

**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 14th day of April 2015, 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

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the March 6, 2015 Regular and April 7, 2015 Special 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 and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water related activities including an extensive briefing from General Manager VINK on the statewide water allocation, which remains at zero percent.

General Manager VINK also reported on the public environmental documents on the Angiola Water District Land Retirement Program. Legal Counsel will be reviewing and providing comments.

The Board then discussed a variety of other legal activities.

The Board then convened into Executive Session, to discuss litigation matters with District Counsel Peltzer. Upon coming out of Closed Session, it was reported that on motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board designated Director Barcellos to attend Dispute Resolution meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including the Avenue 116 project in Pixley ID and the Riparian Expansion project.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed with the Board on maintenance issues including security concerns at the District facilities and the intention of installing cameras at both District facilities. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the bid from Secure Tech Alarms.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK briefed the Board on a variety of administrative activities.

General Manager VINK and District Counsel Peltzer discussed a variety of other policy related items, particularly relating to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March 2015. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK updated the Board on a variety of Cross Valley canal activities. No action was taken.

5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March 11, 2015 minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

6. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the March 26, 2015 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

The Board spent considerable time discussing the recent changes made at Friant Water Authority. The Board expressed their displeasure with the changes and overall concern about the direction of the Friant Water Authority. After considerable discussion,

on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board voted to withdraw membership from the Friant Water Authority.

The District has also received a monthly call for funds from the Friant Water Authority for \$24,800.00. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved the Board authorized a one month payment of the call for funds for \$24,800.00.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Board reviewed the March 20, 2015 minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The minutes of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

8. US 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 – 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