

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 8th day of May 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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| 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 COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 regular meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April 2007 along with some updates from Business Manager LIMAS on various retirement and Cal Pers issues. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized placement of the Financial Statements on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the March bills following the April 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 March bills.

Auditor Alison Dale from Adair & Evans entered the meeting at approximately 9:30am to review with the Board the 2006 audited Financial Statements. After thorough review and discussion, with the appropriate questions asked, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2007 Audited Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager VINK presented for consideration a Resolution whereby the District would parallel its fall elections with the County elections. The Resolution is a requirement of the County. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2007-5-1 to request that the County parallel the District elections with the County general elections. A copy of Resolution 2007-5-1 is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current declaration. The current declaration remains at 60% Class 1 and is unlikely that the declaration will change.

Time was then spent discussing the potential water run. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of the Board to begin the water run on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> of June and continue until the balance of the water was gone, which at present is estimated between two and three weeks. The run will be finalized at the June meeting.

Staff updated the Board on a variety of other water resources activities including:

- Tule River Channel Clearing and spring operations
- Tulare County Water Commission
- 2000 CVC Cross valley deliveries.

General Manager VINK also updated the Board on the ongoing discussions with Orange Cove Irrigation District relative to a water management program with OCID. No action was taken.

Controller LIMAS presented for consideration to the Board a modified water operations budget for 2007 reflective of actual conditions. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board modified the 2007 budget to be reflective of actual conditions for hydrology. A copy of the modified 2007 water operations budget is attached as **Exhibit "B"**.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and operation activities including updates from staff on the Westside Inter-tie, Poplar Ditch relocation and Tule River Inter-tie canal projects. Operations Manager BATTLES presented for consideration a Phase I notice on completion on the Poplar Ditch project. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized filing of the Phase I notice of completion.

#### Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of administrative activities including

- Updates on the San Joaquin River settlement discussion and ongoing negotiations and hearings.
- The sale of the Rostrada property to Lanting; There are some complications with parcel and prior title issues. General Manager VINK is working with Fidelity Title Company staff to resolve those issues.
- A meeting held with the US Fish & Wildlife Services Representatives to discuss the tri-colored blackbird project and potential expansion of that project and;
- A discussion on District wide strategic planning.

No action was taken on any of the items above.

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

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the recent tour conducted by LIMAS and BATTLES on the expansion project. All those who attended the tour expressed their gratitude in seeing the facilities first hand.

The District has received a progress payment request in the amount of \$30,000.00. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the progress payment request

for the Inter-tie construction. The Districts total exposure on the Inter-tie construction is \$166,000.00.

**5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the April 16th meeting of the Tule River Association Board. The minutes of the Tule River Authority Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Project

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a number of procedural including the projected release later in the month of June to do outlet work modeling.

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the April 24<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.

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**8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek Tule River Authority will be holding it's meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

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 – General Manager will be attending the ACWA Spring conference beginning this afternoon in Sacramento.

B. Central Valley Project Water Association

C. California Water Resources Association

D. National Water Resources Association

E. California Chamber of Commerce – The District has received a dues request in the amount of \$800.00. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the payment of the dues request.

F. Ag Water Committee

G. Water Education Foundation

H. California Farm Water Coalition – General Manager VINK attending the meeting to represent the District.

I. Family Farm Alliance

Approved

The District has received a request for support from the FFA in the amount of \$500.00. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized support of the FFA and the dues payment of \$500.

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