

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 November 2011 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	2013	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2011	TOM BARCELLOS - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 4	2011	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2013	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2013	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

Others Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel  
DENNIS MILLS - Engineer, Provost and Pritchard

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the October 11, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including a briefing on the District's 2011 water run. For water year 2011, the District has taken 227,000 A/F of Friant water and 124,000 A/F of Tule River water for a total of 351,000 A/F. A balance of 20,000 A/F remains for pre-irrigation in February 2012.

General Manager VINK also reported that the District has taken delivery of a portion of its 2011 water that was released to the San Joaquin River under the settlement program. That water

was re-circulated back to the District through the Tulare Lake Basin. The net cost over baseline to recirculate the water was approximately \$15 per a/f.

General Manager VINK then reviewed with the Board on a variety of other water related activities including:

- An update on groundwater measurements,
- Discussions with Angiola Water District,
- The Porterville / Tule River agreement which is in a development phase and;
- The Lower Tule River Irrigation District & Pixley Irrigation District water management programs captured as an internal memo prepared by General Manager VINK. A copy of the internal memo outlining the various programs between the two Districts is attached as **EXHIBIT “A”**.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from General Manager VINK and Operations Manager BATTLES on the Tule River Inter-tie Canal and the ARRA grant funding. No action was taken.

The Board then went into Closed Session to review the San Joaquin River Settlement matters with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER.

Upon coming out of Closed Session it was reported that no action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

At approximately 10 a.m. consulting Engineer MILLS from Provost and Pritchard entered the room to review with the Board the recent System Optimization review study prepared for the Pixley Irrigation District. The S.O.R outlines areas of common interest and cooperation between Lower Tule and Pixley as it relates to water supply activities. The Board thanked Engineer Mills for his presentation and ordered that the Pixley SOR be placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for October 2011, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, 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 the payment of the October bills and on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously

approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October bills.

The Board reviewed the 2010 Capital refund received from the Bureau of Reclamation. The Board further reviewed a memo prepared by staff outlining options and recommendations related to the 2010 capital repayments, Bond funding and the refund. Staff will be reviewing the options discussed with District Counsel and reporting back at a subsequent meeting.

The District has received its 2011 State Water Resources Control Board fee charge in the amount of \$211,000.00. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board directed that the State Board fees be paid under protest.

#### **4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities including the completion of the agreement to transfer the Districts WAPA power to the Cawelo Water District and contract renewal negotiations. No action was taken.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the October 19, 2011 meeting of the Tule River Association and the October 18th briefing by the Corp of Engineers to the local sponsors. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The Corps had delivered the final Letter Report to the Senior Oversight Group which remanded the project back to the Corps District office for further review.

General Manager VINK, District Counsel PELTZER and possibly Director Roeloffs or Director COSTA will travel to Washington D.C. in December to review the status of the project with members of Congress along with Corp of Engineer Headquarters representatives.

##### **Success Power Project**

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the generator repairs and discussions with the insurance company about possible payment for the work being done and generation lost.

#### **6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the October 27, 2011 meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be having its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

**8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

**9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES**

The Board has received a request for support from Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship fund, on motion by Director ROELOFFS; second by Director FERNANDES the Board authorized support in the amount of \$500.00 for the scholarship fund.

**10. 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
- L. Ag Leadership
- M. Tulare County Farm Bureau

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager