Lower Tule River
Irrigation District

APPROVED

MINUTES OF A 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 December 2020, at 9:00 am. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via video and audio conference only. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President BARCELLOS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2022	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2024	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2024	FRANK MENDONSA
Director	Div. 1	2022	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2022	JOSH PITIGLIANO

District Staff present:

Eric Limas, General Manager
Mike Battles, Operations Manager

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Mike Faria, Farmer, Allan Becker, Homer, Stacie Ann Silva, New Currents, Leta Spencer, Westchester Group, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council, Ryan Jensen, Community Water Center, Richard junio, Farmer, Richard Garcia, Public

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

LIMAS reviewed the list of Officers. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board nominated and elected Director BARCELLOS as President of the Board. Director GARCIA then nominated Director COSTA as Vice-President. On motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board elected Director COSTA to serve as Vice-President to the Board.

The Board reviewed the list of Committee appointments. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the slate of appointments with the following changes: Director MENDONSA was appointed to the Finance Committee, Director BARCELLOS was appointed to the ACWA JPIA Board, Director PITIGLIANO was appointed to the DCTRA Board and Director MENDONSA as the Alternate.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that On November 10, 2020 the Board authorized filing a writ of mandate re Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project/storage of Exchange Contract Supply. Filing was made on November 19, 2020.

The Board considered Resolution 2020-12-1, honoring Gary Fernandes for his years of service to the Board and the District and the adjournment of the December 8, 2020 Board meeting in his honor. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-12-1.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. LTRID's CVC water for 2020 has all been delivered and Recapture water is being delivered as it is being earned. The District has received a draft of the CVC 9d contract and the EIR is being updated. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal and subsidence/capacity correction construction and funding activities. LIMAS and Directors BARCELLOS and PITIGLIANO reviewed the Friant Water Authority Retreat which was held in November. No action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, COVID-19 training held, shop and facility inspections performed, canal grading and maintenance activities, the Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. BATTLES also reported on major repairs being performed on one of the graders. BATTLES reported on the Pixley West Main extension, Lateral 4 project, the basin meter grants and the Deer Creek Diversion structure project. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft Wheeling Policy with the Board. No Action was taken.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS reviewed the District's current Investment Policy. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board readopted the policy.

The Board reviewed an audit engagement letter from Cattone & Mastro to complete the 2020 Audit. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the engagement letter.

LIMAS reviewed the staff recommendation for the 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment for employee salaries. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved a 1.5% cost of living adjustment for 2021.

The Board discussed long-term financial strategies and funding needs. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of November. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the November financial reports.

The Board reviewed the bills paid during the month of November. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the November bills and approved payment of the recently received California Farm Water Coalition request for support

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS reviewed progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft 2021 budget for the Success Power Plant operations and maintenance. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposal.

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. The Board discussed DCTRA activities, including the special project of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. No Action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager