

**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 October 2016, at 9:15 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	2016	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2016	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 PRESTON BRITTAIN, Pacific Resources
ALEX PELTZER, General Counsel

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 September 20 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.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of water related activities, including development of an allocation policy for the District and the Groundwater Planning Commission formation process. No Action was taken.

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a draft update to the agreement between Lower Tule and Porterville Irrigation District. No action was taken.

At this point the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER to discuss matters of potential litigation and one item of real property negotiation. Following closed session, the Board reported the following action: on motion by director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-10-1, authorizing execution of an agreement with Homer, LLC, declaring the agreement exempt from CEQA and authorizing the filing of the Notice of Exemption.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

General Manager VINK reviewed SVWA activity which has been focused on water supply issues, AB 935, Federal legislation and Delta operations over the past month. Director COSTA gave a report on a tour of the Delta he attended along with some of the other SVWA Board members. 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 have been busy with grading and spraying and hauling dirt to re-line canals. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a quote from 4Creeks engineering to design the Riparian area pipeline project, as well as provide construction support. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the estimate for an amount of up to \$150,000.

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed with the Board, Appendix G to the LTRID/Pixley Joint Operations MOU, which outlines cost and revenue sharing when the Districts enter into Administration and Operations services with other entities. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized Appendix G be added to the MOU.

Administrative Activities

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

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

The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 budgets for the Lower Tule River and Pixley ID Operations and Maintenance Account, as well as the Lower Tule River Irrigation District general budget. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2017 O&M budget in the amount of \$3,965,500 and Lower Tule general budget in the amount of \$12,968,999, which includes Lower Tule's 66.67% of the O&M budget.

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 and finalizing of the Seismic Remediation final report. No action was taken.

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