

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 7th day of November 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 - ABSENT
Director	Div. 1	2009	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2009	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – O & M Superintendent
ERIC LIMAS - Controller

1. **BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the October 10th, 2006 regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the October 10th, 2006 minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The financial statements for the month of October 2006 were reviewed. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the financial statements for the month of October 2006 were accepted and ordered placed on file. Included in the action of the financial statements was the acceptance of the recommendation of staff to close the money market account at Stockman's Bank.

The Board then reviewed the updated investment policy and guidelines. The changes were minor and reflected changes in current conditions and federal law. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the recommended changes and adopted the update investment policy and guidelines. A copy is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the September bills following the October 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 September bills.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities. Including the non-project transfers and pending meetings with the Regional office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Board also received the status update with the exchange with Fresno County and the long-term transfer with Friant Ranch.

The Board then turned its attention a 3-year agreement with Del Puerto water District for the transfer and exchange of the Districts Cross Valley water. The purpose of the Del Puerto agreement is to put the Cross Valley water to temporary use until it can be incorporated into longer-term solutions within the District. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and operations activities including an update with O&M Superintendent BATTLES on the Westside inter-tie and the Poplar Ditch relocation project. Considerable work is being done on both those projects now that water is no longer running in the Districts delivery system. O&M Superintendent BATTLES estimated that the Westside inter-tie project would occupy the bulk of the Districts time and equipment during the fall and winter months.

The Board then spent some time looking at organizational and long-term payroll issues. General Manager VINK reported that final recommendations from staff will be available at the December meeting.

The Board reviewed a lot of matters associated with the NRDC v Rogers settlement. No action was taken.

The Board also received correspondence from Madera Irrigation District to Friant Water Users Authority relative to the contribution of legal fees by Friant Water Users authority to the DOOLEY Clients.

Administrative Activities

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a number of Cross Valley Canal activities. Most specifically the Inter-tie proposal as agreed to by the Cross Valley Canal participants. General Manager VINK presented a comprehensive overview of the proposal. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted staffs recommendation for the Inter-tie construction based on the recommended percentages. The percentages as they exist today based on current cost estimates and after grant funding would mean the District would pay approximately \$150,000 for their pro-rata share of the Inter-tie.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a variety of meetings associated with the Tule River Association. Most specifically the TRA Board of Directors meeting on the 18th of October. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement

Nothing new to report.

DSAP Program

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a number of activities associated with the dam and safety project, including a trip to Washington DC that will occur next week. General Manager VINK will attend to represent the District.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 26, 2006 meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority.

Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing the special call for funds to contribute to Dooley clients for Dan Dooley's time and fees associated with negotiating the San Joaquin River settlement agreement. On motion Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment in the amount of \$27,291 to Friant Water Users Authority. The District as a Dooley client will be receiving money from the Friant Water Users Authority to help offset cost incurred since July of 2005.

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 October 26, 2006 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

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its meeting in November. The minutes of the DCTRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Mid-Valley Water Authority.

Nothing new to report

California Farm Bureau

9. **U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

10. **MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

Nothing new to report.

11. **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-

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the California Farm Water Coalition meeting held in October.

- I. Family Water Alliance.
- J. California Farm Bureau-

The District has received a request for funding from the Farm Bureau to support their scholarship program. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment to the scholarship program in the amount of \$500.



Approved

The District has received a dues request from the Tulare Chamber of Commerce in the amount \$150.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment to the Tulare Chamber of Commerce.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink