

**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 August 2013 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

Guests Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel
JENNIFER SPALETTA – Special Counsel, Spaletta Law
TIM COOPER – Landowner
GARY COOPER – Landowner
ERIC HANSEN – Landowner
JENNIFFER HANSON – Landowner
GREG TE VELDE – Landowner
CARSON TE VELDE - Landowner

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 July 2, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director COSTA and unanimously

approved, the Board approved the minutes of the July 2 2013, Regular meetings and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed recent tours involving CONGRESSMAN DAVID VALADAO and the FARM BUREAU YOUNG LEADERSHIP program.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the District's ongoing summer water run. The Friant Division declaration remains at 62% Class I, and is not likely to change. General Manager VINK further reported that the water run would last until the 19th or 20th of August.

The Board had a brief discussion related to water supply including the Channel Loss water for the Riparian users in 2013. The total Channel Loss earned under the Operational Guidelines for the Riparian's in 2013 was 910a/f. There was no Riparian entitlement earned in 2013 under the Operational Guidelines adopted by the Board. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board directed staff to account for the 910a/f of Channel Loss water for delivery in 2014. Director COSTA and Director SIMONICH abstained for conflict reasons.

The Board then entered into a lengthily discussion with the landowners present on groundwater pumping by Sandridge partners on the west end of the District. The landowners expressed their concern over the pumping and the exportation of the groundwater from the District. Considerable discussion ensued. No action was taken.

After the landowners left the meeting, President SIMONICH convened the meeting into Executive Session with District Counsel PELTZER and Legal Counsel SPALETTA to discuss pending or threatened litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9.

Upon coming out of Executive session, it was reported no action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an extensive update from Operations Manager BATTLES and Business Manager LIMAS on:

- The Pixley Avenue 116 project,
- The summer water run

- Routine maintenance programs.

General Manager VINK then reviewed with the Board a memorandum outlining the use of the General Manager Education Allowance. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the use of the educational allowance for General Manager VINK to pursue continuing education through Stanford University's Advanced Project Leadership program.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed an update on several matters including the LAFCO detachment and the sale of land to the Fish and Wildlife service. No action was taken on either item.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of July. On motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the July bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the July bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager Vink reported that approximately 1,000a/f of Cross Valley water had been delivered in July with the balance to be delivered in August and September.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the July 17 2013, minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed for review and as such are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK also provided the Board on a briefing of the Stakeholders meeting held with the Corp of Engineers on July 15 2013. The Corp reported that the Senior Oversight Group would be meeting this fall to review the Baseline Risk assessment report and make a determination on the storage restriction and the final DSAC rating.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the July 25, 2013 minutes 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 July 19, 2013 minutes 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

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority acting on behalf of landowners in the region, will be holding a Summit on August 28, at 6:00pm at the Heritage Complex in Tulare, Ca to review the Irrigated Lands program and in particular the new groundwater component.

10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies
- B. California Farm Water Coalition
- C. Family Farm Alliance
- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager