

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 December 2007, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President SIMONICH. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2009	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2011	TOM BARCELLOS
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  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Board reviewed Board reorganization. Considering the election of a new Board member, Chairman SIMONICH asked General Manager VINK to temporarily chair the meeting. VINK opened the floor to nominations for President and Vice President. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, Director SIMONICH was elected President and Director FERNANDES was elected Vice President. Director SIMONICH then resumed as Chair of the meeting.

The Board turned its attention to the various appointments and the list of officers and appointments for the District. After several modifications, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted the list of officers and appointments. A copy is attached as **EXBIHIT “A”**.

The minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS, and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

Business Manager LIMAS reviewed with the Board the Financial Statements for the month of October. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the October bills following the November meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in paying of the October bills.

The District has received audit engagement letter for Fiscal year 2007 from Adair, Evans, White et. al. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the Audit Engagement letter. The District's audit will be performed at a cost not to exceed \$6,350.00

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water related issues.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on some miscellaneous water related matters including a recent transfer to Fresno County Water Works District #18 in the amount of 30 acre feet.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including a review of the Poplar Ditch relocation Project and pictures and explanations from Operations Manager BATTLES. The Poplar project is on schedule to be completed by February 1, 2008.

Operations Manager BATTLE updated the Board on routine grading and spraying matters.

The Board spent sometime discussing the Tule River Inter-tie canal. No action was taken.

Operations Manager BATTLES updated the Board on the purchase of the District's new equipment under the Air Board grant program. To date, the District has taken delivery of the loader and excavator. The dozer is expected later in the month with the two graders arriving in January.

#### Legal

The Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Real Property negotiations in accordance with Government code section 54957. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

The Board spent sometime discussing the San Joaquin River Restoration. No action was taken.

#### Personnel

General Manager VINK reported that he has been working on a benefits package adjustment for District employees. More information will be available in advance of the January meeting.

#### Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK discussed and updated the Board on a variety of activities including:

- District wide strategic planning
- Small landowner group meetings
- A letter received from ACWAJPIA on the Districts risk assessment. The District received excellent grades and commendations from the insurance carrier.
- Staff also reported that they are working on a proposal with True Point Solutions to update the Districts water billing and assessment program.

The Board reviewed the master Memorandum of Understanding between Lower Tule and Pixley. The MOU outlines how the Districts will interact on cost-sharing including purchases of new equipment and the most recent amendments including the joint equipment purchase and the joint operations budget. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized changes to the Memorandum of Understanding and adopted Exhibit D & E respectively. A copy of the amended agreement is attached as Exhibit B.

**4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities. No action was taken.

**5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the November 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

The Board reviewed the proposed 2008 Success Power Project budget. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized adoption of the 2008 Success Power Project.

Dam Safety Project

General Manager VINK reviewed Dam Safety Program activities. It has been reported that a refined alternative is due out in the fall of 2008, further delaying the project.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the December 7<sup>th</sup> and upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Friant Water Users Authority Board. The minutes of the FWUA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

**7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the December 7<sup>th</sup> and upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Friant Water Authority Board. 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 DCTRA will be having its meeting on the 16th of 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

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

Nothing new to report.

**10. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

The District has received request for support from the Cal Woman in Agriculture. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized support in the amount of \$250.00.

**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 - The District has received a call for funds from the California Farm Water Coalition in the amount of \$9,590.00. The

Approved

money spent by the Farm water Coalition is directed towards statewide advancement of California's Farm Programs and specifically water education programs. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the Farm Water Coalition dues.

- I. Family Farm Alliance
- J. California Farm Bureau
  
- K. California Special Districts Association - The District has received a call for funds from the California Special Districts Association in the amount of \$3,561.00. Membership in the CSDA is necessary for the District to maintain its Workers Compensation Program through the Special Districts Association. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds from the CSDA.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink