

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 14th day of October 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 September 9th regular meeting were submitted for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the September 9th regular meeting minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of September 2008. Included in the Financial Statements was some discussion relative to the funding of various certificates of deposit. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file and concurred with staffs recommendation to place some of the Districts long-term investment money into shorter-term certificates of deposit.

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

following the September meeting. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills following the September meeting.

The Districts November Board meeting will be moved from Tuesday the 11th to Wednesday the 12th, in recognition on Veterans Day Holiday.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of water resources activities including an update on the current supply which is at 100% Class I and 5% Class II.

Some discussion was held regarding groundwater pumping and groundwater monitoring and particularly the Angiola Water District situation. General Manager VINK reported that follow up information to the July special meeting will be available later in the month and the Districts will schedule a joint Board meeting for sometime in later October or early November.

The Board reviewed a number of water resource activities including

- Westside deliveries,
- Various Delta efforts and initiatives,
- Cross Valley contract technical session and a
- Discussion on the Riparian deliveries and a pending review by retired Porterville Irrigation Districts General Manager DAVE HOFFMAN.

The Board then considered the 2007 capital repayment summaries from the US Bureau of Reclamation and considered depositing adjustment amounts in the District held restricted funds in order to be able to fully pay off the Districts capital obligation by the 20/30 timeline. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board concurred with staff's recommendation to place \$525,000.00 into the restricted account. The \$525,000.00 represents the amount not collected in capital repayment via the Bureau of Reclamation water rates in 2007. A complete summary of the standing of the capital repayment is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities including the Tule River Inter-tie canal and an update from General Manager VINK on Right-of-Way acquisition. The Board also received an update from Operations Manager BATTLES on

routine fall & winter maintenance activities.

The board then reviewed bids submitted for the purchase of a new dump truck to be purchased by the Joint O&M Budget with the Pixley Irrigation District. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOOFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of the new dump truck through GIBBS INTERNATIONAL TRUCK CENTER in an amount of \$110,494.00.

Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK reported that he continues to work with Legal Counsel on the development of a personnel contract for the General Manager. It was also suggested that the Board have the President and Vice President of both the Lower Tule River & Pixley ID meet with the General Manager to review salary and benefit consideration, and then provide a joint recommendation to the two respective Boards. The Board concurred with that suggestion as pre prior practice.

Legal Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of San Joaquin River Settlement including various 9d financing issues and letters to and from landowners and recent landowner meetings held by the District.

Administrative Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the recent landowner meetings held to discuss groundwater, San Joaquin River Restoration and Delta issues. There was positive feed back on the intent of the meeting.

General Manager VINK reported that the District would be renegotiating its Administration and Maintenance contract with Pioneer Water Company.

The Board then reviewed the 2009 Draft Budgets; the budgets included a Joint Operations Budget with the Pixley Irrigation District and a Lower Tule River Irrigation District General Budget. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, after thorough review and discussion, the Board adopted the 2009 Budgets and ordered them placed on file. Attached are copies of both the 2009 Joint O&M budget, as well as the Lower Tule River 2009 General Budget as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities including the recently submitted agreements to share in Cross Valley capacity with several of the

other participants. Those agreements will be further refined in the coming months and reviewed again by the Board prior to the end of the year.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 17th Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported on the Executive committee meeting on the 6th of October along with his recent trip to Washington D.C on a family matter where he also spent time discussing on Capitol Hill the Success Remediation matters.

The Board also reviewed the September 23rd Stakeholders meeting. Considerable discussion is the surrounded project now and in particular the delay in completing the record of decision and the letter of agreement, which would initiate construction. General Manager VINK is working with Lobbyist JOE RADER to develop a joint congressional letter in that regard.

6. FRIANT WATER USERS' AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 25th 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 from the Friant Water Users Authority in the amount of \$32,810.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds.

7. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 25th 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 from the Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$37,611.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and

unanimously approved the Board authorized the call for funds.

General Manger VINK updated the Board on a strategic plan relative to the joint authority purposes and relevance to the District.

8. MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY/AGENCY

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority had its meeting on the 19th day of September 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 - The District hosted the CFWC annual tour dinner on September 18th. General Manager VINK expressed the appreciation of the Farm Water Coalition Board and staff in the hosting of the dinner by the District. All had a good time.



Approved

- 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