

**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 18th day of April 2017, 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

Others Present: Doug Deflitch, Friant Water Authority, Pres Brittain, Pacific Resources, Mike Faria, Farmer, Richard Junio, Farmer, Matt Kidder, Farmer, Armando Leal, Farmer/Farm Advisor, David Cardoza, Farmer, Paul Greidanus, Farmer, Eric Greidanus, Farmer, Clifton Lollar, Sunworld and Dave Dorrance, Sunworld

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 March 14, 2017 Regular meeting distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA 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 state and regional water conditions.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented the monthly water delivery report. The current water rate for April and May is set at \$60/acre-foot for the first acre-foot per acre and then \$15/acre-foot for anything over one acre-foot per acre applied. The current water rate for June through the end of the water year is set at \$85 per acre foot. LIMAS reviewed the potential water supply for 2017 and financial model associated with the costs of that water. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board reset the water rate at \$80 per acre-foot beginning June 1.

The current recharge rate of \$15 per acre-foot was discussed. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board ended the recharge rate of \$15 per acre foot on April 30 unless the water is going into a dedicated recharge basin and is not being used for irrigation.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group and Groundwater Planning Commission activities. General Manager VINK outlined the approach of writing the GSP, where the commission will write one chapter at a time and send to the Board for feedback.

The Board reviewed an updated agreement with the Porterville Irrigation District for the use of Lower Tule facilities by Porterville ID and the sale of excess Tule River water by Porterville ID to Lower Tule. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the March steering committee meeting packet that went out in the Board packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed a just completed tour, where legislative staff members from Washington DC came out and toured and were briefed on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project, a dairy facility, a citrus packing facility, a pistachio processing plant, Friant Dam and the Delta. VINK also reviewed NASA/ASO project and the current status of Congressman Valadao's bill, HR 23.

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 running water, reinstalling dams that were washed out by flood releases, spraying and grading canals and installing a couple of turnouts on the Ave 116 canal in Pixley. After discussion, no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK and Assistant Manager LIMAS presented a proposal from 4Creeks Creative to upgrade the District website and create a mobile app. The goal is to make the website more user friendly for the growers, get information to them quicker and more efficiently and give them better access to their water use information. The total quote is for \$40,000. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of March 2017. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELLOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the March Financials and ordered them placed on file.

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



Approved

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary