

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 December 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 - **ABSENT**

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the November 12th regular meeting & the November 6th special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Financial Statements for the month of November 2008. Included in the review of the Financial Statements was the presentation of the 2009 Investment Policy and Guidelines. After some discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the month of November and ordered them placed on file and adopted the 2009 Investment Policy and Guidelines. A copy is attached as **Exhibit B**.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the October bills

following the November meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October bills following the November meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including:

- Groundwater pumping & groundwater monitoring within the District boundaries
- Pending meetings with Angiola Water District representatives.
- Review of the 2008 Westside deliveries
- A review of the Riparian deliveries as presented by consultant DAVE HOFFMAN.

General Manager VINK reported that the District has received net revenue from 2008 Cross-Valley deliveries in the amount of \$1,611,000. That money will be used to purchase additional Friant supplies when available.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities presented by Operations Manager BATTLES. Included in the report from Operations Manager BATTLES was an update on the installation of a new lift at the Districts shop and the installation of the recorders on the Tule River and the construction work ongoing on at the DCTRA basins.

General Manager VINK then reviewed with the Board additional construction and maintenance activities including:

- The Tule River Inter-tie canal and the status of the Right of Way acquisition
- Reported on various landowner meetings related to the Inter-tie
- Follow up to initial conversations held regarding Right of Way acquisition

General Manager VINK then presented for consideration the 2009 challenge grant application funding. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2008-12-1, authorizing filing of the grant application and related documents. A copy of Resolution 2008-12-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board several personnel matters including cost of living adjustments and the General Managers contract, which will be addressed in a combined Pixley & Lower Tule personnel committee meeting later in the month.

Legal Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of legal matters including the San Joaquin River settlement and various letters received and sent regarding the settlement.

At approximately 11:00am landowner VINCENT SOLA entered the meeting to sit in on the discussion and get feed back from the Board on the San Joaquin River settlement matter. After considerable discussion it was reported that no action was taken.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of administrative matters. The District has received the 2009 State Water Resources Control Board fees in the amount of \$131,077.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the State Water Resources Control Board fees under protest and directed staff to file related paper work thereto.

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 November 15th meeting of the Tule River Association Board of Directors. Considerable discussion is taking place regarding the transition to a new Water Master. General Manager VINK will be meeting with Water Master R.L SCHAFER to discuss the matter in more detail and try to put together a coordinated plan of action.

The Board reviewed the 2009 Success Power Project budget. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adopted the 2009 SPP budget as presented. A copy is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Dam Safety activities

including recent letters from the locals to Colonel Chapman expressing their frustration on the delays with the project.

6. **FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Friant Water Users Board of Directors will meet on the 12th day of December.

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8. **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board of Directors will be having its meeting the 16th day of January 2009.

Tulare County Farm Bureau

The District has received request from the Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship fund. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized \$1000.00 fro support to the Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship fund.

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 – The District has received a request for support in the amount of \$14,385.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the California Farm Water Coalition request for support.

- I. Family Farm Alliance
- J. California Farm Bureau

- K. California Special Districts Association - The District has received its 2009 CSDA dues in the amount of \$4,088.00. CSDA membership is a requirement of receiving the Districts Workers' Compensation coverage through the Special Districts Association. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board payment of the 2009 CSDA dues.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager