

**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 on the 11th day of September 2018, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President ROELOFFS. 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- <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager

Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Mike Faria, Farmer

Josh Pitigliano, Farmer

Jace Vanderham, Farmer

Megan Chicoine, Farm Land Management

Armando Leal, Farmer

Allan Becker, Farmer

Ameer Hussein, Farming Consultant

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

The Board reviewed the agenda. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

The minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager LIMAS reviewed a monthly water use for the month of August. The water run ended on August 19. CVC exchange deliveries started on August 29 and should be completed by mid-October. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. LIMAS presented preliminary Temperance Flat hydraulic and cost modeling. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. The GSA Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No action was taken.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association executive director memo and notes. Included was a recommendation from the SVWA Board to authorize SVWA to enter into an agreement with Dan Vink to provide Executive Director, accounting and administration services beginning January 1, 2019. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommendation from the SVWA Board.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### Construction and Operation activities

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, the water run, spraying, grading, turnout repairs, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project. The three new pickups purchased were received in August. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

At approximately 10:40 a.m. the Board met as the Board of Equalization and opened a public hearing to consider setting the 2019 Assessment rates. No public comments were

received. At 10:50 a.m. the Board closed the public hearing. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2018-9-1, setting the 2019 assessment rate.

The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of August 2018. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the August Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed potential dates for a 2019 budget workshop. The workshop was scheduled for September 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

#### Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No action was taken.

#### 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,

Eric Limas  
General Manager