



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 November 2005, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President 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 SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the October 11th, 2005 regular meeting, which included the adjourned session to the 3rd of November, were reviewed. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the minutes were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

Controller Limas presented the financial statements for the month of October. On motion by Director BOWMAN, 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 September bills following the October meeting. 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 September bills.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resource issues, including the final year delivery report for the District. For 2005 the District brought in a total of 320,000 AF of water. Of that, 170,000 a/f was delivered for use by landowners and a total of 154,000 a/f was used for ground water recharge. The District's water run began in January and ended in September.

General Manager VINK reviewed several other miscellaneous water supply issues including the delivery of a small amount of the Districts Cross Valley water in the end of October to the BOR Refuges in Los Banos. It is estimated that after expenses the District will receive approximately \$125,000.00 in net revenue from the deliveries of Cross Valley water to the Refuges in 2005.

General Manager VINK reported that he will meet with Bureau of Reclamation and refuge representatives to try and negotiated a longer-term deal for delivery of Cross Valley water to the refuge.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the ongoing construction with the Westside inter-tie project.

It was reported by staff that the District has received several bids associated with the boring of the Avenue 144 crossing. Staff reviewed the bids with the Board reporting that the bids ranged between \$358,000.00 and \$835,000.00. As a result of the high price and range, there is some concern about total project costs and validity of the bids submitted. After through review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director MACMILLAN and unanimously approved the Board rejected all the bids and authorized the General Manager to negotiate a supplemental contract for boring, wherein the District would act as the General Superintendent of the project.

Staff also submitted a recommendation to authorize the drilling of monitoring wells in and around the Toledo basin. After through review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BOWMAN and unanimously

approved the Board authorized the staff to advertise for bids on the drilling of the monitoring wells at the Toledo basin.

O&M Superintendent BATTLES reviewed a variety of other construction and maintenance activities including:

- The status of the Tule River inter-tie project,
- The purchase of two new truck tractors,
- The Poplar ditch relocation project and;
- Some maintenance activities including significant repair needing to be done to both of the District's graders at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration the Districts policy relative to notarizing documents. At present the District has two notaries on staff. Notary law requires that notaries must notarize all documents presented to them, unless specific action is taken by the authorizing agency which employs them as notaries. The concern is related to people bringing in non-District related documents for notarization and the associated liabilities, liabilities that could be incurred both by the employees and by the District. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board adopted a policy wherein the notaries employed by the District are only authorized to notarize documents associated with District business while on District time.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including the website upgrade project and the status report along with ongoing discussions with Porterville ID regarding joint management.

The Board considered an amendment to the Ag water quality monitoring agreement to cover the second phase of the agreement. The District is participating in the Ag discharger issue with a number of other Districts on the Tule River water shed. On motion by Director MACMILLAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the AG water quality monitoring local project agreement.



The Board considered an agreement with DAVID A. BUSH, INC. regarding the sale and removal of concrete rubble at District property. That agreement has been negotiated by District staff and reviewed by counsel and was submitted to the Board in the Board packages. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BOWMAN, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the concrete rubble removal agreement with DAVID A. BUSH, INC.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration a District purchase policy wherein different bidding requirements would be implemented predicated on the estimated dollar amount of the materials. The purchase policy is not required by law, but is a good tool in providing checks and balances and mitigating against criticism. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted the purchase policy as presented by staff and ordered it placed on file.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the inter-tie construction and various PWRPA activities. General Manager Vink also reported on meetings held with Kern County Water Agency representatives regarding the use of Fresno-Tulare capacity. No action was taken.

6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the October 19th 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 year ending generations' reports for the Success Power Project. Total Kilowatt hours generated in 2005 was 3,193,904 for a gross generation and capacity payment of \$ 307,088.00.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

General Manager VINK also reviewed a variety of Success Reservoir Enlargement and dam safety program activities including meetings with the Corp of Engineers relative to the 2006 funding.

7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 27th 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.

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General Manager VINK reported that Friant staff has reported an O&M surplus in the amount eight to nine million dollars, which is well above the approximant five hundred thousand dollars that the operating agreement calls for. Friant staff plans on distributing the O&M surplus in some form in the coming months. It was the Board's strong consensus that the O&M surplus be distributed as soon as possible in the form of a direct payment to the Districts. In addition the Board indicated their preference to have the O&M rates adjusted to insure that future O&M surpluses do not incur in the amounts they have in the passed.

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

General Manager VINK reported on his participation on Congressman Costa's regional water management water planning session. The regional water management plan is designed to bring together all the water related resources in the valley.



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General Manager VINK is on the water supply resources subcommittee and will be participating in that process.

12. **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, for the last time, by President SERAFIN who expressed his gratitude to the Board for there friendship and cooperation over the passed number of years. The balance of the Board expressed their appreciation to President SERAFIN for his hard work and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink