

**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 8th day of January 2019, 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	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

***District Staff present:***

Eric Limas, General Manager  
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

***Guests Present:***

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel  
Mike Faria, Farmer  
Richard Junio, Farmer  
Vincent Sola, Farmer  
Allan Becker, Sun World, Inc.  
Geoff Vandenhuevel, Milk Producers Council  
Ameer Hussein, Grower 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 December 11, 2018 regular 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**

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 88% Class 1. Delivery of recirculation water to water banking facilities in Kern County are ongoing. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal Water Quality policy, subsidence/capacity correction and Temperance Flat studies. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. LIMAS reviewed discussions and issues that have been taken up by the GPC. LIMAS reviewed a draft Stakeholder Outreach Plan. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Stakeholder Outreach Plan.

The Board reviewed dates scheduled for January for landowner meetings. LIMAS reported there is an opening on the GPC. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including work on the basin coordination agreement, basin groundwater flow model and discussions related to subsidence. No action was taken.

### **SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

Manager LIMAS reviewed the South Valley Water Association report provided by Executive Director DAN VINK. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft letter to the Friant Water Authority regarding operations and maintenance issues, specifically the canal capacity correction project, to be signed by individual Districts. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved signing the letter and the appointment of Director BARCELLOS to participate on the FKC capacity correction ad-hoc committee.

### **DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

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

Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed ongoing maintenance activities, including a review of safety meetings, facility safety inspections, grading, canal maintenance and the Riparian pipeline project activities. BATTLES also reviewed the potential pickup purchase from Vandalia Water District. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by

Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved making an offer to VWD for the pickup.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. the Board went into closed session with General Counsel PELTZER. Upon reconvening the meeting in open session, at approximately 11:15 am, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

#### Administrative Activities

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

The Board reviewed the authorized bank signers at Citizen Business Bank. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the following signers on the accounts at CBB – President FERNANDES, Vice-President BARCELLOS, General Manager LIMAS and Accounting Supervisor JARNO MAYES.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

#### Tule River Association

LIMAS gave an update of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project activities, including weekly project team meeting updates and progress on updates of the environmental documents, the Project Cooperation Agreement between the local sponsors and the Corps. of Engineers and agreements that will need to be executed over the next few months. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft agreement between Lower Tule as the lead local agency and the other local Flood Control and Irrigation Storage participants in the SREP. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement subject to final review of the General Manager

and General Counsel and appointed Director BARCELLOS to be the representative on the TRIJPA committee for the local participants.

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.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board reviewed Resolution 2019-1-1 Recognizing Dan Vink for his many years of service to the District. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS, and unanimously approved, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-1-1.

The Board reviewed Resolution 2019-1-2, authorizing an application for District participation in the State Surplus Property program. After Discussion. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, the Board approved Resolution 2019-1-2.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas  
General Manager