:

- The Special Districts Reform bill: That bill has been defeated in committee but is expected to be taken up in a different session of the legislature

- 1601 Permit and operational issues associated with the application for a renewed 1601 permit.
- 404 issues and the ongoing investigation by the EPA
- State Board fees issue – Nothing new

The Board spent considerable time continuing the discussion of long-term fiscal stability, continuing discussion as to the best way to proceed with a cost to revenue analysis. General Manager VINK will be meeting with Consulting Engineer DENNIS KELLER later in the month to review the process associated with Prop 218 elections. No action was taken.

At approximately 11:00, President SERAFIN moved the meeting into closed session to discuss real property negotiations. At 11:30 the meeting was brought out of closed session, it was reported that action was taken to authorize the General Manager to negotiate on behalf of the District for the sale of real property within the District.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the May 2004 meeting of the Tule River Association Board of Directors. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing a variety of Enlargement and Tribal issues. The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Staff updated the Board on the repair work on the Success Power Project. It is expected that the repair work will be completed on or about the 15th of this month.

The Board reviewed a variety of issues related to the Enlargement Project at Success Reservoir. At present State and Federal funding for 2004 is the main source of concern along with seismic issues. Relative to the seismic issues there is considerable discussions as to the future operations of the Reservoir and the appropriately way to remediate the seismic concerns.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the May meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority. Considerable time is being spent at the Friant Water Users Authority on the San Joaquin River litigation and on transition of activities to the Friant Water Authority.

The District has received a call for funds from the Friant Water Users Authority in the amount of \$18,066. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the May meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The Friant Water Authority continues to try to transition as many activities as possible from the Friant Water User Authority. The District has received a call for funds from the Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$5,198. On motion Director BOWMAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the authorized payment of the call for funds from the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

The Board spent considerable time discussing both the FWUA and the Friant Water Authority. While they expressing continued desire to move the Friant Water Authority organization forward, the Board also expressed frustration in having to pay dues to two separate organizations.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- A. Mid-Valley Water Authority.
- B. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Board reviewed the May meeting of the DCTRA. The minutes of the DCTRA have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

9. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

10. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

11. 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 Boards attention the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink