

**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 20th day of December 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	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	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

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

The Board reviewed the election of officers and appointments for the 2012 calendar year. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the current slate of officers and appointments for the 2012 calendar year.

At approximately 9:30am the Board convened into a Lower Tule River Financing Corporation annual meeting. At 9:35am the Lower Tule River Financing Corporation meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting was resumed.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water resources activities including the current forecast and projected carry-over amount. It is projected that the District will have approximately 15,000 A/F of water to carry-over into 2012 or run as pre-irrigation in 2011 as conditions will allow.

General Manager VINK also reported they will be meeting later in the week with Porterville Irrigation District representatives and District Counsel ALEX PELTZER to review the status and the development of the agreement between Porterville ID and Lower Tule River ID for use of the Tule River water.

**3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including the construction completion of the Tule River Inter-tie canal under the ARRA grant funding. The work done under the ARRA grant program has been completed and is being closed out this month with final reports being submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation.

The District is also working extensively on the upper end of the project, which is being done under a water 2025 smart grant and is scheduled to be done by June of 2012.

The Board then reviewed the need to purchase three new light duty trucks and a new extended cab truck for Operations Manager BATTLES. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of the three new light duty trucks at a per cost of \$16,155.00 and one extended cab truck at a cost of \$29,387.00 from WILL TIESIERA FORD in Tulare. The purchase will be made without the extended warranty.

General Manager VINK then reviewed with the Board a proposed Cost of Living adjustment (COLA) for all hourly employees for 2012. Upon recommendation of staff, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for 2012.

At approximately 10:00am the meeting was convened into closed session to discuss a variety of legal matters with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER.

Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Investment Policy as updated for 2012. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board re-adopted the Investment Policy for 2012 and ordered it placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for November 2011, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

Included in the action of the Financial Statements was the restriction on the 2010 Capital refund received from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Board directed staff the placement of the refund into the restricted account.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills and 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 November bills.

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

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. Business Manager LIMAS reported that the contract with Cawelo Water District for the Districts WAPA Power has been finalized and is now in place and operational.

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

The Board reviewed the December 14, 2011 meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK, District Counsel PELTZER and Director ROELOFFS then briefed the Board on a recent trip to Washington D.C to review the status of the Success Dam Mitigation project. Meetings were held with Representatives from the Corp of Engineers along with various briefings on the hill. General Manager VINK has also provided the Board with an outline of the meetings and discussions and has distributed the outline via email.

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

The Board reviewed the 2012 Operating budget for the Success Power Project, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted the proposed operating budget for the Success Power project for 2012.

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

The Board reviewed the December 9, 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

The Board reviewed the November 18, 2011 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