

**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 12th day of September 2017, 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	2018	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2020	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2020	GARY FERNANDES - <b>ABSENT</b>
Director	Div. 1	2018	ALEX GARCIA
Director	Div. 5	2018	JOHN ROELOFFS

District Staff Present: DAN VINK – General Manager  
ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager  
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager

Others Present: Armando Leal, Farmer, Richard Junio, Farmer, Matt Kidder, Farmer, David Cardoza, Farmer, Mike Faria, Farmer, Preston Brittain, Pacific Resources, Dave Dorrance, Sunworld, and Adriana Renteria, Community Water Center.

**1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

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

The minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular meeting were distributed for review prior to the meeting. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

**2. WATER RESOURCES**

General Manager VINK reviewed statewide water conditions. Reservoirs, statewide are very full for this time of year. Assistant Manager LIMAS reviewed the current water run and

allocation. Current supply and demand forecasts the current run ending in early to mid-October. Board consensus was for staff to set a deadline date in which the water run will end and send out a notification to the water users. 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. After discussion, on motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the Board authorized the District to enter into the fiscal agent agreement with the MOU group. The Board also reviewed progress the Groundwater Planning Commission is making on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. No action was taken.

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

General Manager VINK reviewed ongoing efforts at the state level to get a water bond on the 2018 election ballot and other SVWA activities. No action was taken.

Director BARCELLOS presented an invitation from the Friant Water Authority Board President for the Board to consider a one-year trial membership in FWA and made a motion to accept the invitation, the motioned was seconded by Director GARCIA. After considerable discussion, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board tabled the original motion to a later meeting when the full Board is present for discussion.

### **4. DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

#### **Construction and Operation activities**

Operations Manager BATTLES gave an update of operations and maintenance, including spraying ditches, custom work, installation of Ave 116 canal extension pipeline and working on getting the proper permits for construction of the Burns property basins. Assistant Manager LIMAS reported, in addition to the DWR grant awarded to the District for Phase 1 of

the Riparian pipeline project, the District was recently notified of a \$1,000,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for construction of Phase 2 of the project. No action was taken.

#### Administrative Activities

At 10:45 am, the Board opened a Public Hearing as the Board of Equalization to consider Resolution 2017-9-1, setting the 2018 Assessment rates and land valuations. The Public hearing was closed at 10:50 am. Upon closing the Public hearing, on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA, and unanimously approved, the Board approved Resolution 2017-9-1.

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.

The Board reviewed the Financial reports for the month of August 2017 as well as proposed 2017 budget adjustments for water purchases during 2017. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved, the Board approved an increase in the water purchases budget from \$6,231,500 to \$13,417,000 and accepted the August Financials and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the August bills. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director GARCIA and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payments of the August 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. General Manager VINK provided an update of the Corps. of Engineers progress on updating the benefit to cost ratio of the Success Reservoir Enlargement Project. 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.

There being no further business to be brought to the Board attention, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, September 14, when the Board will meet with the Pixley Irrigation District Board members in a closed session.

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The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District reconvened the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on the 14th day of September 2017, at 9:30 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:

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Others Present:

- DAN VINK – General Manager
- MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
- ERIC LIMAS – Assistant General Manager
- ALEX PELTZER – General Counsel
- JENNIFER SPALETTA (via teleconference) – Special Counsel

The Board joined the Pixley Irrigation District Board of Directors and went into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 545956, to discuss a matter of potential litigation. Upon reconvening into open session, it was reported that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

The Boards discussed having a joint 2018 budget workshop. That workshop was set for September 27 at 12:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel G. Vink, Secretary