

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 10th day of July 2007, 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  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of the June 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of June 2007 included in the presentation of the Financial Statements was a review of the quarterly investment reports. On motion by Director SIMONICH, 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 May bills following the June meeting. Director ROELOFFS reviewed the bills in place of Director

FERNANDES who was on vacation. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in paying of the May bills.

Staff presented a Resolution from the California Special District Association. Considering linkage to the Special Management Association this is an item routine in nature with no cost considerations and no implications to the budget. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Resolution was adopted and ordered placed on file. Attached is a copy of Resolution 2007-7-1 as **Exhibit "A"**.

The Board spent a brief amount of time discussing a potential need for a Special meeting in the latter part of July to discuss some joint operation matters with Pixley Irrigation District.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water resources activities including updates on the water supply, summer run, Cross Valley deliveries and the prototype release that occurred from Success and into the Tule River at the end of June. There were no action items reported during the water resources activities section of the agenda.

General Manager VINK reported on transfers of 5000 af of Tule River water from Porterville Irrigation District to Lower Tule and a withdraw from the banking account of \$500 AF from Vandalia and Campbell – Moreland.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and operation activities including a report on the Poplar Ditch relocation project and an update on the Westside Inter-tie canal. The Westside Inter-tie canal is in full operation and the water run and has reached a completed status.

The Board spent sometime reviewing various activities related to the Tule River Inter-tie canal including a scoping report prepared by Provost and Pritchard on the BORBA alternative.

General Manager VINK also reported on the shut down of the MWD Friant partnership and the impacts to the Tule River Inter-tie as MWD was funding the

Inter-tie canal design as part of the Water Management program with Friant and Metropolitan. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board directed that staff continue with the design of the Tule River Inter-tie and associated and related work, over the course of the next 60 to 90 days. General Manager VINK estimated that the cost would be approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The Board reviewed a report from Operations Manager BATTLES on the Air Board grant award. The District has gone out to bid for the specific pieces of equipment. President MCMILLAN then requested that the finance committee meet later in the month to review the bids before providing a joint recommendation to the Lower Tule and Pixley Irrigation District Boards.

#### Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK briefed the Board on a variety of administrative matters including District watch strategic planning. The appointment of Thomas Hauder to the Hagen chair at UC DAVIS. HR2535.

At approximately 10:30am landowners DAVID CARDOZA and VINCENT SOLA entered the meeting to review with the Board their recent trip to Washington D.C to represent the District on San Joaquin River Settlement matters. ROELOFFS, SOLA, and CARDOZA reported on a very successful trip in shared in some of the meetings that were held in Washington D.C.

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

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including a reconciliation report from Business Manager LIMAS. LIMAS reported that the 2005-06 Cross Valley and 2006 PWPRRA reconciliations were enough to offset some existing deficits on Cross Valley Canal O & M maintenance accounts as such, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board directed that staff allocate those funds to cover past and current CVC O&M expenses and are currently being accounted for under Deer Creek and Tule River Authority and a special project agreement.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the June 13th meeting of the Tule River Association Board. General Manager VINK reported on a variety of activities including the DSAP project and the most recent prototype releases from Lake Success.

The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here. Staff also updated the Board on a variety of other activities including the dam safety project.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Project

Nothing new to report.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting Friant Water Users authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$43,014.00. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the Friant Water Users Authority call for funds.

**7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting Friant Water Users authority. The minutes of the FWA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$15,921.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the Friant Water Users Authority call for funds.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

Nothing new to report.

Mid-Valley Water Authority.

Nothing new to report

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

I. Family Farm Alliance

J. California Farm Bureau

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 special joint meeting with the Pixley Irrigation District on the 27th day of July 2007, 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.

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On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented. Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the bids associated with the equipment purchase on the Air Board grant award. The recommendations are being forwarded by staff and the finance committees who met earlier in the week. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the recommendations of the finance committees related to the purchase of the equipment and related bids. A copy of those recommendations is attached as **Exhibit “A”**.

The Board then reviewed the financing and cost sharing recommendations for equipment purchase, considerable discussion was held. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized a cost

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sharing of 2/3 Lower Tule and 1/3 Pixley on all the new equipment purchased. The equipment will then be jointly owned and maintained on those percentages.

District counsel DAN DOOLEY and consultant DICK MOSS then entered the meeting to discuss integrated water resources and spent considerable time reviewing water resources and engaged in a comprehensive discussion relative to groundwater resources and the integration of ground and surface water. The Board then discussed the direction the Board needed to take to protect the resources available to it. The Board prefers a proactive cooperative approach and recognized the need to take a very proactive role in ground water management and surface water deliveries.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink