

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 12th day of November 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 BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the October 14th regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. After a few minor corrections on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the October 14th regular meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of October 2008. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA 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 September bills following the October meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills following the October meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities. The Board spent some time reviewing groundwater issues within the District and reflecting on the recently joint meeting with Pixley Irrigation District. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on:

- The delivery of water to Del Puerto under the agreement with Del Puerto,
- The recent the special Poplar Ditch meeting to discuss the service area,
- A review of Riparian deliveries and agreements being conducted by retired Porterville Manger DAVE HOFFMAN and;
- A restructuring of the Districts landowner guarantee system. The District will be restructuring its landowner guarantee program to allow further flexibility to landowners in the District for securing water deliveries to lands leased but not owned by landowners in the District.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including an update from General Manager VINK on the Tule River Inter-tie canal and in particular the Right-of-Way acquisition and various responses received to date. No action was taken.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board a variety of maintenance activities including various custom work and work done for landowners within the District.

Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board some personnel matters including the need to develop a contract for the General Manager retroactive to November 1st, 2008. An AdHoc committee will be scheduled to meet in the next 30 days to review the matter in more detail.

Legal Matters

The Board spent a brief amount of time discussing various legal matters including an update on the San Joaquin Restoration program.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a discussion held with Pioneer Water Company on the renewal of the agreement with the Pioneer Water Company. The renewal

of the agreement will call for an increase in the base amount from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 with annual increases of \$5000 thereafter for a five-year period. The Board concurred that was an appropriate increase. The final agreement will be developed and brought back to the Board for subsequent review.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including a pending agreement on the management of conveyance capacity and the Cross Valley canal between the number of the participates including the FT Group, of which Lower Tule is a 42% participant.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed a variety of activities associated with the Tule River association. The minutes of the Tule River Association have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here. Considerable time was spent discussing transition issues, Success power Project and the Dam Safety related matters.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 23rd 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.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority had its meeting on the 21st day of November 2008. The minutes of the DCTRA Board of Directors have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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