

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Teapot Dome Water District met at 9:00 a.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 at the office of the Tea Pot Dome Water District in Porterville, CA. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was also held via video/teleconference for public participation. The meeting was called to order and it was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE</u></b>		<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
DAVE SHERWOOD	Present	November 2022
RON CASTRO	Present	November 2022
MATT LEIDER	Present	November 2022
DYSON SCHNEIDER	Present	November 2024
TIM PELTZER	Present	November 2020

Also, present were: Lower Tule River Irrigation District representatives ERIC LIMAS, MIKE BATTLES, JOHN MICHAEL DOMONDON, KIRK MASTERS and General Counsel ALEX PELTZER (via videoconference).

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

President LEIDER called the meeting to order.

On motion by Director SHERWOD, second by Director PELTZER, and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved.

On motion by Director SHERWOOD, second by Director CASTRO, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 9, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Lower Tule River Irrigation representative DOMONDON reviewed the treasurer's report and bills paid for December. On motion by Director PELTZER, second by Director CASTRO and unanimously approved, the bills paid were approved, and the treasurer's

report was ordered placed on file.

Manager LIMAS reviewed a draft water banking/recharge policy. On motion by Director SCHNEIDER, second by Director SHERWOOD and unanimously approved, the water banking/ recharge policy was approved.

## **2. WATER OPERATIONS**

DOMONDON and LIMAS reviewed current water conditions, water operations, water supply and deliveries for December. The Friant Kern Canal is currently shut down for winter maintenance. The canal will be down through January. No action was taken.

Manager LIMAS reviewed the 2020 allocation. No Action was taken.

DOMONDON, LIMAS and Director LEIDER reviewed activities in the East Tule GSA related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. No action was taken.

## **3. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Lower Tule River ID representative BATTLES reviewed operations and maintenance activities. Routine and annual maintenance as well as meter replacements were performed during the month. BATTLES also reported the purchase of variable frequency drive (VFD) for pumping station T-3. No action was taken.

DOMONDON reviewed the solar project. No Action was taken.

## **4. OTHER**

Manager LIMAS reviewed the activities related to the Friant Kern Canal subsidence/ capacity correction and related discussions. LIMAS also reviewed activities related to title transfer of District facilities. No action was taken.

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority minutes were distributed prior to the meeting, and thus, not repeated here.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session at approximately 10:00 a.m. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that, pursuant to authority approved in closed session in the November 11, 2020 Board meeting, a complaint for damages naming the District as a plaintiff has been filed in the Court of Federal Claims against the United States (Bureau of Reclamation) seeking damages related to the Friant Division zero contract allocation for the 2015 contract year.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board's attention the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas