

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 June 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 May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting were reviewed and on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved with minor corrections, the minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 regular meeting were approved as presented and ordered placed on file.

The financial statements for the month of May 2006 were reviewed by Controller LIMAS. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the financial statements for May 2006 were ordered placed on file.

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

The Board reviewed the July meeting currently scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to a conflict, the July regular meeting was moved to the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including an update from General Manager VINK on the projected 2006 water run. Based on the supplies available, the Board directed the staff to acquire enough water under contract and or purchases from other sources to continue this summer irrigation run through the month of September. It was also the concurrence of the Board to carry approximately 15,000 AF into February for pre-irrigation demand.

General Manger VINK updated the Board on several other water supply activities including the San Joaquin river water that is being released into the Tule River for flood management purposes and the potential purchases of Tule River water from Porterville and downstream and the 2006 Poplar Ditch Allocation.

The Poplar Ditch shareholders have requested that the Poplar Ditch Allocation be modified to reflect usage of 30 AF after July 1<sup>st</sup> as opposed to after June 1<sup>st</sup>, which was the initial declaration. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the recommendation of staff and extended the Poplar Ditch usage of share water from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update from O&M Superintendent BATTLES on the Westside Inter-tie project, the Tule River Inter-tie project and the Poplar Ditch relocation project. BATTLES reported on a variety of summer related activities including the ongoing work as a result of the busy water season.

Personnel

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the upcoming retirements of Equipment Operator STEVE PATTERSON and Water Resources coordinator WAYNE MINER. A retirement luncheon will be sponsored by the District and held at the District office on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

The Board also spent time reviewing a summary of the Districts PERS plan as prepared by Controller LIMAS. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a number of administrative activities including the District's long-term fiscal stability and the consideration of a land based charge. The Board spent a brief time discussing issues that have arisen relative to the matter since the May meeting.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the status of the Tule River sub-basin water shed study being done by the Corp of Engineers. That study is being distributed, and early indications are that it's problematic for a variety of reasons. The sub-basin along with the greater Kings and Kaweah basin areas will provide comments to the Corp.

The Board also received update on the Ag Discharge Monitoring program and the Districts scholarship, which by action of the scholarship committee was awarded to Tulare Union graduate Jason Ferreira.

General Manager VINK also reported that the District will be undergoing its 3-year RRA Audit from the Bureau of Reclamation.

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

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the PWRPA activities and related refund and accounting as prepared by Controller LIMAS. Following the 2005 fiscal year and the reconciliation as done by staff, the District will be receiving a net refund of approximately \$113,000.00 along with a reimbursement of some monies that the District has originally put into the PWRPA reserve program.

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

The Board reviewed the May 17<sup>th</sup> 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

General Manager VINK reported that revenues through May for the year have total \$108,000.00.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

Nothing new to report.

DSAP Program

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of activities relative to the DSAP project including meetings upcoming with Executive Committee and with the Corp of Engineers.

**7. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the May 25th, 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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**9. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

DCTRA

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the DCTRA meeting held in May. That meeting was held in anticipation of adopting the updated groundwater management plan. The update of the groundwater management plan was not yet completing and as such, that activity was deferred until the July meeting.

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**

- 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