

**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 the 8th day of April 2014, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2017	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2017	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2017	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the March 11, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water resource related activities including review of various conditions throughout the State of California. While



conditions have improved marginally throughout the State, there remains a 0% allocation for Friant Contractors with troubling news that the Bureau of Reclamation may take water from the San Joaquin River to meet exchange contractor demands for the first time in the history of the Central Valley Project.

The Board then turned its focus to a strategy, both long and short term to deal with the water supply for the Friant Division and in particular, the impacts being felt by the Endangered Species Act implementation. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER entered the meeting for that portion of the discussion. After considerable review and discussion, the Board concurred that the District's strategic objectives for 2014 and beyond, included (1) O & M adjustment for 2014 to relieve the burdens on the contractors from an unusually dry year (2) issues associated with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program included Recirculation and 13-i implementation and most importantly (3) an actable solution on Delta ESA standards that puts the program back into balance and allows for the senior water rights to be pumped from the Delta.

The Board then turned its attention to the recent Groundwater Task Force meetings held on April 1, 2014. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK reported on a meeting held with Angiola representatives to review their land retirement program. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the disposition the Angiola Water District payment for 2013. After considerable discussion, the Board concurred that a 50% split between each District was the proper way to manage those funds.

Business Manager LIMAS presented for consideration an extension and amendment of the water management program of Pioneer Water Company. After thorough review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of that agreement. It had been mailed to the Board for review prior to the meeting.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Operations and Maintenance activities including reports from Business Manager LIMAS and Operations Manager BATTLES on the Pixley Avenue 166 project, a grant application for SCADA improvements, channel clearing activities and other routine maintenance. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK reported that Fish and Wildlife Services are coordinating appraisals on District property for a potential sale to the Fish and Wildlife Service. More information will be available at a subsequent meeting.

The District has also received a request from the Friant Water Authority for JPA amendment to incorporate the City of Fresno into its membership. On motion by Director by COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution of the Friant Water Authority JPA amendment.

The District also discussed the need to amend its account signatory's card at VALLEY BUSINESS BANK, to reflect the amended signature card see as follows:

1. John Roeloffs, V. President
2. Gary Fernandes, President
3. Daniel G. Vink, GNR. MGR.
4. Eric Limas, Business Manager

In addition, Anton "Tony" Simonich is to be removed from the signatory card. On motion by Director GARCIA, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the amendments of the account signatories shown above.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March Financials and ordered them placed on file. Included in that action, was a report on the update to the District's accounting system, which is to be complete in 2014. Cost estimate was less than \$10,000.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the March bills.

3. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reported on on-going meetings for both the long-term and Interim Renewal contracts for 2014. No action was taken.

4. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March 19, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

General Manager VINK reported that the operating restriction for 2014 is projected is to be lifted, although no official action has been taken.

5. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 27, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

The District has received a call for funds from the Friant Water Authority for \$30,086.65. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized payment for the call for funds for \$30,086.65.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the March 15, 2014 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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 – Nothing new to report

B. California Farm Water Coalition – California Farm Water Coalition will be hosting its 25th anniversary dinner in June 2014.

C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report

D. Tulare County Farm Bureau – Nothing new to report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager