

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 November 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 October 9th regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director COSTA, with one minor correction related to the date on the approval of the bills, the minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of October 2007. The following were included in the presentation of financial items:

1. Authorization to renew the Districts line of credit at VALLEY BUSINESS BANK.
2. Signature cards for the new joint operations account with Pixley Irrigation District and;

3. A report on the PERS contribution rate for fiscal year 2008-09, which will go from 10.86% to 10.23%.

On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the financial statements ordered placed on file, and all reported actions authorized.

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 paying of the September bills.

The Board reviewed the Districts Investment policy and guidelines and considered readopting the guidelines for the new fiscal year. There is no budget expenditures associated with the adoption of the Investment policy. There were no proposed changes to the investment policy. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Investment policy was adopted and ordered placed on file. A copy is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a number of water related issues including an update from General Manager VINK on the pay out to Hansen Farms under the terms of the Bayou Vista ditch agreement.

The Board received an update on AB1404, a bill signed by the Governor that would require metering of all turnouts. It is unclear whether the metering definition in AB1404 would include actual meters, or would simply be a method of metering water as currently done by the District.

President MACMILLAN then convened the meeting into closed session to discuss Real property negotiations. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that the Board took action to direct General Manager VINK to make an offer pursuant to the discussions held in closed session.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities as reported by Operations Manager BATTLES. General Manager VINK presented for

consideration an amendment to Utility agreement 06-1148.52 between CAL TRANS and the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. The amendment to the Utility agreement is routine in nature and was done to reflect the changes to the Poplar Ditch Relocation cost. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the amended Utility agreement. A copy is attached for the record.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of other activities including the Tule River inter-tie canal and related design and construction processes as well as GIS and GPS training that staff is currently undergoing.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board the District's equipment purchase plan and in particular a purchase of a new spray truck for the District at a cost not to exceed \$47,000.00. This is planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of the new vehicle at an expense not to exceed \$47,000.00.

General manager VINK spent time discussing different benefit adjustment packages with the Board of Directors. No consensus was reached and a proposal will be developed for a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of other activities with the Board including the recent close of escrow on the sale of District property to the LANTINGS as well as a purchase of a water-billing program to complement the Districts water order program. No action was taken.

The Board considered the payment of the 2008 State Water Resources Control Board fees in the amount of \$ 133,988.00 and all actions related thereto. It was recommended by staff and legal counsel that the payment be made under protest and that petition for reconsideration be filed. This is planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the fees under appropriate protest and that a request for reconsideration be sent.

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 October 24th 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 also reviewed Success Power Project activities.

Dam Safety Project

General Manager VINK reviewed Dam Safety and reconstruction activities.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 25th meeting of the Friant Water Users Board. The minutes of the FWUA 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 \$30,110.00. This is planned budget expenditure. The Board spent considerable time discussing the Friant Water Users Authority and the District's benefit from being members in the Friant Water Users Authority. Following that discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized payment for the call for funds.

The District has also received a special call for funds for the Summer Time Cloud Seeding program. The special call for funds was in the amount of \$4,435.00 and is planned budget expenditure under the miscellaneous category in the budget. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the special call for funds.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 25th meeting of the Friant Water Authority Board. The minutes of the FWUA 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 \$26,536.00. This is planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the payment of the call for funds.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Nothing new to report.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The DCTRA will be having its meeting on the 16th of November.

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 - The District has received a call for funds from ACWA in the amount of \$7,405.00. This is planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board authorized the payment for the ACWA call for funds.

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

The District has received a request for support from the Tulare County Farm Bureau of Education Program. This is planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES the Board authorized a donation of \$1000.00 toward Tulare County Farm Bureau Education Program.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink