

**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 13th day of December 2016, 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	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DAN VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager

Guests Present ALEX PELTZER, General Counsel
PRESTON BRITAIN, Pacific Resources
TED GREIDANUS, Landowner
PAUL GREIDANUS, Landowner

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 November 8, 2016 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the slate of officers and appointments to various committees. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board appointed Assistant Manager Limas to the Advisory committee of the South Valley Water Association and leaving the remaining slate of officers and appointees

unchanged. The roster of officers and appointees is **ATTACHED**.

During the Public Comment period, landowner Paul Greidanus presented a plan of building a recharge basin on his property for recharging groundwater for his own purposes. He would also like to discuss, with the District, conditions in which the District may want to use it for District purposes. No action was taken.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water related activities, including Delta and San Luis Reservoir operations and 2017 forecasts No Action was taken.

Assistant Manager Limas presented a Draft Allocation Policy based on discussions from prior Board meetings. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director Garcia, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the allocation policy, which will be implemented for the 2017 water year.

Limas presented a proposal from 4Creeks Engineering to prepare CEQA documentation to build recharge basins on 160 acres along Ave 152, near the Road 160 alignment. The proposal included a quote for a required biological survey totaling \$8,900. The quote for both the biological survey and preparation of the documentation totaled \$17,900. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including the MOU Group entering into an agreement for Deer Creek and Tule River Authority to be the fiscal agent for the group. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved of the Tule Basin MOU Group to enter into an agreement with DCTRA to be the fiscal agent.

Assistant Manager Limas presented meeting notes and a framework of amendments to the agreement between the District and Porterville ID for conveyance of PID water through LTRID canals and the purchase of PID Tule River water by LTRID. Board members BARCELLOS and FERNANDES also attended the meeting. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the amendments as outlined and directed staff to implement the amendments into the agreement and have District Counsel review.

The Board then went into closed session with District Counsel PELTZER in accordance with Government Code Section 545956.9, to discuss litigation. Upon reconvening into open session it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed SVWA activity which has been focused on water supply issues, Federal legislation and Delta operations over the past month. No action was taken.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented the 2017 SVWA workplan and budget as recommended by the SVWA Steering Committee. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the SVWA 2017 work plan and budget totaling \$878,250.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager Battles reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews have been busy with grading and spraying, discing recharge basins and performing the fall Tule River Channel Clearing projects. BATTLES also gave an update on the rehabilitation of the well at the Toledo Basin, reporting that it will cost the District about \$10,000 to finish the rehabilitation. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is covering all other rehabilitation costs. No action was taken.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reported on grant opportunities recently announced by the Bureau of Reclamation. LIMAS reported that the District will be applying for a grant to complete Phases 2 and 3 of the Riparian Area Expansion Project. LIMAS also reported that the District reached agreement with 4Creeks Engineering where their cost of preparing grant applications will be built in to the project cost, so the only way for them to get paid is if the District is successful in receiving the grant. The Board was in agreement with this approach.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented CPI comparisons for the West as well as the all US Cities average for the year. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 1% Cost of Living adjustment for 2017 for the employees.

General Manager VINK presented a comparison of Automobile Reimbursement amounts for several Districts in the Friant Division. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board set the Automobile Reimbursement amounts for 2017 at \$1,000 per month plus gas for the General Manager and \$800 per month plus gas for the Assistant General Manager.

The Board then went into closed session with District Counsel PELTZER in accordance with Government Code Section 545957, to discuss public employee performance review. Upon reconvening into open session it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of November 2016. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the November Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November 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 November bills.

Assistant Manager Limas presented the Investment policy for annual review and re-adoption. No changes to the policy were proposed. After review, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board re-adopted the Investment Policy with no changes.

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. General Manager VINK gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No action was taken.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented a draft Success Power Project budget for 2017. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the SPP Budget, in the amount of \$84,725.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The minutes of the Deer Creek & Tule River Association meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary