

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 11th day of October 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: ALEX PELTZER – District Counsel (Via telephone)

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 September 13, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including an update from General Manager VINK on the 2010/2011 operations.

The District's water run is projected to last through the end of October, at which that time the District will shut off for fall and winter maintenance activities and resume for a pre-irrigation run sometime in late January or early February. The exact timing will be determined at a later date.

General Manager VINK reported that the Saucelito Irrigation District agreed to transfer their Mole Ditch water to Lower Tule River Irrigation for recharge in Lower Tule River Irrigation recharge basins adjacent to the Saucelito District.

General Manager VINK reported that he is working with Porterville Irrigation District on the update to the 10-year Operating agreement between Porterville Irrigation District and Lower Tule River Irrigation District for Tule River water. It is anticipated that agreement will be completed by the end of the year.

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS reported on the Annual meeting of the Poplar Ditch Shareholders held on the 21st of September 2011. Everything at that meeting went smooth with no items of consequence to report.

The Board then spent considerable time discussing recent meetings with Angiola Water District representatives, District Counsel ALEX PELTZER participated via telephone. No action was taken.

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. It is anticipated the District will complete the construction on the canal during the downtime in November and December. The Phase II work on the upper end will commence in November and hopefully be completed by June of 2012.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of routine maintenance activities including fall and winter construction spraying, grading as well as the purchase of both a spray rig and an water truck as approved by the Board at the September meeting.

The Board then convened into closed session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 to discuss the San Joaquin River Settlement legislation and litigation. Upon coming out of closed session it was reported no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board spent considerable time reviewing a 10-year Strategic Plan as prepared by staff and reviewed with the Board over the last several months. The plan is intended to provide broad decision making guidance to staff and Board members and will be reviewed periodically through the year. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board adopted the 10-year Strategic Plan for implementation.

The Board then reviewed the 2012 draft budgets including the General District Budget as well as the Operations and Maintenance Budget as prepared by Business Manager LIMAS, Operations Manager Battles and General Manager VINK. The Budgets had been mailed as part of the Board packets. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted both the 2012 General District & 2012 Operations and Maintenance Budgets, adopted them and ordered them placed on file.

The Financial Statements for the month of September 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.

The Board reviewed the Actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the September bills. 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 bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK and Business Manager LIMAS updated the Board on the WAPA agreement with Cawelo Water District and the switching over to PG&E at pump plant #2 as well as the ongoing contract renewal negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the September 21, 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 also updated the TRI-JPA Executive meeting in September and looked forward to the October 18th briefing from the Corp of Engineers.

General Manager VINK, District Counsel PELTZER, and perhaps one Board member, will travel to Washington D.C in December to discuss mitigation measures and the Success Dam Project along with various San Joaquin River Settlement issues.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the September 22, 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 from Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$81,800.29. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the call for funds in the amount of \$81,800.29.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the September 16, 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

General Manager VINK noted that ACWA will be having its fall conference in Anaheim, Ca in the first week of December.

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