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**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 11th day of May 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  
DON WRIGHT, Member of the Public

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS 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. It appears there is a possibility of a 2% Class 1 allocation for the Friant Division in 2015.

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 discussed a few other water supply related activities including the Groundwater Steering Committee meetings being held with landowners and a program with Cal Poly, where they will do an appraisal and report on the District's distribution system. No action was taken on any of these items.

Business Manager LIMAS reviewed Tule River transfer requests from Pioneer Water Company of 1,200 AF and Vandalia/Campbell Moreland Water Districts of 1,000 AF, under their respective water banking agreements with LTRID. In order to fulfill those requests, LTRID will need to request from the Tule River Association, the use of Porter Slough Channel Loss water, to be repaid next year to the Porter Slough account. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the transfer requests be sent to the Tule River Association for their approval and execution.

General Manager VINK also reviewed with the Board information related to his upcoming trip to Washington, DC, taking place May 12-14. Included was a review of the District Policy/Legislative Strategy.

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

The Board reviewed a variety of Construction and Maintenance activities including the final costs and overview of the Avenue 116 project in Pixley ID, completed in March, as well as the Riparian Expansion project.

Operations Manager BATTLES reported on the security cameras being ordered for the shops and old gate repairs on turnouts, as well as other system repairs and maintenance activities taking place.

#### Administrative Activities

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

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

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the April bills.

Business Manager LIMAS reported that the cost of the 2015 audit would increase due to a new report needed from CalPERS for the District auditor to obtain information needed to meet new accounting and reporting requirements in the District Financial Statements. CalPERS is anticipating a charge of \$850 per District for this report.

### **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 April 8, 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. SOUTH VALLEY COALITION**

The Board 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, currently being drafted, with other South Valley Districts having similar interests.

After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the projected work plan and budget outline as a guiding document for participation in the coalition.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The next meeting of the Deer Creek and Tule River Authority is scheduled for May 15, 2015.

**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



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- 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

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