

**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 10th day of June 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

Guests Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel
JENNIFER SPALETTA - Special Counsel (via Telephone)
ERIC WHITE, CPA - Adair & Evans
GARY REIZEBOS, CPA - Adair & Evans

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the July Board meeting. General Manager VINK might have to be in Washington D.C. on District business during the week of the scheduled Board meeting. If that is the case, VINK will confirm with President FERNANDES as to the best time to reschedule the meeting.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board a variety of water related activities including data from the Friant Division and statewide water conditions. The declaration from the Friant Division remains at zero, which is an unprecedented declaration. It is also unprecedented that water is going to the Exchange contractors under the exchange and purchase contracts from Millerton as opposed to being met from Shasta and subsequent Delta diversions. VINK and District Counsel PELTZER are working with other District managers and attorneys to review those contracts.

The Board then convened into Closed Session to discuss a variety of water related activities including threatening or pending litigation, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. Special Counsel JENNIFER SPALETTA was present by phone and District Counsel ALEX PELTZER was in the meeting for the Closed Session portion of the meeting. Included in Closed Session was a review of the LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT vs. SANDRIDGE litigation and recent meetings with Reclamation and the Exchange Contractor's to review the implementation of the exchange and purchase agreement related to the Districts 9d Contract. Upon coming out of Closed Session no action was reported.

The Board also reviewed the legislative strategy related to the drought water bills in Washington. The main focus is on the ESA implementation, the 13i program under the San Joaquin Restoration Program along with re-circulation of restoration flow water and the 2014 O & M adjustments.

The Board then considered action authorizing final transfer of the agreement between Friant Ranch and Lower Tule River Irrigation District, as per the request of the Bureau of Reclamation. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director

COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized ratification of the final transfer agreement between Friant Ranch and Lower Tule River Irrigation District.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board received an update on the Avenue 116 project from Operations Manager BATTLES. Considerable time was spent discussing various operations and maintenance issues and work being taking advantage of the dry year conditions.

The Board reconvened into Closed Session to discuss threatening or pending litigation in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9. Ridenour vs. 3M et al. Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that on motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the retention of Counsel DOOLEY, HERR, PETERSON, BERGLUND & BAILEY for litigation related to the Ridenour vs. 3M et al matter.

Administrative Activities

The Board welcomed Eric White, CPA & Gary Reizebos, CPA from ADAIR & EVANS to review with the Board the 2013 Audited Financial Statements. After considerable review of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board accepted the 2013 Audited Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of May 2014. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the May Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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

3. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on the status of the long-term contract renewal negotiations. No action was taken.

4. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the May 21, 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 also reported that the District has received correspondence from the Corp of Engineers lifting the operating restrictions for 2014.

5. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the May 22, 2014 Regular minutes and the June 5, 2014 Special 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 Board also spent some time discussing future representation related to Friant Water Authority and on-going concerns related thereto.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the May 16, 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 General Manager Vink reported that the CFWC would be having its 25th anniversary dinner on June 19, 2014 at Jack Stone’s Barn in Lemoore, Ca.

- 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