

**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 meeting on the 12th day of December 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  
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager

Others Present: Alex Peltzer, General Counsel (via teleconference), Armando Leal, Farmer, Richard Junio, Farmer, Mike Faria, Farmer, David Cardoza, Farmer, Brandon Spain Farm, Land Management and Adriana Renteria, Community Water Center.

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager Vink gave an overview of state wide water conditions and recirculation water exchange program with Tulare Lake Basin. Assistant Manager LIMAS

reviewed a summary of 2017 total water brought in (489,551 acre-feet), water delivered (196,178 acre-feet) and recharged (293,373 acre-feet) in the District.

The Board then reviewed Resolution 2017-12-1 authorizing execution of CVC Interim Renewal Contract 14-06-200-8237-IR17. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the resolution was adopted by the Board.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

### **3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager VINK reviewed the SVWA 2018 work plan and budget. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the 2018 work plan and budget.

The Board then reviewed Resolution 2017-12-3, approving the Districts participation in an MOU regarding the Temperance Flat Reservoir Project. Assistant Manager LIMAS also presented a special activity agreement between the SVWA Districts to participate in the Temperance Flat MOU process through two seats on the steering committee. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2017-12-3 entering into the Temperance Flat MOU, executing the SVWA special activity agreement with Lower Tule being the lead agency of a group consisting of Lower Tule, Pixley, Teapot Dome WD, Exeter ID, Ivanhoe ID and Stone Corral ID, with Eric Limas being the representative and Tom Weddle of Exeter and Ivanhoe and Dale West of Stone Corral being alternates.

### **4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

At 10:20 a.m. General Counsel PELTZER joined the meeting via teleconference to go into closed session to discuss three cases of existing litigation. At 11:05 a.m. upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including grading, canal dipping, new turnout installations, construction of the Burns Basin, and Pixley SCADA and Ave 116 extension projects. No action was taken.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the Riparian project, noting that Phase 1 pipe is currently being delivered and Phase 2 grant contract with the USBR being worked on. LIMAS presented a proposal from 4Creeks Engineering to do the Surveying, Right of Way documents, Design work and construction staking. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal, not to exceed \$175,000 and authorized Survey and Right of Way work to be done, with other work to be done following execution of the USBR grant agreement.

#### Administrative Activities

Assistant Manager LIMAS reported on the progress of filling the District Engineer position. LIMAS also reviewed 2018 CPI numbers. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees for 2018.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the salary of the Operations Manager. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 5% increase to the Operations Manager salary.

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

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed an Audit Engagement letter from Adair and Evans Accountancy to perform the 2017 audit. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the engagement proposal.

The Board reviewed the District Investment Policy. No changes were proposed to the policy. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board re-approved the current investment policy.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November 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 November 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.

General Manager VINK presented Resolution 2017-12-2, authorizing execution of Funding Agreement with DWR for Economic Update of the Feasibility Study of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution and entering the agreement, subject to final review by legal counsel and the General Manager.

Assistant Manager LIMAS presented a proposed 2018 budget for the Success Power Project in the amount of \$197,175. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved and recommended to the Tule River Association the 2018 SPP budget as presented.

**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, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, December 14, when the Board will meet with the Pixley Irrigation District Board members in a joint session.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District reconvened the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, at 10:30 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:



Approved

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Others Present: DAN VINK – General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager  
ALEX PELTZER – General Counsel

The Board joined the Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors.

The Boards reviewed an employment contract with Eric Limas for the General Manager position. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of the employment contract.

The Board reviewed the current slate of officers and committee appointments. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the board re-elected Director FERNANDES as President, Director ROELOFFS as Vice-President, appointed ERIC LIMAS as Secretary, appointed Mike Faria and Vincent Sola from the Groundwater Planning Commission to the SGMA group Advisory Committee and made various changes to other committee appointments. The entire roster of officers and committee appointments is **attached**.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Eric L. Limas, Secretary