

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 the 13th day of May 2014, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by Vice President ROELOFFS. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2017	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES <i>(Arrived 9:30am)</i>
Director	Div. 1	2017	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2017	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager *(9am – 11:30am)*
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Regular meeting and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board statewide water conditions including the zero percent allocation from the Friant Division.



General Manager Vink also provided an update on the Groundwater Task Force meetings and the work of the Task Force. Groundwater issues are becoming more in focus all the time in the state with the likelihood there will be statewide intervention on groundwater issues sometime in 2014.

The Board then welcomed District Counsel ALEX PELTZER to the meeting. District Counsel PELTZER and General Manager VINK provided an extensive briefing on recent meetings in Washington D.C, where they discussed larger statewide-endangered species act implementation issues along with the need for changes on the San Joaquin River settlement implementation. The District continues to take the lead on developing strategies for executing change in both those areas.

Vink also reported on meetings with Wade Crowfoot, Governor Brown's Chief Policy Advisor. That meeting was arranged at the request of Dan Dooley to give the Friant contractors better opportunity to voice their issues. Several meetings have been held with Mr. Crowfoot since then including a meeting at the ACWA conference with the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Board then convened into Executive Session to receive a briefing on matters associated with threatening or pending litigation. Upon coming out of Executive Session, it was reported that no action was taken.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

The Board received a briefing on the Pixley Avenue 116 project from Operations Manager BATTLES and Business Manager LIMAS.

Operations Manager BATTLES then reviewed with the Board ongoing construction and maintenance activities including the need for the replacement of one of the water trucks. The purchase of a new truck would be consistent with the 2014 Operations budget and the District's long-term equipment replacement plan. On motion

by Director GARCIA, seconded by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved the Board authorized purchased of a new water truck from the lowest responsible bidder, with preference given to a local purchase.

Administrative Activities

General Manager VINK reported that the 2013 audited Financial Statements will be ready for review at the June meeting and action has been deferred until then.

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of April. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, seconded by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the April Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills. On motion by Director GARCIA, seconded by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the April bills.

3. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

General Manager VINK reviewed with the Board the Cross Valley canal activities including Interim Renewal contracts having being completed and the on-going long-term renewal discussions. No action was taken.

4. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the April 16, 2014 minutes of the Tule River Association. The minutes of the Tule River Association meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

5. FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY

The Board reviewed the April 24, 2014 minutes of the Friant Water Authority. Considerable time at that meeting was spent developing and approving a game plan for action, by the Friant Water Authority, which would direct activities over the course of the next several months.



The minutes of the Friant Water Authority meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on May 16, 2014.

7. U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Nothing new to report.

8. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

Nothing new to report.

9. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies – Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition – California Farm Water Coalition will be hosting its 25th anniversary dinner June 19, 2014.
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report
- D. Tulare County Farm Bureau – Nothing new to report

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager