



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 13th day of December 2005, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President MACMILLAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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| Director | Div. 2 | 2009 | JIM COSTA |
| Director | Div. 3 | 2007 | DONALD MACMILLAN |
| Director | Div. 4 | 2007 | GARY FERNANDES |
| Director | Div. 1 | 2009 | TONY SIMONICH |
| Director | Div. 5 | 2009 | JOHN ROELOFF |

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 FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

With the retirement of President SERAFIN from the Board, comes the need for Board reorganization. Accordingly, Vice President MACMILLAN turned the meeting over to General Manager VINK to conduct Board reorganization. VINK opened up the floor to nominations for the position of Board President. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second d by Director SIMONICH it was moved that Director MACMILLAN be selected as President of the Board and a unanimous ballot be cast in that regard. After limited discussion the unanimous ballot was cast in favor of DON MACMILLAN as President of the Lower Tule Irrigation District Board of Directors. The meeting was then turned over to President MACMILLAN.

The floor was then open for nominations for Vice President. Director FERNANDES moved and Director COSTA seconded that Director SIMONICH be

elected Vice President and that a unanimous ballot be cast in that regard. After limited discussion Director SIMONICH was elected Vice President of the Board.

The minutes of the November 8th, 2005 regular meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the minutes of the November 8th regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

Staff reviewed the financial statements for the month of November. Included in the presentation of the financial statements was the notice from PERS that the District's contribution rate will increase to 9.5% effective July 2007. After through review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the financial statements were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the October bills following the November meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in payment of the October bills.

General Manager VINK then presented for consideration Resolution 2005-12-1 honoring the service of retiring President BEN SERAFIN. After through review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2005-12-1 and directed staff to prepare a commemorative plaque and schedule a recognition dinner for retiring President SERAFIN. A copy of Resolution 2005-12-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resource issues. The current declaration from the Friant division remains at 100% Class 1 and 0% Class 2. There has been little precipitation to date on either the Valley floor or the watershed.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on several other water supply issues including meetings held with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to discuss potential programs involving the District's Cross Valley water and the delivery of that water to the Wildlife refuge. A potential water partnership outline was submitted to the Board for their review and comments were received. General Manager VINK reported that he would continue meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation over the course of the next months in an effort to finalize a program.

3 DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including status reports on the Poplar Ditch relocation, the Tule River inter-tie project and the Westside inter-tie project.

Staff has prepared the CEQA findings relative to the drilling of the monitoring wells in and around the Toledo Basin in association with the Westside inter-tie project and the Prop 13 grant. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board accepted the findings of staff and ordered that a notice of exemption be prepared and posted accordingly. A meeting to certify the findings and close the comment period will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board in February.

O & M Superintendent BATTLES updated the Board on a variety of construction activities related to the Inter-tie project. The construction activities are moving along slower than expected due primarily to the availability of concrete pipe. Battles reported that a significant portion of the earthwork has been completed.

O & M Superintendent BATTLES reported on the potential purchase of two truck tractors by the District. BATTLES will be leaving this afternoon to Anaheim to look at two 1998 Kenworths in accordance with previous authorization to purchase two new truck tractors for the District's fleet.

At approximately 10:00am President MACMILLAN convened the meeting into executive session to discuss employee related matters. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of administrative activities including:

- Discussion with Porterville ID regarding joint management. It is anticipated that District Management and Directors will meet with Porterville ID officials to discuss the future of joint management with Porterville ID. Those meetings will take place after the holidays.
- Ag Discharge – The District has received an amended agreement which excludes Delano - Earimart Irrigation District who asked to be removed from the Tule River water shed participation group.

- An update on the website upgrade and;
- A report from JPIA on the risk assessment.

The District has also received the 2006 State Board fees in the amount of \$136,874.42. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of those fees provided the payment be made under protest.

At approximately 11:30am District Counsel DAN DOOLEY entered the meeting to update the Board on the NRDC vs. RODGERS litigation. President MACMILLAN convened the meeting into executive discussion to meet with Counsel on the matter.

Upon coming out of executive session it was reported that no action was taken.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the inter-tie construction and various PWRPA activities.

6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the November 16th 2005 meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

Staff reviewed various activities associated with Success Power Project.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Success Reservoir Enlargement and dam safety program activities.

7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed various meetings of the Friant Water Users Authority. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

8. The Friant Water Authority

The Board reviewed various meetings of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

The District has received an organizational survey from the Friant Water Authority. Upon concurrence of the Board, President MACMILLAN and General VINK will complete the survey on behalf of the District.

9. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

- a. Mid-Valley Water Authority.
Nothing new to report

- b. Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.
Nothing new to report

10. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

11. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

The Mid Pacific will be having its annual Water Users conference in January in Reno, NV. General Manager VINK will attend to represent the District.

12. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The District has also received a request from the Farm Water Coalition for support in 2006. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized continued support for the Farm Water Coalition. General Manager VINK is on the Board of Directors of the Farm Water Coalition and spent sometime on updating the Board on Coalition activities.

The District has also received a dues request from the Association of California Water Agencies, on motion by Director FERNANDES; second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the ACWA dues.

- 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