

**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 March 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
DAVID DE GROOT – Consulting Engineer
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 February 12th 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 February 12, 2013 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

General Manager VINK reported on an annual meeting with the Riparian's. It was reported the meeting was concise and went smooth.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed the current declaration from the Friant Division, which is at 65% Class I. However, General Manager VINK cautioned that the declaration could be inferior depending on precipitation for the balance of the spring.

The Board also reviewed other water resource matters including the 2013 Poplar Ditch allocations. No action was taken. As well as a transfer of 200 acre feet of water to the San Joaquin Valley Veteran's cemetery from the 2013 recirculation supply in the updated groundwater maps.

The Board then reviewed a variety of more comprehensive water supply issues including a financing proposal from Vandalia Irrigation District for the purchase of a new well in exchange for some water from Vandalia. Business Manager LIMAS outlined the proposal; there was brief interaction with the Board. The matter will be reviewed again at a subsequent meeting.

The Board then received a report from General Manager VINK and Consulting Engineer DAVID DE GROOT on a recent groundwater task force meeting. The groundwater task force members continue to meet to assess and improve understanding of the challenging groundwater conditions within the District. Another meeting is likely to be scheduled for May of 2013.

The Board then reviewed an injection well prototype proposal as prepared by staff and Consulting Engineer DE GROOT. The Board considered the project which would be a prototype test of injecting groundwater into the upper status of the aquifer. After considerable discussion and feed back, the proposal was taken under further advisement for review and presentation at a subsequent meeting.

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.

The Board also reviewed the operations at the Toledo Basin. The well at the Toledo Basin is operated in conjunction with an agreement with Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation. That well is not currently operable because of depth and maintenance issues. Fish and Wildlife services reported that they will work on finding funding to improve the operations of the well.

General Manager VINK presented an updated employee handbook for review and comment at a subsequent meeting. (You didn't end up passing them out; I have them for this upcoming meeting)...Delete this paragraph? Update agenda?

Legal Matters

The Board then convened into Executive Session with District Counsel ALEX PELTZER on pending or threatening litigation. Included in Executive Session, there was a considerable amount of time discussing the Angiola Water District groundwater management program, which the Board was joined by the Pixley Irrigation District Board members in a joint session. Upon coming out of Executive Session it was reported that no action was taken.

General Manager VINK reported that he is working with D.C REP. JOE RAEDER in setting up a trip to Washington D.C sometime in June of 2013 to visit with members of Congress and staff on a variety of issues.

Administrative Activities

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

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the February 20th minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the February 28th 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding it's meeting on the 15th day of March 2013.

7. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

9. 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 to a day and time yet to be determined later in the month. The Board will reconvene to review the Angiola Water District matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager