

**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 May 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: Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Mike Faria, Farmer,
Richard Junio, Farmer, Paul Greidanus, Farmer and Eric Greidanus, Farmer

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 April 18, 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 Friant and Tule River water conditions. Assistant Manager LIMAS presented the monthly water delivery report. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group and Groundwater Planning Commission activities. General Manager VINK reviewed the activity of the Groundwater Planning Commission. Discussions have centered around landowner banking, metering and overapplication of irrigation. No action was taken.

3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the April SVWA Board meeting packet that went out in the Board packet prior to the meeting. No action was taken.

General Manager VINK reviewed activities related to reconsultation on the Biological Opinion with, among others, FWS, NMFS and USBR. SVWA attorney PELTER and consulting biologist FISHBIO have been involved in the process. VINK also reviewed funding for the Friant pump back facility project. AB 176 was approved in committee and now State Assembly members are working to fold the funding into the budget process. No action was taken.

4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of construction and maintenance activities, including the Ave 116 expansion project, the Riparian pipeline project and reporting that District crews have been busy running water, reinstalling dams that were washed out by flood releases and spraying and grading canals. BATTLES also reported that the District will be looking to hire a couple of temporary employees for the summer to help bait for squirrels, clean up trash on the canals and other miscellaneous duties, as well as a couple of guys to drive water tractor. After discussion, no action was taken.

Administrative Activities

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

Approved

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

General Manager VINK reported there is money in the Federal Budget to complete the economic update on the Success Reservoir Project and that, based on conversations with DWR, the state has identified funds to pay their share of the update.

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. OTHER

The Board then went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER to discuss existing litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, is reported that no reportable action took place in closed session.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned to May 18, 2017.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District reconvened the May 9th meeting on the 18th day of May 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:



Approved

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS- ABSENT
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

The Board joined the Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors and went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545957, to discuss a personnel matter. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, and the meeting was adjourned to May 18, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary