

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 July 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 - ABSENT

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 June 10th regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. After a few minor corrections, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the June 10th minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of June 2008, as presented by Business Manager LIMAS. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the month of June and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the May bills following the June 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 May bills following the June meeting.

A brief discussion was held regarding the dissemination of the Board information and

the preferred method for the Directors along with the dinner the District will be hosting on the 23rd of July to honor the long time service of District Counsel DAN DOOLEY, who is now retired from law and working for the University of California.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the June water run. The water supply declaration remains at 100% Class I and 5% Class II. After some discussion and concern that the Bureau would reduce the declaration, the Bureau announced at its most recent meeting that the 5% declaration would stand.

The Board discussed a variety of water resources activities including:

- The ongoing discussion of groundwater pumping and monitoring within the District
- The agreement with Porterville ID and the use of Porterville ID's Tule River water this summer
- Westside deliveries, which are anticipated to commence within 10 days. General manager VINK reported on meetings held with the Regional Director in Sacramento to try to expedite the delivery of that water in a timely fashion.
- The delivery of downstream water as per the agreement with the Bayou Vista Ditch Company.

No action was taken on any of these matters.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update from Operation Manager BATTLES on routine spraying activities, and ongoing summer maintenance.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Tule River Inter-tie canal and continuing work on Right-of-Way and acquisition issues including the appraisal work being done by HR MACKLIN. General Manager VINK reported that a response is due from the Bureau of Reclamation sometime in late July or early August on the grant application the District submitted for the upstream work on the project.

Personnel Matters

It was suggested by General Manager VINK that the District pursue an employment services contract with the General Manager as per standard in the industry. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to begin developing an employment services contract using Districts Counsel Alex Peltzer. It is anticipated the agreement will go in to effect this fall.

Legal Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of legal issues in open session including a report from the Tulare County Grand Jury on findings related to Special Districts. The Board reviewed the report and directed General Manager VINK to respond accordingly, indicating to the Grand Jury that the Districts current practices are consistent with the Grand Jury findings and recommendations.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed several administrative matters including:

- The conversion of the District's water order program and water-billing program to the True Point system, which will also allow for web based water ordering.
- District wide strategic planning to be held sometime in November.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the CVC expansion agreement and the Inter-tie project along with various PRPWA activities.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 18th Tule River Association. The minutes of the TRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing transition issues and the Dam Safety Project.

General Manager VINK reported on the July 7th, 2008 Technical Committee meeting of the Dam Safety Project. No action was taken.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the June 26th 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.

Considerable time at that meeting was spent discussing strategic planning and the best way to re-create the relevance of the Friant Water Users Authority to the member districts and the California water community as a whole.

The District has also received a call for funds in the amount of \$46,872.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the Districts call for funds.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the June 26th 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 \$3,184.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the Districts call for funds.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding it's meeting on the 18th day of July 2008. 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
- 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