

**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 9th day of February 2016, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President ROELOFFS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2016	TOM BARCELLOS - ABSENT
Director	Div. 4	2016	GARY FERNANDES (arrived at 9:25 am)
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DAN VINK – General Manager, (telephone)
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager

Guests Present DAVE DORRANCE, Sunworld
PRESTON BRITTIAN, Pacific Resources

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

The minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK, joined the meeting via telephone and reviewed a variety of water related activities including the current conditions, which are tracking slightly above average, Delta pumping operations, and Tule River Flood operations. No Action was taken.

Assistant General Manager LIMAS reviewed discussions with Sunworld about the possibility of entering into an agreement with Sunworld to build recharge basins on property located on the eastern end of the District. Staff recommendation is to engage hydrogeologist Tom Harder to study groundwater elevations and flows in that area of the District to determine potential benefits to the District before proceeding in further discussions with Sunworld. LIMAS presented a proposal from Harder to do the analysis in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized engaging Tom Harder based on the proposal.

The Board considered Resolution 2016-2-2 authorizing execution of renewal of the 2016 Section 215 Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-2-2. A copy of Resolution 2016-2-2 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

Assistant General Manager LIMAS reviewed the Advisory Committee meeting and activity report which was distributed for review prior to the Board meeting. No action was taken.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, reporting that District crews continue to be busy with grading and spraying canals, custom work and making sure recharge basins are ready to take water. No action was taken.

The Board considered Resolution 2016-2-1 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for the repair of the well at the Toledo Basin. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-2-1. A copy of Resolution 2016-2-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "B"**.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed the audit engagement letter from Paul Klippenstein for an amount not to exceed \$12,000. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS, and unanimously approved, the Board authorized engagement of Paul Klippenstein to perform the 2015 audit.

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

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

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. 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.

7. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

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