



**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 in a regular meeting on the 8th day of September 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 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
Kirk Masters, Water Resources Superintendent

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel
Alan Becker, Homer, Molly Thurman, Hancock Farmland
Management, Megan Chacoine, Farmland Management, Richard
Garcia, Public, Mike Faria, Farmer, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk
Producers Council, Rod Stiefvader, Pacific Resources, Stacie Ann
Silva, New Currents, Frank Mendonsa, Farmer, Armando Leal,
Farmer, Garrison Fernandes, Farmer, David Cardoza, Farmer

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting were approved.



The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session at 10:00 a.m., it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions and monthly delivery report. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. The Friant Class 1 allocation is 65%. The current CVC allocation is 20%. CVC water started being delivered on Monday July 13. No action was taken.

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

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop inspections performed, 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 2 graders that are currently broke down and 3 new pickups were ordered. The purchases were budgeted for and the quotes are within budgeted amounts. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

At 10:45 a.m. the Board opened the annual Board of Equalization public hearing. At the close of the Public hearing, the Board considered Resolution 2020-9-1 setting the 2021 assessment rates. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-9-1.

The Board considered Resolution 2020-9-2, entering into a Letter of Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to prepare an environmental document covering transfers and exchanges of Cross Valley water. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2020-9-2.



LIMAS reviewed the 218 election schedule and bond refunding. The District closed the refunding on September 3, saving the District \$7,520,411 over the life of the bonds. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports and bills paid for the month of August. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the August financial reports.

LIMAS reviewed the 2020 budget and recommended budget adjustments in the Capital Expenditure budget, Success Reservoir Enlargement Project Budget, SGMA implementation budget and the Water Supply budget. Total adjustments resulted in a decrease of \$115,000 in the 2020 budget. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board approved the recommended budget adjustments.

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

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

LIMAS reviewed progress on the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. Phase 1 construction has begun. The Phase 2 environmental document will be out for public review in the next 30-45 days.

LIMAS reviewed a draft Loan Agreement with Tulare County to provide a loan for cashflow purposes while Real Estate and Rights of way are being acquired. The loan will be paid back with project reimbursement funds from the US Army Corps. Of Engineers. After discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second b y Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved execution of the agreement subject to final review of the General Manager and District Counsel.

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. Staff and



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consultants are currently drafting formation documents to form a non-profit organization to take over administration of the 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