

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 February 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

Guests Present: District Counsel – ALEX PELTZER (10:00am)

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the January 11th Regular meeting, including Executive Session minutes, were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the January 11th Regular & Executive Session minutes were accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of January 2011 were reviewed by the Board. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

Approved

On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized the payment of the January bills by the Finance Committee and ratified the action of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills following the January meeting.

The Board considered a budget modifications and adjustments of administrative and operations capital expenditures budget to reflect the purchase of the installation of a new server. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized the budget modification in the amount of \$17,000.00.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including:

- 2010-2011 flood operations
- San Joaquin River recirculation water for 2010/11 and;
- The recovered water account program.

The Board also reviewed the 2011 spring water rate. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board set the water rate at \$45.00 a/f effective March 1, 2011.

General Manager VINK reported on current water supply projections. Based on precipitation to date, as well as limited storage on the SJR system, the District should have water in the system through the month of March and possibly into April.

The Board reviewed the Poplar Ditch allocation for 2011. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board set the preliminary Poplar allocation at 55 a/f per share.

The Board also reviewed meeting between General Manager VINK and Porterville Irrigation District representatives relative to the planned sale of Porterville water to Hills Valley Irrigation District. General Manager VINK reported that Porterville ID will be sending Lower Tule River ID a letter indicating and willingness to initiate discussions related to that potential exchange and other management issues within Porterville Irrigation District.

Approved

At approximately 10:00am the Board convened into Executive Session with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER present in person and Special Counsel GENE TANAKA available via phone. The purpose of the Executive Session was to confer District Counsel on pending or threatening litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of operational activities including an update from Operations Manager Battles and General Manager VINK on construction of the Tule River Inter-tie canal project. It was reported that the Hwy 190 crossing was complete.

The Board also considered the need to shut down parts of the system during spring water run operations to complete the project. It was determined that the #1 canal would be shut down early in March to complete the work there, with the remaining work to be discussed at the March Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a variety of other administrative activities including strategic planning and review and organizational assessment, the assessment of Tule River lands and State Water Resources Control Board fees. No action was taken on these items.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities with the Board. General Manager VINK reported on recent developments with the contract renewal for the long-term Cross Valley Canal contracts. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER participated in the discussion as well. After considerable discussion on the progress being made on the contracts, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the proceeding with an Environmental Impact Report and the development of a contract with ENTRIX INC. to prepare the report. The District will review progress with the Bureau of Reclamation, ensuring that the report is done in a manner that will allow execution of the long-term contracts.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the January 19, 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 reviewed with the Board a plan for the long-term mitigation of the Success Dam Enlargement project and potential local projects that could be undertaken. The Board reviewed the matrix with General Manager VINK. No action was taken.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the January 20, 2011 meeting of the Friant Water Authority. The highlight of the January 20th meeting was the final dissolving of the Friant Water User's 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 January 21, 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

Approved

- 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