

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 9th day of October 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 FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the September 11th regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of September as well as the Third Quarter of 2007. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the financial statements were accepted and ordered placed on file.

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

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of water related activities including an update on Cross Valley water deliveries and a potential for a 5% pre-use allocation of 2008 water to be available during the 2007 water year, which ends March 1st.

The Board reviewed the 2008 draft water rates from the Bureau of Reclamation. There has been a minor reduction in the water rates reflecting the wet years in 2005 and 2006.

The Board reviewed the Capital reconciliation statements from the Bureau of Reclamation for 2006 fiscal year. The District has maintained it's internal amortization for Capital repayment by 2030 and, as such no money was needed for transfer to the reserve funds.

The Board reviewed the proposal for adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding, which would set up an organization authorized to carry out all activities required to draft Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The plan would be constructed the Plan around the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority member Districts. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the MOU. The MOU and the drafting of IRWMP is necessary in order for the District to be eligible for State funding under Prop 84 and comes with no cost to the District.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the Poplar Ditch relocation project. It was reported that the bids for the Phase II portion of the project has not yet been received. As such, the Districts regular October Board meeting will have to be reconvened later in the month to award that bid.

The Board did receive a report on the Tule River Inter-tie canal and the completion of the Negative Declaration prepared in conjunction with the construction with the Inter-tie canal. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2009-10-1

accepting the Negative Declaration and ordering it recorded with the State of California. A copy is attached as **Exhibit “A”**.

The Board received from, Operations Manager BATTLES and General Manager VINK, an equipment purchase update including an equipment purchase consolidation plan which would eliminate a number of the Districts older pieces of equipment for consolidation with newer ones. Included in that was the purchase of a new spray truck and equipment based on the recommendation from staff as outlined in a memorandum sent to the Board on the October 10th. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the staff’s recommendation on equipment consolidation and authorized the purchase of a new spray rig at a price not to exceed \$80,000.00. A copy is attached as **Exhibit “B”**.

PERSONNEL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a number of activities including the end of the year discussions with employees on benefit matters.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

General Manager VINK reported on several administrative matters. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the 2008 budget proposal and the draft budget as prepared and submitted to the Board in advanced of the meeting. The budget includes a joint Operations & Maintenance budget with the Pixley Irrigation District. After thorough review and discussion, considering the budget in it’s entirety as a policy document of the Board of Directors, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director SIMONICH and unanimously approved the Board adopted the budget and ordered it placed on file.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including the Inter-tie and expansion project. The Inter-tie project is scheduled to go out to bid during the month of October.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a variety of activities associated with the Tule River Association including the meeting of the September 9th meeting of the Board of Directors. The minutes of the Tule River Association Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

In addition, General Manager VINK updated the Board on a number of DSAP and TRIJPA executive committee issues.

Success Power Project

Nothing new to report.

Dam Safety Project

Nothing new to report.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 27th 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.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The DCTRA will be having its meeting on the 19th of October. 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**

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 reviewed an appreciation of the Farm Water Coalition and the sponsoring of the Farm Water Coalition tour and the dinner held at the District office.*

I. Family Farm Alliance

J. California Farm Bureau

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned to the 12th day of October 2007.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a reconvened meeting on the 12th day of October 2007, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was reconvened by President MACMILLAN. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

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1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of the meeting was to accept the Engineer’s recommendation associated with the Poplar Ditch Relocation Phase II portion of the project. After thorough review and discussion, including review of the Engineers report, on motion by Director SIMONICH, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Engineers recommendation and awarded the contract to FLOYD JOHNSTON CONSTRUCTION in the amount of \$ 2,496,792.60.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink