



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 10th day of May 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

Also present at the meeting was landowner TIM COOPER

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Controller LIMAS reviewed the financial statements for the month of April 2005. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the financial statement for the month of April 2005 and ordered them placed on file.

The Board spent considerable time addressing the Restricted Accounts Policy as prepared by staff. The Restricted Accounts Policy would direct the use of revenues received from the District's long-term water management programs along with money set aside for capital repayment of the Central Valley Project. After thorough review and discussion on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director MACMILLAN, with Director SIMONICH voting no, the Restricted Account Policy was accepted as Board



Policy and ordered placed on file. A copy of the Restricted Account Policy is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board reviewed the actions of the finance committee in paying the March bills following the April meeting. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the finance committee in payment of the March bills.

General Manager VINK reported that the Districts workers compensation premiums would be decreasing by approximately 9.3% for 2005-2006.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Eric White and Alison Dale entered the meeting to present to the Board the Districts 2004 audited financial statements. After through review and discussion with the Board, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board accepted the audited financial statements and ordered them placed on file.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed the current water supply declaration for the Friant Division. The current declaration remains at 100% Class 1 and 35% Class 2, although the ongoing uncontrolled season deliveries may change the residual Class 2 declaration. At present it appears that the uncontrolled season water will be available through June and possibly into July.

The Board spent considerable time discussing various water supply issues for 2005 including the Poplar share water. It was the consensus of the Board that, pending sustained flows on the Tule River possible make-up water will be made available to Poplar share-holders after June 1st. No decision was made at this time.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of activities including a meeting held with Counsel DOOLEY to review full-cost payment issues within the District and water supply discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation.

The District has received notice from the Bureau of Reclamation that the District's Water Conservation Plan has been approved. Accordingly, after thorough review and discussion on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2005-5-1 accepting the final draft plan. A copy of Resolution 2005-5-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration the transfer of the District's Cross Valley water to the Bureau of Reclamation for use in the Wildlife Refuges during 2005. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2005-5-2 approving the temporary water transfer and authorizing execution of the appropriate documents. A copy of Resolution 2005-5-2 is attached as **EXHIBIT "C"**.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including:

- The purchase of the tractor trucks: No change
- Summer employment opportunities within the District
- Construction and planning on the Westside inter-tie

Approximately at 10:30 a.m. the Board took a field trip to view the completed Wood Central Project. The Board returned to the District office at approximately 12:00 p.m. District staff will provide a completed accounting for the project at the June meeting.

The District reviewed the billing from the Central Valley Project water Association relative to the State Water Resource Control Board fees litigation. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director MACMILLAN the Board authorized payment of the litigation expense in the amount of \$7309.00. District staff will be reviewing the matter and reporting back at a later date relative to the potential completion of that litigation and the possible outcomes.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including:

- Long-term fiscal stability
- Ongoing discussions between General Manager VINK and Consulting Engineer KELLER.

- Easements associated with Taylor Ditch project
- Update on the 404 and 1601 jurisdictional issues

The District has received notice from Tulare County that the District is eligible to coincide its District fall elections with the County elections. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2005-5-3 establishing the election date parallel with the County elections in November. A copy of Resolution 2005-5-3 is attached as **EXHIBIT "D"**.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including:

- Inter-tie construction
- On going PWRPA activities
- Possible discussions with the Eastside Power Authority relative to the use of Lower Tule WAPA power.
- Status of the lawsuit filed by NRDC associated with the contract renewal

No action was taken.

#### **6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting of the Tule River Association. Included in that meeting was considerable time discussing the various reservoir enlargement and DSAP programs. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

##### Success Power Project

No action was taken.

##### DSAP

General Manager VINK reported on a variety of DSAP activities including a visit by the Assistant Secretary of the Army and 2007 appropriations. General Manager VINK presented for consideration a cost sharing agreement associated with the local costs related to the DSAP project. After thorough review and

discussion on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the agreement.

**7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the April 28th 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.

**8. The Friant Water Authority**

The Board reviewed the April 28th 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.

**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**

Nothing new to report.

**12. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

The District has received a dues request from the Family Farm Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce. On motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized support

for the Family Farm Alliance in the amount of \$500 and support for the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$700.

- 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.

#### Personnel Matters

At 1:30 p.m. President Serafin adjourned the meeting into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Upon coming out of closed session, it was reported that Controller Limas' salary was adjusted effective June 1<sup>st</sup> 2005.

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink