

**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 November 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 (10:00am) Via Telephone

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 October 8, 2013 Regular and October 30, 2013 Special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Regular and October 30, 2013 Special meetings and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of Water Resource related activities including a briefing on the Friant declaration, which remains at 62% Class I.

General Manager VINK reported that the Angiola Water District has provided the third quarter meter readings under the new agreement with Angiola Water District. To date, Angiola Water District has taken 28,612-acre feet under the agreement.

The Board considered updating and extending the long-term transfer program agreement with the Terra Bella Irrigation District. The agreement was distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the agreement with Terra Bella Irrigation District. A copy is attached for the record.

The Board then received an update on the Groundwater Usage Test program from the District's Water Superintendent, KEN PHELPS. Most of the meters have been installed. No further action was taken.

The Board received an update on the Patterson Irrigation District proposal, which was submitted jointly by Lower Tule River Irrigation District, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District and San Luis Water District pursuant to the October 30, 2013 meeting. No action was taken.

At approximately 10:00am, the Board entered into an Executive Session with District Counsel PELTZER via telephone, to discuss pending litigation, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. 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 Operations and Maintenance activities including an update from District staff on Pixley's Avenue 116 project. The construction work has begun on the Avenue 116 project.

The Board also received an update by District staff on the Riparian expansion project. That project is in the process of having the CEQA work completed.

Operations Manager BATTLES updated the Board on a variety of routine maintenance related activities. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

General Manager briefed the Board on non-action administrative matters including the sale of land to the Fish and Wildlife Service, which is in the hands of the Fish and Wildlife Service appraisal team as well as the detachment of lands from the District being processed by LAFCO. The final detachment will become effective in November 2013.

The Board then reviewed the 2014 State Water Resources Control Board fees. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director FERNANDES, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment of the State Water Resources fees under protest.

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the October 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 October bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reported that the Cross Valley deliveries were complete for 2013 and the payment from Del Puerto Water District has been received.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the October 16, 2013, minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed for review and as such are not repeated here.

Considerable time at that meeting was spent ratifying the Indian Belle agreement.

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of other Tule River activities including Success Reservoir Enlargement and Dam Safety activities. Director BARCELLOS updated the Board on his recent trip to Washington D.C and his testimony to the House Subcommittee relative to storage and storage related opportunities including the Success

Reservoir Enlargement Project. The District will be paying the expenses for Director BARCELLOS' trip.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the October 24, 2013 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the meeting have been distributed and as such are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds for \$63,189.00 from the Friant Water Authority. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the call for funds for \$63,189.00.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority Board of Directors will be meeting on the 15th day of November.

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* – The District has received its annual request for support for \$14,385.00. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director

ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized support to the California Farm Water Coalition for \$14,385.00.

C. *Family Farm Alliance* – Nothing new to report

D. *Tulare County Farm Bureau* – The District received a request for contribution to the Tulare County Scholarship fund for \$500.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized participation in the Tulare County Farm Bureau Scholarship for \$500.00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager