



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 March 2005, at 9:00 am 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 SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the February 7th regular meeting and February 15th & 23rd special meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved the minutes of the February 7th regular meeting and the minutes of February 15th & 23rd special meetings were approved with minor changes.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month of February 2005 was reviewed. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the financial statement for the month of February 2005 was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The staff has reported that the District has received a payment of \$250,000 from the City of Orange Cove, under the 2001 agreement with the city for a long term water supply. District staff will be developing a reserve or restricted fund policy for those proceeds for presentation at the April meeting.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in paying the January bills following the February meeting. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in the payment of the January bills following the February meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources issues. The current declaration for the Friant Division 2005 remains at 100% Class 1 and 35% Class 2, although the Bureau has indicated that uncontrolled season water will be available through the month of March and quite possible through the month of June.

Snow water sensors on all the snow courses are running about 20% to 30% above normal to date.

The Board spent considerable time discussing various water supply issues including the Poplar allocation for 2005. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Poplar allocation for 2005 was established with consideration given to the 29,000AF storage restriction at Success Reservoir. The allocation will be 55AF per share. Of the 55 AF, only 30AF per share will be available after June 1st. In addition, 20AF of make up water will also be available provided it is used by June 1st.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of water supply activities including:

- Update on negotiations with Metropolitan water District for construction of the Tule River Inter-tie.
- Transfer the City of Orange Cove for 2005
- 2005 O&M charges as reported by Friant, which will be \$1,291,000, prorated monthly
- Update on Districts 5-year Water Conservation Plan and the requirement of the Bureau of Reclamation to perform a study relative to the measurement by rated gate.

The Board spent considerable time reviewing the potential agreement with Friant Ranch for the development of a water supply partnership involving 2,000AF of the Districts Class 1 water supply. The Board expressed some concern in acting to hastily and requested that General Manager VINK provide information in the Districts upcoming

newsletter as to the nature of the program. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN, with Director SIMONICH voting no the Board deferred action on the Friant Ranch Letter of Intent to the April meeting.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation

O&M Superintendent BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and operation activities including the near completion of the improvements at the Tule River Diversion.

Administration Activities

The Board then spent considerable time reviewing a variety of administrative activities including:

- Long-term fiscal stability
- Review of the landowner meeting held in February
- SB820, a bill by Sheila Kuehl, which was sent of for review. That bill is in its preliminary stages and with more information to be forth coming.

General Manager VINK reported that a meeting will be held at Director BOWMAN'S house on the 15th of March with the landowners involved in the Taylor Ditch acquisition. At present, the District will be attempting to get grant deeds from the landowners along the Taylor Ditch in order to secure the right of way, which is needed to make the improvements on the facilities.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on 404 and 1601 issues including a recent meeting with Colonel Light held in Sacramento.

Controller LIMAS presented for consideration a Water Conservation Grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation requesting funding to update the Districts web site. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2005-3-1 authorizing execution of the grant application and all documents related thereto. **A copy of Resolution 2005-3-1 is attached as EXHIBIT "A".**

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 February 16th, 2005 meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time was spent discussing Corp of Engineers O& M charges for 2005 and the various Tule river entities. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

General Manager VINK informed the Board that the contract for buy-out has been negotiated and is now awaiting a court order for approval. That court order is expected to come on the 14th day of March.

DSAP

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of DSAP activities including various meetings and correspondence along with 2005 appropriations activities. No action was taken.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February meeting 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.

7. The Friant Water Authority

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

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

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

9. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

10. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

11. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Nothing new to report.

- 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