

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 April 2008, at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by 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	2011	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 BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the March 11th regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 11th, 2008 meeting were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March 2008. On motion by Director FERNANDES second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

Included in the report of the Financial Statements was a direction to staff to review the District's equipment rates and specifically the option of adding a fuel surcharge. Revisions to the equipment rates will be considered at the May meeting.

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

The Pixley Irrigation District Finance Committee has reviewed the Operations and Maintenance bills for March, in accordance with an alternating review policy between the two Districts. The Lower Tule finance committee will continue to review District specific bills on a monthly basis.

At approximately 10:00am Auditor ERIC WHITE entered the meeting to discuss with the Board the 2007 audited Financial Statements. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2007 audited Financial Statements and opinions and ordered then placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current supply declaration, which remains at 5% Class II. Given the extremely dry conditions for March, and the first part of April, it is unlikely that the declaration will increase and in fact may decrease slightly. Time will tell.

The Board reviewed a variety of water supply issues including:

- The recent pre-irrigation run
- Discussions continuing within the District on groundwater pumping and monitoring of pumping within and without of the District.
- Discussions with Boswell representative regarding the Creighton Ranch pumping
- The Bureau's position on the Delta Lands pump in water.

No action was taken on any items.

The District has received a 2008 Section 215 contract for delivery of 215 water from the Friant-Kern Canal to the District. Although it is unlikely the District will access any 215 water given this year's dry condition, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, with the idea of maintaining contract

continuity, the Board adopted a Resolution 2008-4-1 authorizing execution of the Section 215 Contract. Attached is a copy of Resolution 2008-4-1 as **Exhibit "A"**.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including a final report from Operation Manager BATTLES on the Poplar Ditch Pipeline and Relocation project. The project has been completed and the system has been filled with water.

General Manager VINK discussed with the Board briefly the Tule River Inter-tie Canal and the possibility of applying for a Grant application under the Bureau's Challenge Water 2025 process. No action was taken, as the matter was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Staff also updated the Board on the status of the District's equipment purchases, which are now completed.

Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK presented for consideration the participation of Business Manager ERIC LIMAS in the California Ag Leadership program. The District is required to give consent to Business Manager LIMAS' participation in the program. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS and second by Director ROELOFFS, and whole-heartedly approved, the Board authorized employer consent for Business Manager LIMAS'S participation in the California Ag Leadership program.

Administrative Matters

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

- The conversion of the District's water-billing program to the TRUE POINT system
- Letters to and from Westland's Water District regarding the San Joaquin River legislation and
- An update on the Pixley / Delano banking program.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the expansion Inter-tie project and various PWRPA activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 19th Tule River Association. The highlight of that meeting was a letter from the State Water Resources Control Board indicating that River Island Company wells along the Tule River are pumping subterranean stream flow from the Tule River and are subject to the permitting authority of the Board.

The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

The Board discussed various power Projects and Dam Safety issues. No action was taken.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 27th and March 14th Special 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.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$30,110.00 from the Friant Water Users Authority. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$30,110.00.

The District has also been asked to consider an affirmative vote on the TESORA VIEJO holding contract agreement. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized an affirmative vote to that holding contract agreement as per recommendation of staff and counsel.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 27th 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.

The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$26,536.00 from the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$26,536.00.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Board reviewed the March 21st meeting of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority. The DCTRA will be spending sometime reviewing potential groundwater banking programs in and around the Friant-Kern Canal and the Deer Creek Basin.

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

19. 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

Approved

- 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
- K. California Special Districts Association

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager