

**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 13th day of April 2021, 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 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, Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard, Mike Faria, Farmer, Allan Becker, Homer, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council, Stacie Anne Silva, New Currents, Jace Vander Hamm, Farmer, Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources, Tim Marvin, RTS Farms

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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

On motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting were approved as presented

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state. Because the water year has gotten even drier than anticipated, the initial CVC allocation of 5% was suspended by the Bureau of Reclamation until further notice. Based on current supply, it is unlikely there will be an irrigation run this year. The current year Polar Ditch allocation was discussed. No action was taken.

FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

LIMAS reviewed activities related to the Friant Kern Canal operations, water quality, pumpback project and subsidence/capacity correction activities. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed Resolution 2021-4-1 Considering Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the FKC Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project, OM&R Budget, and Cost Share and Contributed Funds Agreements with the Bureau of Reclamation. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections performed, Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction and Deer Creek Structure project are ongoing and o&m on the Teapot Dome/Pioneer/ Vandalia and Campbell Moreland systems were performed. The new fuel tank installation at the Lower Tule shop facility is complete with final testing and air board approval currently being performed. Meters have been ordered for the Pixley Basin metering project. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

LIMAS presented options for replacement of the office copy machine and update of scanning software. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the purchase of the copy machine and scanning software.

LIMAS presented Resolution 2021-4-2 Directing staff to proceed with planning for the issuance of certain obligations to finance projects. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

LIMAS reviewed the District's Custom Work rates and the process for developing those rates. This information was also reviewed with the Finance Committee in March. No action was taken.

LIMAS and consulting engineer Matt Klinchuch presented a summary of the Engineer's Report for a potential 218 election. The full report was provided in the Board packet. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the engineer's report.

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

The Board reviewed the bills paid for the month of March. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the March bills paid.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

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

The Board reviewed a proposal for doing Asbestos Surveys on buildings that will have to be demolished after acquisition of the properties for the SREP. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, the Board approved the proposal from Valley Cleaning and Restoration.

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

LIMAS reviewed DCTRA activities, the minutes of the meetings are distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No Action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.



APPROVED

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager