

**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 meeting on the 8th day of August 2017, at 9:00 am, at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President FERNANDES. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present:           DAN VINK – General Manager (via teleconference)  
  ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager

Others Present:           Eric Gredanus, Farmer, Presston Brittain, Pacific Resources,  
  Dave Dorrance, Sunworld, Wade Sousa, student.

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the July 5, 2017 special meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

Assistant Manager LIMAS introduced Wade Sousa the 2017/2018 recipient of the District's Water Resources Scholarship.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the current water run and allocation. Board consensus was that on September 1 for staff to set a deadline date in which to use allocation and send out a notification to the water users. The board also discussed remaining CVC

contract supplies. The consensus was to try and put together an exchange for Friant water to bring the water into the District with an alternative option of selling it. The cost of the water and wheeling under the exchange program would be approximately \$165 per acre-foot. No action was taken.

The Board then met as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. They reviewed Tule Basin MOU Group activities, including an ongoing effort to re-draft the basin MOU to make the six existing GSA's in the basin as the responsible parties under the MOU. The MOU group has also requested Lower Tule to be the fiscal agent and lead grant applicant for the group since the state is requiring lead agencies and applicants to also be GSA's themselves. The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority has served as the fiscal agent to date. The Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making. No action was taken.

### **3. SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION**

General Manager VINK joined the meeting via teleconference and led the Board through a discussion of ongoing efforts at the state level to get a water bond on the 2018 election ballot. After discussion, on motion by Director GARCIA, second by Director ROELOFFS, and unanimously approved, the Board endorsed the action taken by the SVWA Board, 1) making the restoration of the Friant Kern Canal a priority objective of the South Valley Water Association, 2) support and initiate actions at both the federal and state level that achieve that objective, and 3) provide the language necessary to the current efforts for state bond funding to complete the objective and condition support from South Valley on the inclusion of that language in any bond initiative. The only effort that currently meets the objective is the bond initiative being proposed by an effort led by Jerry Meral.

Director BARCELLOS presented an email request from the Friant Water Authority Board President for the Board to consider a one-year trial membership in FWA. After considerable discussion, no action was taken.

#### **4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

##### Construction and Operation activities

Assistant Manager LIMAS gave an update of July operations and maintenance, including spraying ditches, Success Power Project repairs and removing sandbags from the spillway at the Success Reservoir. No action was taken.

##### Administrative Activities

The Board went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957 to discuss real property negotiation matters. Upon reconvening into open session, it was announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed a claim from a landowner for damages resulting from a break in one of the District reservoirs. After discussion, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board denied payment of the claim for damages and directed it be submitted to ACWA/JPIA insurance for consideration.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of July 2017. On motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the July Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the July bills. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the July bills.

#### **5. TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The minutes of the Tule River Association meetings were distributed for review prior to the meeting, and as such, are not repeated here. No action was taken.

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES & AUTHORITIES**

##### 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.

Approved

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary