

**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 17th day of June 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 -ABSENT

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, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second 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 a briefing from General Manager VINK on the statewide snowpack and runoff, which remain extremely bleak.

The Board discussed a few other water supply related activities including the Groundwater Steering Committee meetings being held with landowners, federal legislative issues, and meetings that have taken place with the Department of the Interior. General Manager VINK also briefed the Board on activities related to trips to Washington, DC on May 13 & 14th and June 2 & 3rd, as well as a meeting on June 15 with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding their revised implementation framework on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. No action was taken on any of these items.

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 no action was taken during closed session.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews will be kept busy this year with canal spraying, turnout rehab, structure rehab, canal liner rehab and building 2 recharge basins, on the Sun World property and adjacent to the Lower Tule Koslov basin. BATTLES also reviewed a possible pipeline relocation project on the Seitz pipeline, where the current line runs directly through a landowner's property. Staff is currently working on getting a new easement from the landowner to relocate the pipeline around the outer edge of the property. No action was taken on these items.

Administrative Activities

Business Manager Limas reviewed an MOU for the preparation of the Tule Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. This activity has been and will

continue to be led by the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority. The MOU brings other entities within the Tule Basin in for participation and cost sharing. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the District execution and participation in the MOU.

District auditor Paul Klippenstein entered the meeting to review the 2014 audited financial statements. After review and discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the 2014 audited financial statements and ordered them to be placed on file.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of May 2015. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA 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 COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the May 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 minutes of the Tule River Association meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

6. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK and General Counsel Alex Peltzer reviewed activities, work plans and future activities, regarding District representation on water and policy issues in Sacramento, Washington DC and locally as needed. These activities will be covered, and costs shared, under a Memorandum of Understanding, with other South Valley Districts having similar interests. General Counsel Peltzer reviewed the MOU, which

contained 3 options for governance with the Board. After review and discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution and District participation in the MOU under option 2, which establishes an advisory committee to report back to the home Boards for final action on key issues. Also approved was for Lower Tule to be the accounting administrator of the South Valley Water Association, which includes opening a bank account at Citizens Business Bank. The authorized signers on the account will be the same as the Lower Tule accounts (President Fernandes, Vice President Roeloffs, General Manager Vink and Business Manager Limas).

President FERNANDES appointed Director COSTA and Director BARCELLOS to be the District representatives on the committee.

7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association 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
Secretary