

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
9th DAY OF JULY 2013 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Vice President Rick Borges, Mike Thomas, Scott Rogers and Dave Martin. Staff present at the meeting were J. Paul Hendrix, General Manager and Secretary; Kathi Artis, Controller; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster and Aaron Fukuda, Engineer. Also present were Alex Peltzer, District Counsel, Richard Zack, and Eric Quinley of the Friant Water Authority. The meeting was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Mr. Quinley expressed appreciation for the District's assistance with the FWA's Milfoil weed treatment program undertaken last winter. He summarized the results of the treatment program and discussed treatment options for the future.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the special meeting held June 24, 2013 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none, upon the motion of Director Borges and second by Director Thomas, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Operations - Mr. Crenshaw thereupon reviewed the current status of Kaweah River operations, indicating that both inflows and releases are at nominal levels for this time of the year. He noted that the Evans system will remain on for several more days, and that most units are ceasing deliveries by mid-month. Consolidated Peoples DC will go off during the third week of this month and, thereafter, only Wutchumna WC will still be running water. A question was brought up regarding the District's shares of Persian-Watson stock and how the water may be diverted into the service area for use.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Hendrix then summarized the water transfers and exchanges being pursued to make use of the District's 2013 water supplies. He noted that, as the Class 1 allocation increases, the District gains additional Kaweah water as well as Friant water due to exchange payback operations with LSID.

Closed Session:

The Board then adjourned to closed session per Gov't. Code §54956.8 and 54956.9(b). No reportable actions were taken in closed session.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work, Construction Projects - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within upstream diversion channels. He referred to the written quarterly O&M report and made mention of safety training, miscellaneous repairs to the canal system, vehicle maintenance, and herbicide applications. He also summarized the wrap-up work being undertaken at the Swall Basin project and long-crested weir construction.

Purchase of Flat-Bed Truck - Mr. Fox summarized the search for a larger flat-bed truck, noting that new such trucks range in cost of \$28,000 to \$30,000. He then stated that a used Ford F-550 has been located at Motor Cars, Inc. in Tulare at a price of \$16,285. Mr. Fox described the truck's features and intended retrofits for service as

the replacement boom truck in the fleet. Discussions about the truck search ensued and input given by the Equipment Committee, which members had seen the used truck. With the motion of Director Martin and second by Director Rogers, authorization was given to purchase the aforementioned truck at the listed price or less.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis brought to the Board's attention the financial statements for the month of June 2013 for their review and consideration. She first reviewed the statement of revenue and expense, pointing out considerable revenues stemming from water transfers and a 2012 groundwater payment by the City of Tulare. Director Borges asked where assessment revenues are being shown on this statement, to which Ms. Artis replied that she will look into how such payments have been recorded. She next reviewed the statement of net assets, cash flow and designated reserves.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. Staff fielded Board questions concerning the purchase of an evaporative cooler for the shop, diesel tank pump assembly repairs, and USBR water contract charge payments. By the motion of Director Borges and second by Director Martin, the Board accepted the financial statements and check nos. 44027 through 44128 totaling \$667,476.24 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Management Staff Reports:

TID History Project - Mr. Zack presented his latest information regarding the compilation in written form of the District's formative years and influential people involved. He devoted much of his presentation to the legal conflict with LSID over water rights and use of groundwater in the 1920's era.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Consideration of CPI Adjustment - Mr. Hendrix next referred the Board to the tabular data previously provided showing historical trends in CPI values and District cost-of-living adjustments since 1988. Upon review of such data, it was approved by the Board to implement a 1% increase in all wage and salary rates upon the motion of Director Thomas and second by Director Borges.

Resolution No. 13-08 - Mr. Hendrix indicated that a resolution is needed to authorize Ms. Artis to function as the District's representative and agent in handling its investment account with the state Local Agency Investment Fund. He presented such a resolution for review to accomplish this purpose. Upon the motion of Director Martin and second by Director Thomas, duly put and carried, Resolution No. 13-08 authorizing Kathi Artis as the District's designated agent for dealings with LAIF, was adopted.

Board Member Report of Meetings:

Director Bixler asked if any Directors have reports on meetings they attended or wished to discuss at this time.

Director Borges proceeded to summarize the conduct of the Friant WA board meeting held June 27th. He reported on the retirement of H. Frick from the FWA board, a change in providers for the workers compensation insurance plan, USBR's water supply report, new duties assigned to G. Soares re legislative lobbying, contribution of FWA funds towards Delta operations modeling and the draft O&M budget.

He and Director Martin then summarized matters dealt with at the June 21st meeting of the Tulare IC, including Ketchum Ditch improvements, water supply status, the Ketchum property lease, and the imposition of a \$20 assessment. Director Martin then reviewed key

items from the June 21st Evans DC meeting, which included a report on the ongoing irrigation run, draft services agreement with the District, and a \$15 assessment.

Director Thomas next gave an overview of the exciting meeting of the Wutchumna WC board on June 12th. He touched on the olive grove lease, Wutchumna Ditch bridge lease, power revenue enhancement activities, and the possible interest of private parties in filing for a federal license to generate energy at the Bravo Lake diversion structure. Director Thomas lastly summarized discussions held at the recent Operations Committee of the District and City of Tulare on June 24th regarding groundwater recharge projects.

Closed Session: The Board again adjourned to closed session, this time per Gov't. Code §54957. Upon returning to open session and by the motion of Director Martin and second by Director Rogers, the Board approved a one-step merit increase in hourly wage rates for the following employees:

- A. Gomes - Heavy Equipment Op., Step 2 to 3
- J. Mello - Ditch Maintenance, Step 2 to 3
- R. Cisneros - Ditch Maintenance, Step 3 to 4

By the same action, the Board also approved an increase of 5% for Steps 4 and 5 for the position of Herbicide Applicator along with the requirement that promotion to these steps include the applicable employee's obtaining a Pest Control Advisor license and/or Qualified Applicator license from the state.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary


President

