

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 April 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
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: District Counsel – ALEX PELTZER

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 March 8, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of March 2011 were reviewed by the Board. 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 March bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board ratified payment of the March bills and authorized payment of the April bills following the meeting.

Miscellaneous Administration

The Board reviewed a briefing from staff relative to options for health insurance coverage beginning in 2012. The District is considering switching its health insurance coverage to offset increasing costs related to health coverage. The Board received a detailed briefing from staff. No action was taken. The District will have to make a decision by the July / August time frame in order to make a health insurance change effective for 2012.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water resources activities including a briefing on the current supply and declaration.

The District is currently taking RWA and Section 215 water. The Bureau of Reclamation has recently made an additional block of RWA water that will entitle the District to approximately 69,000 A/F of RWA water for March, April and May. In addition, the District is able to access \$15.00 Section 215 water. It is anticipated that the current flood release operations will continue through April and into May.

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS then reviewed Riparian Channel Lost accounting with the Board. Some feedback was given. No action was taken.

The District is using the Channel Lost Accounting to account for Channel Lost as prescribed for in the operational guidelines between the District and the Riparianist.

The Board then reviewed two issues related to Porterville Irrigation District including a recent response prepared by General Manager VINK and signed by President SIMONICH related to Porterville Irrigation Districts letter of February 2011. The District is hoping to begin discussions with Porterville on extension of its water supply management programs.

General Manager VINK also reported that the 2007-2010 Poplar Ditch reconciliation has been completed. The District owes approximately \$231,000.00 to Porterville ID for water delivered to Lower Tule River ID by Porterville ID for Poplar Ditch shareholders during that period.

The Board also considered additional Poplar Ditch make-up water for 2011. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized an additional 27.5 A/F of make-up water for 2011.

Approved

The Board reviewed the water rates for 2011. No action was taken.

District Counsel ALEX PELTZER then entered the meeting to review with the Board the recently executed agreement between the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and the County of Fresno/Waterworks District #18. The District has received numerous correspondences from the City of Fresno and others related to that.

President SIMONICH then convened the meeting into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that no action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

General Manager VINK and Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of operation and maintenance activities including the construction of the Tule River Inter-tie canal. The Tule River Inter-tie canal is being fully utilized for deliveries on both canals 1 & 2 and will be for the balance of the year. Some final construction matters will be completed following the end of the distribution season.

Personnel

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of Personnel related activities including a review of the Districts PERS retirement contract and various feedbacks the District has received from PERS related to the contract. No action was taken.

General Manager Vink then updated the Board on a change in communications policy, wherein District employees are now reimbursed for a portion of their cell phone plan. The District will be reimbursing employees not currently receiving a District provided phone, \$25 per month and for use of their personal cell phone.

Administrative Matters

The Board reviewed a variety of Administrative Matters including a strategic planning update from General Manager VINK and a review of the Districts proposed vision statement.

Approved

The Board then received a briefing from PROVOST AND PRITCHARD, Consulting Engineer DENNIS MILLS on the Consumption Use Study and the Findings. The Consumption Use Study will be prepared into a final report with summaries included.

General Manager VINK then reviewed the potential for mitigation banking at the Rostrada property. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal and WAPA activities including contract renewal discussions and meetings to be held in Washington D.C at the end of the month.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March 16, 2011 minutes of the meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK then also reported that he and District Counsel ALEX PELTZER will be traveling to Washington D.C along with Watermaster R.L SCHAFER and Watermaster Assistant DAVID DEGROOT to meet with the Corp of Engineers on the Success Dam Project.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 24, 2011 meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The District has also received a call for funds in the amount of \$92,025.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$92,025.00.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the March 18, 2011 minutes of a meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

8. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

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