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**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 12th day of January 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, Jennifer Spaletta, Special Counsel, Dan Vink, Six-33 Solutions, Travis Crawford, Crawford and Bowen Consulting, Mike Faria, Farmer, Allan Becker, Homer, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council, Justine Massey, Community Water Center, Doug Gosling, Young Woolridge, Tim Gobler, Illume Ag, Rod Stiefvader, Pacific Resources, Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

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



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On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA and unanimously approved, the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board then went into closed session. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that, pursuant to authority approved in closed session in the November 10, 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.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are dry/below average across the state and tracking similar to 2014 to date. LTRID's CVC water for 2020 has all been delivered. 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.

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, Tule River and Deer Creek channel clearing projects have been started, Pixley Deer Creek Diversion Project construction is ongoing, 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 and the ongoing process of trying to find a replacement for one of the



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spray trucks. The Board gave authorization to purchase a truck found at Fresno Truck Center, listed at \$29,000, as long as it meets District specs. No action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a draft Wheeling Policy with the Board. After discussion, on motion by Director PITIGLIANO, second by Director COSTA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Wheeling Policy.

LIMAS presented two quotes for design of the office remodel project. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved a quote from TAE Architecture in Tulare.

Administrative Activities

With the change in Directors, the signature cards for bank accounts at Citizen Business Bank need to be updated. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved Tom Barcellos, Jim Costa, Eric Limas and Jarno Mayes as the authorized signers on the accounts.

Limas presented a cashflow reconciliation for 2020 and a presentation of the district's current revenue generation structure vs. options for future revenue generation structures. After discussion, the Board advised staff to finalize the engineers report that was started in 2020 for a potential 218 election.

The Board considered Resolution 2021-1-2 Considering Terminating the Right of Redemption on APN 293-280-020. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director PITIGLIANO, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2021-1-2.

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

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

The Board discussed a one-acre parcel adjacent to other parcels owned by the District that has been offered to the District for purchase. There are also other, similar parcels in the

area. After discussion, the Board authorized a standing offer of up to \$1,000 to purchase these properties.

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

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

At 11:00 a.m. President BARCELLOS opened a public hearing regarding the Supplemental EIR on the SREP- Phase 2, construction of the raised spillway. No public comments were received, and the Public hearing was closed.

The Board considered Resolution 2021-1-1 Considering Certification of the Final SEIR and adoption of a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director MENDONSA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2021-1-1.

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. No Action was taken.

LIMAS reviewed a LAFCO request for nominations to fill the Special District seat on the Countywide RDA oversight Board. No action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS

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



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Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager