

**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 12th day of February 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
PIXLEY IRRIGATION – Board of Directors (9:30am)

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 January 15th Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the January 15, 2013 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting with newly elected CONGRESSMAN DAVID VALADAO. That meeting occurred at the District office to discuss a variety of water related activities.

It was reported that the Annual Riparian meeting will be held on the 26th of February.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including the current water supply declaration. Reclamation has not yet made an official declaration for the Friant Division. It is estimated the initial allocation will be somewhere between 60-70% Class One only.

The Board discussed the 2013 Poplar allocation and deferred action to a subsequent meeting.

General Manager VINK reported on discussions held with the Pioneer Water Company on the possibility of a Lower Tule River Irrigation District/Pioneer Water Company purchase of surplus water with the buyer being Lower Tule River and seller being Pioneer Water Company. The Board concurred with General Manager VINK's outline and directed the matter be pursued with PWC.

The Board reviewed a variety of other water resources related activities including upcoming meetings with the Groundwater Task Force, an update on the Irrigated Lands program and a brief discussion by General Manger VINK on a proposal for an injection well pilot program. That proposal is being prepared by 4 Creeks Civil Engineering for submittal at a subsequent meeting.

At approximately 9:30am the meeting was convened into Executive Session for a joint meeting with the Pixley Irrigation District Board to discuss threatened or pending litigations in accordance with Government Code Section 54956. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that no action was taken.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities including an update on the Pixley Avenue 116 project.

Operations Manager Battles then reviewed with the Board the need for several new fleet trucks and recommended authorization for purchase. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchase of

three new ½ ton vehicles from Will Tiesiera Ford in the amount of \$56,463.33 (total), along with the purchase of one new service truck in the amount of \$32,301.67.

Personnel Matters

The Board spent some time discussing personnel matters including a review of the Districts PERS retirement program.

General Manager VINK then presented for consideration a salary adjustment for Operations Manager BATTLES. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board adjusted the salary of Operations Manager BATTLES retroactive to January 1, 2013.

General Manager VINK reported he and Joe Raeder (DC) are coordinating a possible trip to Washington D.C for a variety of policy related issues. That trip will likely be held in either April or June 2013.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed a variety of administrative matters including an audit engagement letter from ADAIR & EVANS in the amount of \$17, 000.00 to prepare the Districts 2012 audited financials. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the audit engagement letter.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA 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 January bills. 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 January bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK provided a brief update on a variety of Cross Valley canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the January 16th minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

Success Power Project

The District has received notice for the gross pool for 2013 could be as high as full storage of 82,300, although there has not been final action from the Corp of Engineers.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the January 31st minutes of the Friant Water Authority Board of Directors meeting. 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 18th minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Authority Board of Directors meeting. 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 - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report
- D. 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