

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 10th day of February 2009, 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 COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 15th, 2009 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the January 15th, 2009 Minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January 2009. The Board spent considerable time discussing the District's LAIF Investments and the possibility of the State budget crisis compromising the District's LAIF Investments. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements for the month of January and ordered them placed on file and directed staff to reinvest the recently called Bond and to reinvest it as a certificate of deposit, as well as to move LAIF money to VALLEY

BUSINESS BANK wherein no more than 5% of the total portfolio would be remaining in the LAIF account. The Board directed that staff investigate conditional local options and report back at a subsequent meeting.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in paying the December bills following the January meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills following the January meeting.

## **2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities. Considerable discussion was held relative to the exchange contracts and demands and the possibility that San Joaquin / Friant water supply might have to be made available to the Exchange Contractors this year as a result of low hydrology and Delta pumping issues. The Bureau of Reclamation will be having a meeting on water supply updates on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February to provide additional information.

The Board spent considerable time discussing groundwater-pumping issues within the District in an upcoming meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> with Angiola representatives.

General Manager VINK also updated the Board on Riparian issues and the upcoming Riparian shareholder meeting and the Poplar Ditch place of use issues.

## **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

### **A. 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. At approximately 11am, Right of Way Acquisition Specialist COLLEEN CARLSON entered the meeting to review the property negotiations with the Board. Prior to the meeting the Board had received an update on the specific property negotiations. The Board also discussed a timeline for construction and a variety of potential funding sources. After considerable review, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board set April 14<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Hearing of Necessity. At that time the Board will hold a hearing to consider an adoption of a resolution of necessity, which would begin the eminent domain process for the project right-of-way.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board a number of issues including Air Board requirements for off-road vehicles and a review of the CDI operations and the discharge into the District's Morrison Ditch.

B. Personnel Matters

General Manager VINK reported that a replacement has been found for retiring Accounting Assistant REGENA BROWN.

C. Legal Matters

The Board reviewed a number of San Joaquin River Settlement and Restoration activities including ongoing water supply impacts and Title II benefits mediation.

D. Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters. The District has received a proposal from ADAIR & EVANS to prepare the Districts 2008 audit. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the letter of engagement with ADAIR & EVANS.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the PWRPA activities including the potential participation in the proposed energy project near Lodi. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the January 21st meeting of the Tule River Association. Considerable time at that meeting was discussing transition issues and the upgrade to the reservoir management software. 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 January 29<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and February 6<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the Friant Water Users Board of Directors meeting. Considerable time at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was spent discussing Delta operations and potential impacts to the Friant water supply. The minutes of the Friant Water Users Authority Board of Directors meeting have been distributed to the Board and are not repeated here.

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**8. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority.

The Board reviewed the January meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting 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