

**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 September 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	2016	TOM BARCELLOS - ABSENT
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 CLIFTON LOLLAR, Sunworld
DAVE DORRANCE, Sunworld
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 August 9 2016 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a variety of water related activities including the water run that ended in August and current conditions, with the current Friant allocation of 75% Class 1. No Action was taken.

VINK and LIMAS reviewed an amendment to the agreement with Friant Ranch. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the amendment.

VINK and LIMAS reviewed the Groundwater Planning Commission formation process. No action was taken.

At this point the Boards of Directors of the Pixley Irrigation District and the Tea Pot Dome Water District joined the meeting to go into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER to discuss matters of potential litigation. Following closed session, the Board reported the following action:

- The Board of Directors authorized the filing of litigation on behalf of the District, its landowners and water users, subject to final approval of legal counsel and District management. The particulars of the action, defendant, and other information shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to those making inquiry to the District.
- The Board of Directors authorized the filing of a motion to intervene in a matter on behalf of the District, its landowners and water users, subject to final approval of legal counsel and District management. The particulars of the action, defendant, and other information shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to those making inquiry to the District.

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 his trip last week on behalf of SVWA to Washington, DC. 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 wrapping

up the water run. BATTLES also reported that 4 pickups were sold at auction, getting higher prices than were anticipated. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a draft agreement with Tea Pot Dome Water District to provide administration, operations and maintenance services to them. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the agreement.

At approximately 12:30 pm, the Board then opened the Board of Equalization hearing to consider the 2017 tax rolls. Assistant Manager LIMAS presented the rolls as prepared by District Assessor Beth Grote-Lewis. No comments were received from landowners. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2016-9-1 setting the District assessment rate at 0.80 of 1% to be levied on lands within the District boundaries with additional 0.85 of 1% to be levied on lands within the District boundaries for the purpose of funding the bond payments and \$5 per acre WC22280 charge. A copy of Resolution 2015-9-1 is attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of August 2016. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the August Financials and ordered them placed on file and authorized an adjustment to the 2016 water budget, increasing it to \$6,317,000.

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

The Board reviewed the positive pay service offered by Citizens Business Bank. No action was taken.

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 are 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