

**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 11th day of May 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 (9:45)
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
John Michael Domondon, Engineer

Others Present:

Alex Peltzer, General Counsel, Mike Faria, Farmer, Geoff Vanden Huevel, Milk Producers Council, Stacie Anne Silva, New Currents, Jace Vander Hamm, Farmer, Travis Millwee, Pacific Resources, Tim Marvin, RTS Farms, Eric Greidanus, Farmer, Johnny Gailey, Delta View Water Association, Tim Gobler Illume Ag, Brian Hauss, Global Ag Properties

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director GARCIA 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 April 13, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

WATER RESOURCES

Manager LIMAS reviewed current water conditions. Conditions are extremely dry across the state. The Friant allocation is currently 20% Class 1. 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.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

MIKE BATTLES reviewed ongoing canal maintenance activities. Safety meetings were held, shop and facility inspections performed, grading and spraying of canals continues, Riparian pipeline phase 2 construction is nearing completion, Deer Creek Structure project is 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

BATTLES presented bids for pickup replacements. Four pickup replacements were budgeted for in the operations and maintenance budget. Due to the dry year, staff

recommended three replacements for the year. After discussion, on motion by Director MENDONSA, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board approved the three pickup replacement purchases from Will Tiesiera Ford.

LIMAS presented Resolution 2021-5-1 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery by the District of an Installment Purchase Contract and Authorizing the Execution of Other Necessary Documents and Related Actions. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director PITIGLIANO and unanimously approved, the Board approved the Resolution.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Tule River Association

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

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Limas
General Manager