

**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 4th day of February 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 COSTA, seconded by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the January 14, 2013 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the January 14, 2013 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. The current Declaration from the Friant Division is unavailable

although it is projected that the Declaration will be a zero allocation for 2014. The dry year and the potential for a call on water by the Exchange Contractors, under the historic exchange agreement, along with the dismal water supply conditions for 2014, are all contributing to the lack of water supply for Friant contractors in Water Year 2014.

At approximately 9:30am, the Board entered into Closed Session to discuss various groundwater pumping and groundwater monitoring activities within the District. (In conjunction with Government Code Section 54956.9 referencing threatening or pending litigation.) Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Groundwater Task Force meetings and an upcoming meeting on March 5, 2014. That meeting will be a public meeting, open to all landowners in the District, to review various groundwater and water supply issues.

### **3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

The Board reviewed a variety of Operations and Maintenance activities including an update on the Pixley Avenue 116 project and a review of proposed SCADA upgrades. No action was taken on either matter.

The Board reviewed a number of equipment needs throughout the District, including a possible purchase of a low-bed trailer for the use of hauling heavy equipment. Director BARCELLOS reported a trailer was for sale by Halopoff Construction, because of liquidation, and could be purchased for approximately \$40,000.00. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board authorized the purchase of the low-bed trailer for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 pending inspection of the trailer by Operations Manager BATTLES.

The Board then entered into a lengthily discussion on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, including a potential moratorium on flows for 2014 and a recent legislation introduced by Congressman VALADAO (HR3964). General Manger VINK

reported that he and District Counsel ALEX PELTZER would be going to Washington D.C later in the month to advance District interest related to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program along with other items that are drought related.

#### Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of January. On motion by Director BARCELLOS seconded by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the January 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 ROELOFFS, seconded 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 updated the Board on the status of the Cross Valley Interim Renewal contracts and discussions will be held on February 6, 2014, in Sacramento on the Long Term contracts.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed the January 15, 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. It was reported Director GARCIA had been appointed to the Finance Committee for TRA.

#### **6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Board reviewed the January 30, 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.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the January 17, 2014 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, 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 – Nothing new to report
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report
- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink  
General Manager