

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 11th day of March 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 - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 1	2009	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2009	JOHN ROELOFFS – <b>Arrival 9:30am</b>

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 February 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved with one minor change, the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of February. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the January bills following the February meeting. The Board also considered the most efficient way to view bills considering the joint operations with Pixley Irrigation District. As it currently

stands, both Lower Tule & Pixley Boards are reviewing the same set of bills. The Board decided to discuss the matter jointly with the Pixley Board. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in paying of the January bills.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the latest water supply update, which at present is slightly above normal for the year.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the pre-irrigation run and developed a consensus to continue the current irrigation run in order to create space in Success Reservoir to meet the Reservoir restriction criteria. The District will also co-mingle the Tule River water with some Friant water in order to make a pre-irrigation run available through out the entire District.

General Manager VINK, Director COSTA and Director SIMONICH updated the Board on the Tule River Riparian meeting, which was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Board reviewed the 2008 water rate and discussed the water rate structure for 2008. It was the consensus of the Board to wait to set the water rate until the April meeting when more information on water supply will be available.

The Board considered the 2008 Poplar Ditch allocation, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board set the preliminary Poplar Ditch allocation at 55 a/f per share with the restriction of 30 a/f being available after June 1<sup>st</sup>. The restriction has been put in place as a result of the Dam Safety activity on the Tule River and the reservoir restriction.

The Board considered a request from the Riparianists to store the Riparian water during the 22 day run and reallocate the water to Riparian turn-outs during the 2008 year to benefit both the Riparianists and the District. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the request from the Riparianists.

### **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 the Poplar Ditch Relocation project. The Poplar Ditch relocation project is nearly completed and should be operational in the first part of April.

The Board considered the authorization of a Right-of-Way acquisition assistant associated with the Right-of-Way acquisition on the Tule River Inter-tie canal. After thorough review and discussion including a report by General Manager VINK on a meeting with acquisition specialist COLLEEN CARLSON, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized retention of a Right-of-Way acquisition assistant. The payment will be on a time and materials basis with no on-going contract.

Operations Manager BATTLES updated the Board on the upgrade of the District's spray equipment. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized expenditures of approximately \$20,000.00 to complete the fabrication of the new spray rig.

At approximately 10:30am the Board convened into Executive session to discuss several items. Upon coming out of Executive session it was reported that on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2008-3-1, approving stipulation of settlement for the NRDC vs. ROGERS lawsuit. A copy is attached as **EXIHIBIT "A"**.

#### Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of administrative matters including District wide strategic planning and a meeting with Fish & Wildlife services to discuss Level 4 refugee supplies.

The District has received a tort claim from Southern California Edison in the amount \$15,000.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board rejected the claim and referred the matter to the District's insurance carrier.

The District has received a property insurance renewal proposal from ACWA-JPIA in the amount of \$13,333.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized renewal of the District's property insurance.

**4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The District considered the Cross Valley canal and the Inter-tie expansion project and would precede an update from General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS on the project.

Business Manager LIMAS also updated the Board on a variety of PWRPA activities.

**5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup> Tule River Association.

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

**6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the February 28th 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 Board also considered review and changes to the Friant Water Users Authority Joint Powers Agreement as recommended by the Friant Board and a special AD-HOC committee. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized a vote in the affirmative on the changes to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Friant water Users Authority will be having a special meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the San Joaquin River Settlement litigation.

**7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the February 28th 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.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The DCTRA meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. The minutes of the FWUA 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 – The District has received a call for funds in the amount of \$500.00. This is a planned budget expenditure. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds from the Family Farm Alliance in the amount of \$500.00.
  
- 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