

**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 10th day of May 2016, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President ROELOFFS at 9:15. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2016	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2016	GARY FERNANDES - ABSENT
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 DAVE DORRANCE, Sunworld
PRESTON BRITTIAN, Pacific Resources
KATHY BRIANO, Landowner
ALEX PELTZER, General Counsel
PAUL KLIPPENSTEIN, Auditor

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

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed Resolution number 2016-5-1 setting the election date as November 8, 2016, to be run in conjunction with the County General Election. Director BARCELLOS and Director FERNANDES are up for re-election. After discussion, on motion by

Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2016-5-1.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a variety of water related activities including the timelines for forming a GSA under SGMA, other groundwater issues and current conditions, with the current Friant allocation of 65% Class 1. District supplies will result in an approximate 30-day water run this summer. No Action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed Resolution number 2016-5-2 approving a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for Unreleased Restoration Flows. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2016-5-2.

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the 2016 Poplar Ditch allocation. In attendance were some Poplar Ditch shareholders who were also asked to weigh in on the discussion. Following significant discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board set the 2016 Poplar Ditch allocation at 55 af/share.

Assistant General Manager LIMAS reviewed a potential recharge program with Sunworld. LIMAS reported that a draft of an agreement will be brought to the Board at a later date for review if agreement can be reached on terms and details. No Action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed a Groundwater Planning Commission Policy, which would form a Groundwater Planning Commission for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under SGMA. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Groundwater Planning Commission Policy.

The Board then convened into Closed Session with General Counsel, ALEX PELTZER, in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (A) to discuss potential litigation issues. Upon, reconvening into the regular Board meeting, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK 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, spraying, installing pipe across a County road and building up banks of a canal due to subsidence. BATTLES also gave an update on the repair of the Toledo Basin well by the Fish and Wildlife Service. No action was taken.

BATTLES reviewed bids received for 4 pickups from the State bid and from Will Tiesiera Ford. The Will Tiesiera bid was \$1,000 higher per pickup than the State bid on the 3 half ton pickups and was approximately the same on the quad cab pickup. BATTLES also reviewed bids for 2 Dump Trucks. The Gibbs Equipment bid was approximately \$5,000 cheaper per truck than the Tharps Equipment bid. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the pickup purchases at the local dealership, Will Tiesiera at approximately \$22,000 per half ton pickup and \$34,000 for the quad cab pickup and the Dump Truck purchases from Gibbs Equipment at approximately \$116,000 each.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April 2016. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS 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 COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the April bills.

Auditor PAUL KLIPPENSTEIN reviewed the 2015 Financial Statement audit. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the Audited Financial statements and ordered them placed on file.

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 reported that he and assistant Tule River Watermaster David DeGroot will be going to Washington, DC later in the month to meet with legislators regarding the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project.

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