

**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 13th day of March 2012 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 ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the February 14, 2012 Regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the February 14th regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including a breakdown of the available supply for the District for 2012. The 2012 runoff forecast looks to be one of the lowest in the last 40 years with approximately 35% of the Class I supply being made available.

The Board had considerable discussion as to the run and potential water rates for 2012 with the consensus being that the District would begin its run sometime in mid to late July with a water rate of about \$65.00 an acre foot. Final determination will be made at a subsequent meeting.

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including a review of an updated agreement with the Porterville Irrigation District for the “Use of the Tule River water”. The Board considered an extension of the current agreement with Porterville Irrigation District for the transfer purchase of the Tule River water. The extension would run through Water Year 2022 and includes modifications to the base price and other minor changes. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement. A copy is attached.

The Board then considered the 2012 Poplar Ditch allocation. No decision was made.

The Board reviewed the 2012 Riparian annual meeting. A copy of the Riparian report is attached.

The Board discussed the need to replace Director ROELOFFS on the AdHoc committee related to the Angiola Water District matters. After some discussion, Chairman SIMONICH appointed Director FERNANDES to replace Director ROELOFFS on the AdHoc committee. Director ROELOFFS was unable to serve due to potential conflict of interest reasons.

The Board then went into Closed Session with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER present to discuss various matters related to pending or threatened litigation. 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 Operation and Maintenance activities including an update from Operations Manager BATTLES on various Operation issues and construction of the upper portion of the Tule River Inter-tie canal.

BATTLES reported that we would be soliciting bids for the replacement of the backhoe per the District’s equipment replacement plan and approved budget for 2012.

#### **Administrative Activities**

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative actives including the Financial Statements for the month of February 2012, 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 February bills, and on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the February bills and further authorized execution of the property insurance program renewal with ACWA-JPIA.

4. **CROSS VALLEY CANAL**

General Manager VINK reviewed the status of Cross Valley canal deliveries under contract with Del Puerto for 2012. No action was taken.

5. **TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the February 15, 2012 minutes of the meeting of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The Board considered execution of an agreement with Rosedale Water Company pursuant to negotiations with Rosedale over the use of Tule River water. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement with Rosedale Water Company. An copy of the agreement is attached.

General Manager VINK briefed the Board of other matters related to the Tule River including Dam Safety/Storage Restriction meetings and a briefing held in Sacramento on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. It appears the Corp of Engineers will lift the operating restrictions from the current elevation 630 with a potential of going to an elevation of 640 for 2012. That would equate to an increase in the storage amount of approximately 15,000 acre-feet.

**Success Power Project**

General Manager VINK also briefed the Board on Success Power Project generator repairs and an update of the power purchase contracts with Southern California Edison. No action was taken.

6. **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the February 29, 2012 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 Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.

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 - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition - Nothing new to report
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention and the meeting was adjourned to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 11:00 am.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a adjourned regular meeting on the 28th day of March 2012 at 11:00 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 – <b>Absent</b>

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager

Others Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel

The meeting was reconvened by President Simonich. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss on-going litigation.

Board went into Closed Session with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER present to discuss various matters related to pending or threatened litigation. Upon coming out of Closed Session it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager