



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 11th day of April 2006, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President MACMILLAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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 ROELOFFS

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

The minutes of the March 14th, 2006 regular meeting were taken up for consideration, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the minutes of the March 14th, 2006 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month of March 2006, on motion by Director FERNANDES; second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the financial statements for March 2006 were ordered placed on file.

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

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resource issues including the latest water supply update as presented by staff. The Board reviewed the DWR bulletin 120 forecast, which shows an April - July run off that is considerably above average on both the San Joaquin and the Tule River. Those numbers are up considerably since the end of February.

Given the recent precipitation it is likely that the District's irrigation run will continue past August. Accordingly, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board deferred implementation of the summer water rate until the May meeting.

The District has received a proposal from Provost and Pritchard to develop contour maps for the District. The proposal would call for expenditures of up to \$3500.00 annually to do groundwater monitoring and develop contour maps to give the District and the Board a better understanding of how groundwater reacts within the District. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the proposal from Provost & Pritchard and authorized staff to execute accordingly.

3 DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including a status report from O&M Superintendent BATTLES on the Westside Inter-tie project. Inclement weather throughout the month of March made it difficult to make much progress on the Inter-tie Project. However, BATTLES reported that he hopes to have the now shut down portion of Lateral 2 back in operation by the 1st of May. Reopening of the canal is predicated upon the two main Inter-tie structures at Lateral 2 and the Inter-tie being completed.

The Board reviewed a status report on the Poplar Ditch relocation. General Manager VINK reported that a status conference will be held next week. Considerable discussion was held relative to the Districts ability to complete the Poplar Ditch relocation giving the schedule implemented by Cal Trans. The current schedule has slipped considerably since it was first proposed in 2002. District staff will discuss with Cal Trans the possibility of contracting a portion or all of the work out to a contractor.

The Board reviewed the need to replace three of the Districts light pick-ups along with the need to replace O&M Superintendent BATTLES' vehicle. On motion by Director

FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized replacement of three of the District's light trucks and authorized a 50% cost share with Pixley Irrigation District on the replacement of O&M Superintendent BATTLES' vehicle.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative activities including an update on the 404 permitting and the acceptance by the Corp of Engineers of the operational matrix as prepared by the Tule River and the Kaweah River group. The operational matrix should allow the District to begin nominal cleaning of the river all-be-it under much more restrictive conditions than had existed in the past. Regardless, the matrix will eliminate the need to go through a rather strenuous Clean Water Act section 404 permitting process.

The Board discussed an interest from a District landowner to purchase a section of District property in and around the Toledo Basin. The Board discussed the matter in some depth and presented various options to General Manager VINK. General Manager VINK will meet with the landowner to discuss the matter further and report back at a subsequent meeting.

The District has also received an offer from a Shafter base company to purchase the property that the District owns in and around the town of Woodville. The property consists of a total of 25 acres including the District's current shop facility. The Board discussed the matter in some detail providing General Manager VINK with parameters for a response. No action was taken.

At 12:00pm President MACMILLIAN opened up a public Scoping session wherein the Board hosted landowners and interested parties affected by the proposed Tule River Inter-tie. Following a detailed presentation by Provost & Pritchard the Board and the District staff fielded questions from the landowners. A thorough discussion was held, various concerns were address and comments received. A copy of the attendance list is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the Inter-tie construction and various PWRPA activities. No action was taken.

6. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March 15th meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the 2006 O&M rates.

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 updated the Board on Success Power Project and dam safety activities including a dinner meeting held with Colonel LIGHT and Sacramento staff. The dam safety project continues to progress. Issues forthcoming will include the 2007 funding and possible a trip to Washington to reiterate the need for continued support by the administration and Congress.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

Nothing new to report – No action was taken.

7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 23rd, 2006 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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The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$21,229.00. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds.

9. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

The Board reviewed the March meeting of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The District has also received a request for dues from the Family Farm Alliance in the amount of \$500.00. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the payment of the Family Farm Alliance dues.

- 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

12. 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